

GERMAN GENEALOGY: SELECTED SOURCES IN THE GROSVENOR ROOM



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Folio	= Very oversized book
GRO	= In Grosvenor Room
NON-FICTION	= In the General Non-Fiction Collection
Passenger Index	= Passenger List/Immigration Index Table
Ref.	= Reference book, cannot be borrowed
STACKS	= In Closed Stacks, can be requested
WNYGS	= In WNY Genealogical Society's Collection

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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 General Non-Fiction Collection (NON-FICTION).

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.

To view this and other subject guides online use the following web address:

<https://www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/guides-publications>

GENERAL HOW-TO GUIDES

GRO Ref. *CS6 .T48 1992

Thode, Ernest

German-English Genealogical Dictionary,

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., ©1992

GRO Ref. *CS18 .B39 2015

Baxter, Angus

In search of your German roots: a complete guide to tracing your ancestors in the Germanic areas of Europe, 5th ed.

Baltimore, MD : Genealogical Publishing Company, [2015]

GRO Ref. *CS611 .T48 1997

Thode, Ernest

Address Book for Germanic Genealogy, 6th ed.

Marietta, OH: Ernest Thode, ©1997

GRO Ref. *CS613 .G356 1997

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, 3rd ed.

Riemer, Shirley J. 2010

The German Research Companion

Sacramento, CA: Lorelei Press, ©2010

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 Ethnic Ref. - CS614 .B45 2014

Beidler, James M.

The Family tree German genealogy guide: How to trace your germanic ancestry in Europe

Cincinnati, Ohio: Family Tree Books, c2014.

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

GENERAL HOW-TO GUIDES

GRO Ethnic Ref.-Polish 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

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

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

NON-FICTION 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

NON-FICTION E184 .G3 R65 1996

Robl, Gregory

A Student's Guide to German American Genealogy

Phoenix, AZ: The Oryx Press, 1996

GRO E184 .G3 S28 2003, 4 vols.

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

NON-FICTION *PF3097 .B46 1982

Bentz, Edna M.

If I Can, You Can Decipher Germanic Records

San Diego, CA: Edna M. Bentz, ©1982

NON-FICTION PF3151 .P4

Pfeffer, Jay Alan

Essentials of German Script

Ithaca, NY: The Thrift Press, ©1949

GENERAL HOW-TO GUIDES

GRO PN4885.G3 T46 2014

Thode, Ernest

Historic German newspapers online

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing, 2014

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

GRO 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

WNYGS 943 Sen

Senekovic, Dagmar

Handy Guide to Austrian Genealogical Records

Logan, UT: The Everton Publishers, Inc., ©1979

WNYGS 943 Sue

Suess, Jared H.

Central European Genealogical Terminology

Logan, UT: The Everton Publishers, Inc., ©1978

CEMETERY RECORDS IN PRINT

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

CEMETERY RECORDS IN PRINT

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

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
Reel 19	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 IN PRINT

GRO Ref. CS627 Pt. 1, 2 & 4

Katholisches kirchenbuch

Catholic Church records from West Germany. Includes christening records 1700-1798; and mixed marriage and death register Dec. 1769 - Aug. 1798. In German, photocopy may be difficult to read.

CHURCH RECORDS ON FILM

Below is a list of churches associated with German-Americans in Buffalo and the **baptism, marriage and death** records available through the library. Unless otherwise stated, the addresses are in Buffalo, N.Y.

