

GERMAN GENEALOGY: SELECTED SOURCES IN THE GROSVENOR ROOM



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HSS	= In Humanities & Social Sciences Department
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INTRODUCTION

This guide is designed to assist persons researching German genealogy in the Grosvenor Room of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library. Genealogical handbooks, guides, manuals, indexes to record compilations, atlases, maps, gazetteers, surname directories, passenger lists, newspapers, and church records serve numerous purposes and can prove to be invaluable resources to all researchers, regardless of their level of expertise.

Nearly everything listed here can be found in the Grosvenor Room (GRO). Material in the Grosvenor Room does not circulate and cannot be removed from the room. In a few cases, there are duplicate copies of these books that can be borrowed from the Humanities & Social Sciences (HSS) Department.

The Western New York Genealogical Society (WNYGS) owns German resources, some of which are included in this guide. Their collection is shelved separately.

Books are listed in call number order. Shelf locations are always subject to change.

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Thode, Ernest

German-English Genealogical Dictionary,

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., ©1992

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Thode, Ernest

Address Book for Germanic Genealogy, 6th ed.

Marietta, OH: Ernest Thode, ©1997

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Germanic Genealogy: A Guide to Worldwide Sources and Migration Patterns, 2nd ed.

St. Paul, MN: Germanic Genealogy Society, ©1997

GRO Ref. CS613 .M54 2001

Minert, Roger P.

Researching in Germany: A Handbook for Your Visit to the Homeland of Your Ancestors

Sacramento, CA: Lorelei Press, ©2001

GRO Ref. CS613 .P35 1995

Palen, Margaret Krug

Genealogical Guide to Tracing Ancestors in Germany

Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, Inc., ©1995

GRO Ref. CS613 .R56 1997

Riemer, Shirley J.

The German Research Companion

Sacramento, CA: Lorelei Press, 1997

GRO Ref. CS614 .A53 2004

Wright, Raymond S., et al

Ancestors in German Archives: A Guide to Family History Sources

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub., ©2004

GRO Ref. CS614 .B39 2001

Baxter, Angus

In Search of Your German Roots: A Complete Guide to Tracing Your Ancestors in the Germanic Areas of Europe, 4th ed.

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., ©2001

GRO Ref. CS614 .B73 2002

Brandt, Edward R.

Genealogical Guide to East and West Prussia (Ost- und Westpreussen): Records, Sources, Publications & Events

[Minneapolis, MN: E.R. Brandt], ©2002

GRO Ref. CS614 .S64 1989

Smith, Kenneth L.

German Church Books: Beyond the Basics

Camden, ME: Picton Press, ©1989

GRO Ref. CS684 .W4413 1984

Genealogical Guide to German Ancestors from East Germany and Eastern Europe

Neustadt/Aisch, Germany (West): Degener, 1984

GRO Ref. CS873 .S5 2000

Shea, Jonathan D.

In Their Words: A Genealogist's Translation Guide to Polish, German, Latin, and Russian Documents

New Britain, CT: Language & Lineage Press, 2000

GENERAL HOW-TO GUIDES

GRO Ref. CS2549 .E852 B7 1993

Brandt, Bruce

Where to Look for Hard-to-Find German-Speaking Ancestors in Eastern Europe: Index to 19,720 Surnames in 13 Books, with Historical Background on Each Settlement

Baltimore, MD: Printed for Clearfield Co., Inc., by Genealogical Pub. Co., Inc., 1993

GRO Ref. *E184 .G3 A49 2000

Anderson, Chris

A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Germanic Ancestors: How to Find and Record Your Unique Heritage

Cincinnati, OH: Betterway Books, ©2000

GRO Ref. *E184 .G3 E17 1990

Parent, Corinne Pattie and Beverly Repass Hoch

The Genealogist's Guide to Fraktur for Genealogists Researching German-American Families

Albuquerque, NM: Russell D. Earnest Associates and Beverly Repass Hoch, ©1990

HSS E184 .G3 H2346 1999

Hansen, Kevan M.

Finding Your German Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide

Orem, UT: Ancestry, ©1999

GRO Ref. E184 .G3 H3 1993

Haller, Charles R.

Across the Atlantic and Beyond: The Migration of German and Swiss Immigrants to America

Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, Inc., ©1993

HSS E184 .G3 H58

Hobbie, Margaret

Museums, Sites, and Collections of Germanic Culture in North America: An Annotated Directory of German Immigrant Culture in the United States and Canada

Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1980

HSS E184 .G3 R65 1996

Robl, Gregory

A Student's Guide to German American Genealogy

Phoenix, AZ: The Oryx Press, 1996

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Schlegel, Carl Wilhelm

American Families of German Ancestry in the United States

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2003

GRO F128.9 .G3 H33 2000

Haberstroh, Richard

The German Churches of Metropolitan New York: A Research Guide

New York, NY: New York Genealogical & Biographical Society, ©2000

HSS *PF3097 .B46 1982

Bentz, Edna M.

If I Can, You Can Decipher Germanic Records

San Diego, CA: Edna M. Bentz, ©1982

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Pfeffer, Jay Alan

Essentials of German Script

Ithaca, NY: The Thrift Press, ©1949

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GRO Ref. Z115 .G4 D43 1996

Dearden, Fay S.

Deciphering Gothic Records: Useful Hints for Helping You Read "Old German" Script

Scottsdale, AZ: Family Tree, ©1996

GRO Ref. Z115 .G4 M56 2001

Minert, Roger P.

Deciphering Handwriting in German Documents: Analyzing German, Latin, and French in Vital Records Written in Germany

Woods Cross, UT: GRT Publications, ©2001

GRO Ref. Z6373 .G3 E55 1998

Ellmann-Krüger, Angelika G.

Library Resources for German-Jewish Genealogy

Teaneck, NJ: Avotaynu, 1998

HSS Z6947 .A7, 2 vols.

Arndt, Karl John Richard

German-American Newspapers and Periodicals, 1732-1955; History and Bibliography

Heidelberg: Quelle & Meyer, 1965

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Hall, Charles M.

The Atlantic Bridge to Germany, Vols. I-VIII

Logan, UT: The Everton Publishers, Inc., ©1974-©1993

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Below are the records of cemeteries associated with German-Americans in Buffalo.

GRO Bound Journal *F116 .T88 v.17, no.3, pp. 149-150

Tree Talks, September 1977

"Old German Cemetery on Johns St." (Akron)

GRO Bound Journal *F118 .W46a v.29, no.1, pp. 14-16

Western New York Genealogical Society Journal, June 2002

"St. Joseph's Cemetery" (Main St.)

Buffalo *F127 .E6 S26 1998

Sampson, Nancy

WNY Genealogy: Cemeteries

[S.l.]: The author, 1998

Includes St. Peter German Evangelical Cemetery in Tonawanda and Blossom Cemetery in West Seneca

Buffalo *F129 .A28 H3

Hart, John T.

Tombstone Inscriptions, Maplelawn Cemetery, Old German Cemetery, Akron, New York, 1972

[Akron, NY: The author? 1972]

Buffalo *F129 .B8 G4

Buffalo, N.Y. German M.E. Church Cemetery off Hertel Ave near LaForce Place on Military Road...

[S.l., s.n., 1942?]

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St. Peter German Evangelical (Tonawanda)

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery (West Seneca)

CEMETERY RECORDS ON FILM

Below are the records of cemeteries associated with German-Americans in Buffalo.

Microfilm Number	Name and Address of Church	Records/Years
WNYGS ML101	German Evangelical Lutheran Lein Rd. West Seneca	1855-1906
20	United German and French Pine Hill Cheektowaga	1859-1921
WNYGS ML225- ML228	United German and French Pine Hill Cheektowaga	1859-1977
21	St. Jacob's Lutheran Church Graveyard Nelson Dr. Eden	Up to 1876

CHURCH RECORDS ON FILM




Below are the records of churches associated with German-Americans in Buffalo.

Microfilm Number	Name and Address of Church	Records/Years
WNYGS	Bethany Evangelical Eaton St.	Baptisms: 1904-1970 Confirmations: 1904-1974 Marriages: 1894-1968 Deaths: 1894-1971
WNYGS	Calvary Emmanuel UCC 2072 Fillmore Ave. Formerly St. Thomas Evangelical, merged with Emmanuel Evangelical	Baptisms: 1898-1987 Confirmations: 1898-1969 Marriages: 1899-1982 Deaths: 1898-1984
351	Church of the Seven Dolours/St. Mary of Sorrows Genesee St. at Guilford	Baptisms: 1874-1912 Confirmations: 1878-1960 Marriages: 1874-1910 Deaths: 1874-1921
WNYGS	Emmanuel Evangelical Humboldt Parkway	Baptisms: 1884-1972 Confirmations: 1885-1972 Marriages: 1884-1972 Deaths: 1884-1973
WNYGS	Holy Trinity Goodell & Maple Streets Buffalo	Baptisms: 1836-1876 Confirmations: 1839-1876 Marriages: 1839-1876 Deaths: 1837-1876
WNYGS	Pilgrim St. James UCC Evangelical and Reformed Formerly Pilgrim, merged with St. James	Baptisms: 1902-1974 Confirmations: 1902-1977 Marriages: 1902-1978 Deaths: 1902-1978

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368	St. Agnes Roman Catholic 194 Ludington St.	Baptisms: 1883-1918 Confirmations: 1889-1917 Marriages: 1884-1917 Deaths: 1884-1982
349 2 reels	St. Ann's Roman Catholic Broadway & Emslie	Marriages: 1858-1909 Deaths: 1858-1911
275, 276	St. Boniface Roman Catholic 124 Locust St.	Baptisms: 1849-1912 Marriages: 1849-1899 Deaths: 1849-1899
WNYGS	St. James Evangelical & Reformed High St.	Baptisms: 1883-1952 Confirmations: 1884-1953 Marriages: 1883-1951 Deaths: 1883-1953
363	St. Joseph's Roman Catholic 3269 Main St.	Baptisms: 1850-1921 Marriages: 1850-1899
348 & WNYGS	St. Louis Roman Catholic 35 Edward St.	Baptisms: 1829-1881 Marriages: 1829-1910 Deaths: 1836-1881
351	St. Mary Magdalene 24 Urban St. at Fillmore	Baptisms: 1899-1903 Confirmations: 1900-1905 Marriages: 1899-1920 Deaths: 1899-1921
281	St. Michael's Roman Catholic 651 Washington St.	Baptisms: 1851-1899 Confirmations: 1851-1870 Marriages: 1851-1899 Deaths: 1851-1899
353	St. Nicholas Roman Catholic 18 Welker St.	Baptisms: 1875-1923 Confirmations: 1885-1923 Marriages: 1875-1922 Deaths: 1875-1920
WNYGS Roll 1	St. Stephen's United Evangelical 740 Wehrle Drive formerly at Peckham & Adams	Baptisms: 1853-1973 Confirmations: 1853-1973 Marriages: 1853-1973 Deaths: 1853-1973
404	Salem UCC 114 Morgan St. Tonawanda	Baptisms: 1849-1950 Confirmations: 1849-1949 Marriages: 1849-1948 Deaths: 1849-1960
WNYGS	Trinity Evangelical Reformed 1075 Kensington Ave.	Baptisms: 1918-2002 Confirmations: 1925-1998 Marriages: 1918-1998 Deaths: 1919-2002

DATABASES		
http://multisearch.buffalolib.org/buffalo.asp		
Name	Description	Access
	Provides access to more than 1 billion names. Includes city directories, 450 million census records from the U.S. Federal Census, 1790 to 1930, immigration, vital, military, court, church and ethnic records. Offers Hamburg passenger lists; Wuerttemberg emigration index; and other German sources.	Available for walk-in users at every public library in Erie County. No at-home use.
	<i>Ethnic NewsWatch</i> is a bilingual (English and Spanish) and comprehensive full text database of the newspapers, magazines and journals of the ethnic, minority and native press. Designed to provide the "other side of the story," ENW titles offer additional viewpoints from those proffered by the mainstream press. Offers <i>German Life</i> , 1994 to the present.	Available for walk-in users at every public library in Erie County. Also available from home with a valid Buffalo and Erie County Public Library card. Sign in at address above.
	Contains U.S. federal census records from 1790-1930, family genealogies, local histories, tax lists, city directories, land and probate records, birth, marriage and death records, and genealogical and local history serials from the Periodical Source Index (PERSI).	Available for walk-in users at every public library in Erie County. Also available from home with a valid Buffalo and Erie County Public Library card. Sign in at address above.

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GRO Buffalo BX6480 .B9 H38 High Street Baptist Church: Formerly Third German ... 50th Anniversary Celebration, Golden Jubilee, March First to Fourth, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-five [Buffalo, NY: Queen City Printing Co., 1925]
GRO Buffalo BX8063.5. P7 C3 1991 Camann, Eugene W. Uprooted from Prussia, Transplanted in America Buffalo, NY: Gilcraft Printing Co., 1991
GRO Buffalo BX9887 .B9 S24 Haas, Christina G. Historical Sketch of St. Paul's United Evangelical Church, Buffalo, New York, 1843-1918 [Buffalo, NY: Cheltenham Press, 1918]
GRO Buffalo F129 .B8 D44 Buffalo und sein Deutschtum [Buffalo, NY] : J.E. Mueller, ©1912 <i>In German</i>
GRO Buffalo *F129 .B8 F9 Fullington, Norbert L. The <i>Weltbürger-Demokrat</i>, Mirror of the Political Opinion of Buffalo's Deutschtum, 1837-1860 Buffalo, NY: University of Buffalo, 1951

GERMAN-AMERICAN HISTORY IN THE BUFFALO AREA

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Geschichte der Deutschen in Buffalo und Erie County, N.Y....[History of the Germans in Buffalo and Erie County]

Buffalo, NY: Reinecke & Zesch, [©1897]

In German and English

GRO Buffalo *F129 .B8 V28

Vaughan, Isabel Ann

The German Element of Buffalo and Vicinity, 1815-1848

[Buffalo, NY: University of Buffalo] 1945

GRO Buffalo F129 .B819 I64 1980

Glasco, Laurence Admiral

Ethnicity and Social Structure: Irish, Germans, and Native-Born of Buffalo, N.Y., 1850-1860

New York: Arno Press, 1980

GRO Buffalo *F129 .B819 Y68 1983

Yox, Andrew P.

Decline of the German-American Community in Buffalo 1855-1925

Chicago, IL: University of Chicago, ©1983

GRO Buffalo F129 .E136 L2

Lankes, Frank James

The Ebenezer Community of True Inspiration

Gardenville, NY: [Frank J. Lankes], 1949

GRO Buffalo F129 .E136 L26

Lankes, Frank James

An Old Ebenezer Graveyard Mystery

West Seneca, NY: West Seneca Historical Society, ©1965

GRO Buffalo *F129 .S756 G4 2001

Gentner, Don

The Wiesental--Springville connection: A Genealogy of Families who left Wiesental, Baden, Germany and Settled near Springville, New York, USA in the 2nd Half of the 19th Century

[Palo Alto, CA: D. Gentner, 2001]

GRO Buffalo F129 .W712 L28 v.3

Lankes, Frank James

The Ebenezer Society

West Seneca, NY: West Seneca Historical Society, 1962

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Buffalo German Insurance Company, Fiftieth Anniversary, 1867-1917

Buffalo, NY: Matthews-Northrup, 1917

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Official Text-book and Programme of the Twenty-Third Saengerfest of the North-American Saengerbund, Held at Buffalo, N.Y., July 16-20, 1883

Buffalo, NY: N. S. Rosenau, 1883

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CS617 .A37, 4 vols. Hueck, Walter von Adelslexikon Limburg a.d. Lahn: C.A. Starke, 1972	In German. A dictionary of German nobility.

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GRO Passenger Index CS516 .S34 S25 1999 The Salzburger Expulsion Lists Rockport, ME: Picton Press, ©1999	
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GRO Passenger Index E184 .G3 B88 1989 Burgert, Annette K. Westerwald to America: Some 18th Century German Immigrants Camden, ME: Picton Press, 1989	
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Asheville, NC: Money Tree Imprints, ©2000

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Across the Atlantic and Beyond: The Migration of German and Swiss Immigrants to America

Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1993

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Schrader-Muggenthaler, Cornelia

The Baden Emigration Book: Including Emigration from Alsace

Apollo, PA: Closson Press, ©1992

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Smith, Clifford Neal

From Bremen to America in 1850: Fourteen Rare Emigrant Ship Lists

Baltimore, MD: Reprinted for Clearfield Company, Inc. by Genealogical Publishing Co.; 2004, ©1987

GRO Ref. E184 .G3 W42 1985

Wellauer, Maralyn A.

German Immigration to America in the Nineteenth Century: A Genealogist's Guide

Milwaukee, WI: Roots International, ©1985

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German Immigrants: Lists of Passengers Bound from Bremen to New York...

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1985-<1988 >

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Jones, Henry Z.

More Palatine Families: Some Immigrants to the Middle Colonies 1717-1776 and their European Origins, Plus New Discoveries on German Families who Arrived in Colonial New York in 1710

Rockport, ME: Picton Press, ©1991

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Jones, Henry Z.

Even More Palatine Families: 18th Century Immigrants to the American Colonies and their German, Swiss and Austrian Origins

Rockport, ME: Picton Press, ©2002

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The Palatine Families of New York: A Study of the German Immigrants who Arrived in Colonial New York in 1710

Universal City, CA: H.Z. Jones, 1985

GRO F130 .P3 O88 2004

Otterness, Philip

Becoming German: The 1709 Palatine Migration to New York

Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, ©2004

GRO F152 .D55 1979

Diffenderffer, Frank Ried

The German Immigration into Pennsylvania Through the Port of Philadelphia from 1700 to 1775 and the Redemptioners

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1979

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Rupp, I. Daniel

A Collection of Upwards of Thirty Thousand Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and Other Immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727-1776, 2nd ed., rev. and enl.

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1994, ©1965

GRO F160 .G3 B85 1997

Burgert, Annette K.

Eighteenth Century Emigrants from Langenselbold in Hesse to America

Myerstown, PA: AKB Publications, ©1997

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Grubb, Farley Ward

German Immigrant Servant Contracts Registered at the Port of Philadelphia, 1817-1831

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., ©1994

GRO F160 .G3 P43 1980

Yoder, Don, ed.

Pennsylvania German Immigrants, 1709-1786: Lists Consolidated from Yearbooks of the Pennsylvania German Folklore Society

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1980

GRO F160 .G3 S8 1992, 3 vols.

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Pennsylvania German Pioneers: A Publication of the Original Lists of Arrivals in the Port of Philadelphia from 1727 to 1808

Camden, MO: Picton Press, ©1992

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Levi, Kate Asaphine

Geographical Origin of German Immigration to Wisconsin

Minneapolis, MN: E.R. Brandt, 1992

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Eighteenth Century Emigrants from German-Speaking Lands to North America

Breinigsville, PA: Pennsylvania German Society, 1983

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Eighteenth Century Emigrants from the Northern Alsace to America

Camden, ME: Picton Press, ©1992

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Confessional Lutheran Migrations to America: 150th Anniversary

Buffalo, NY: Eastern District; Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod, 1988

WNYGS 943.1 ger, 73 vols.

Glazier, Ira A., and P. William Filby

Germans to America: Lists of Passengers Arriving at U.S. Ports, 1840-1897

Wilmington, DE: Scholarly Resources Inc., ©1988-

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Wollmershauser, Friederich R.

Determining the Place of Origin for 18th Century Emigrants from Southern Germany; The Bureaucracy of Emigration and Its Traces in German Archives; Passenger Departure Lists of German Emigrants from 1709 through 1914

West Germany: Friederich R. Wollmershauser, 1987

LOCAL HISTORY FILE

This is a card index of newspaper and periodical articles about people, places, and things in the Buffalo area. In addition to looking up your family surnames, try these headings:

Banking. German
Charities. German
Clubs. German
Fruit Belt
Germans in Buffalo
Newspapers. German
Turnverein

MAPS, ATLASES, GAZETTEERS

GRO Ref. CS614 .U53 2002

Uncapher, Wendy K.

German Maps & Facts for Genealogy

Janesville, WI: Origins, ©2002

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Gardiner, Duncan B.

German Towns in Slovakia and Upper Hungary: A Genealogical Gazetteer, 3rd ed.

Lakewood, OH: Duncan B. Gardiner, ©1991

GRO Ref. DC647.6 .T48 1986

Thode, Ernest

Genealogical Gazetteer of Alsace-Lorraine

Indianapolis, IN: Heritage House, ©1986

GRO Ref. DD14 .M57 2000, 3 vols.

Wright, Raymond S.

Meyers orts- und Verkehrs-Lexikon des Deutschen Reichs: With Researcher's Guide and Translations of the Introduction, Instruction for the Use of the Gazetteer and Abbreviations

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., ©2000

GRO Ref. *DD84 .U53 2000

Uncapher, Wendy K.

Lands of the German Empire and Before

Janesville, WI: ORIGINS, ©2000

GRO Ref. DK4600 .O332 K34 1988

Kaemmerer, M.

Ortsnamenverzeichnis der Ortschaften jenseits von Oder und Neisse [Gazetteer of the Localities East of the Oder and Neisse Rivers]

Leer: G. Rautenberg, 1988

GRO Folio G1912.2 .T65 1989

Atlas of the German Empire, 1892

Bountiful, UT: Thomsen's Genealogical Center, [©1989]

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Topographischer Atlas ueber das Grossherzogthum Baden

Carlsruhe: Chr. Fr. Müller'schen Lith. Anstalt, 1849

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Kowalis, Otto K., and Vera N.

A Genealogical Guide and Atlas of Silesia, Compiled from Original Maps

Logan, UT: Everton Publishers, Inc., ©1976

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Magocsi, Paul R.

Historical Atlas of East Central Europe

Seattle, WA: University of Washington Press, 1995, ©1993

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[Topographical Maps of Prussia]

Berlin: 1868-1879

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German-American Names

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., ©1990

GRO Ref. CS2541 .B313 2002

Bahlow, Hans

Dictionary of German Names, 2nd ed.

Madison, WI: Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies, ©2002

GRO Ref. *CS3010 .Z9 G476 2005

Menk, Lars

A Dictionary of German-Jewish Surnames

Bergenfield, NJ: Avotaynu, 2005

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Folio AN2 .B8 A9	Die Aurora und Christliche Woche	1900-1941
Film	Der Buffalo Demokrat	1890-1918
Film 90	Buffalo Tribune--Freie Presse	1886-1914
Film Z43	Buffalo Volksfreund	1891-1969
Uncataloged Staff will retrieve	Buffalo Volksfreund	1969-1982 boxed on Tier B
Film	Die Wachende Kirche	1866-1907

RARE BOOK ROOM

The following items may be seen by appointment (716-858-8900).

RBR BX8061 .N78 L9 1845

Lutheran Synod of Buffalo

Synodal-Brief, oder, Christlicher Kirchenbericht: An unsere Lutherischen Kirch-Gemeinen, gegeben von der Juni 1845 zu Freistatt und Milwaukie versammelten Synode der aus Preussen ausgewanderten lutherischen Kirche

Buffalo, NY: Brunck u. Domedion, [1845?]

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SELECTED WEBSITES	NOTES
http://archivaria.com/ Archivaria.com	Focuses on the history of Buffalo, and the study of German language and literature. Offers translations of several local histories originally published in German.
http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~jillaine/Buffalo/ Buffalo East Side Working Group	A group of genealogists interested in researching the part of Buffalo referred to as the Old East Side, a mostly German neighborhood in the mid 1800s through the early 1900s. The old East Side is loosely defined by the area east of Main Street built before 1900.
http://www.cyndislist.com/germany.htm Cyndi's List – Germany/Deutschland	A thorough compilation of links for all aspects of German genealogy
http://freenet.buffalo.edu/bah/h/ger/illus/index.html German-American History in Buffalo, NY	A large collection of articles, essays, and links

VERTICAL FILE
The Grosvenor Room collects articles, pamphlets, and clippings about local history. Ask for this folder:
<i>Ebenezer Society</i> <i>Ethnic Groups – German</i> <i>Religions – Lutheran – Local History</i>

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 CHURCH RECORDS AND REGISTERS NEW YORK (STATE)
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 GERMAN AMERICANS
 GERMANS IN THE UNITED STATES
 GERMANY EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION
 GERMANY GENEALOGY
 HERALDRY GERMANY
 LUTHERANS GERMAN NEW YORK STATE
 NAMES PERSONAL GERMAN
 NOBILITY GERMANY
 REGISTERS GERMAN AMERICANS
 REGISTERS GERMANY
 REGISTERS IMMIGRANTS GERMANY
 REGISTERS OF BIRTHS ETC GERMANY

WHERE ELSE CAN I RESEARCH GERMAN ANCESTRY?	NOTES
Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society Research Library 25 Nottingham Court Buffalo, NY 14216 (716) 873-9644, ext. 306 http://www.bechs.org/research.htm	Has records of the Town Line Lutheran Church, 1869-1956.
Historical Society of North German Settlements in Western New York 2549 Niagara Road Bergholz, NY 14304 (716) 731-4553	No website found. Maintains a museum of artifacts in a log cabin from 1843.
Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society P.O. Box 2642 Kensington, MD 20891-2642 http://www.magsgen.com/	Stimulates and facilitates research on Germanic genealogy and heritage in the mid-Atlantic region and to promote genealogical research of Germanic ancestors who settled in the Mid-Atlantic Region in the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries.

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<p>Pennsylvania German Society P.O. Box 244 Kutztown, PA 19530-0244 (610) 894-9551 Fax (610) 894-9808 http://www.pgs.org pagerman@pgs.org</p>	<p>The Pennsylvania German Society is a nonprofit, educational organization devoted to the study of the Pennsylvania German people and their 300-year history in America.</p>