Microfilm Number	Name and Address of Church	Records/Years
360	Annunciation Roman Catholic , (1885-2008) 18 Greenwood Pl. (Irish/German)	Baptisms: 1885-1924 Marriages: 1885-1927 Deaths: 1885-1916
WNYGS	Bethany Evangelical Eaton St.	Baptisms: 1904-1970 Marriages: 1894-1968 Deaths: 1894-1971
361	Blessed Sacrament RC , (1887-) 330 Linwood Ave. (Irish/German)	Baptisms: 1898-1919 Marriages: 1890-1922 Deaths: 1894-1920
WNYGS	Calvary Emmanuel UCC 2072 Fillmore Ave. Note: Formerly St. Thomas Evangelical, merged with Emmanuel Evangelical	Baptisms: 1898-1987 Marriages: 1899-1982 Deaths: 1898-1984
351	Church of the Seven Dolors/St. Mary of Sorrows Roman Catholic , (1872-2007) Genesee St. at Guilford	Baptisms: 1874-1912 Marriages: 1874-1910 Deaths: 1874-1921
WNYGS	Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Buffalo	Baptism: 1885-1988 Marriages: 1885-1989 Deaths: 1885-1988
WNYGS	Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church of Buffalo , (1891-1994) 398 Northampton St.	Baptism: 1892-1949 Marriages: 1892-1949 Deaths: 1892-1949
WNYGS	Emmanuel Evangelical 874 Humboldt Parkway	Baptisms: 1884-1972 Marriages: 1884-1972 Deaths: 1884-1973
WNYGS	First Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Buffalo , (1839 -) 1842-1866 - William and Milnor Sts. 1868 - 1958 - 563 Michigan St. 1958 - present - 1570 Niagara Falls, Blvd, Tonawanda, NY	Baptism: 1841-1982 Marriages: 1840-1982 Deaths: 1841-1982
WNYGS	German Evangelical Friedens , (1880 - 1936) 619 Eagle St.	Baptism: 1880-1931 Marriage: 1880-1931 Death: 1880-1930
	German Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, German Lutheran Trinity see Holy Trinity	
366	Holy Name of Jesus Roman Catholic , (1887-2007) 1947 Bailey Ave. Buffalo, NY 14211	Baptisms: 1888-1911 Marriages: 1888-1916 Deaths: 1896-1981
WNYGS	Holy Trinity [Trinity Old Lutheran] , (1839 -) Goodell & Maple Streets	Baptisms: 1836-1876 Marriages: 1839-1876 Deaths: 1837-1876

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WNYGS	Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church , (1878-) 1080 Main St.	Baptisms: 1879-1929 Marriages: 1879-1930
WNYGS	Immanuel Evangelical Church Military Rd. & Glor St.	Baptisms: 1904-1997 Marriages: 1904-1966 Deaths: 1904-1997
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
353	Sacred Heart Roman Catholic , (1875-1973) 65 Watson St.	Baptisms: 1875-1920 Marriages: 1875-1920 Foreign Marriages: 1911-1923 Deaths: 1875-1920
368	St. Agnes Roman Catholic , (1883-2007) 194 Ludington St.	Baptisms: 1883-1918 Marriages: 1884-1917 Deaths: 1884-1982
349 2 reels	St. Ann's Roman Catholic , (1858-2007) Broadway & Emslie	Marriages: 1858-1909 Deaths: 1858-1911
275, 276	St. Boniface Roman Catholic , (1849-1993) 124 Locust St.	Baptisms: 1849-1912 Marriages: 1849-1899 Deaths: 1849-1899
370	Saint Casimir Roman Catholic , (1890-) 160 Cable St. Note: Germans attended this church from its establishment in 1890 until St. Bernard's church was founded in 1905.	Baptisms: 1891-1914 Marriages: 1891-1905 Deaths: 1891-1904, 1911-1967
353	Saint Francis De Sales Roman Catholic , (1912-1981) 559 Humboldt Pkwy	1912-1918
WNYGS	St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic , (1849-2007) Roman Catholic	Baptisms: 1850-1982 Marriages: 1851-1981 (<i>gap 1884-1893</i>) Deaths: 1850-1982 (<i>gap 1875-1889, partially reconstructed</i>)
WNYGS	St. James Evangelical & Reformed , (1883-1956) 526 High St.	Baptisms: 1883-1952 Marriages: 1883-1951 Deaths: 1883-1953
363	St. Joseph's Roman Catholic , (1850-) 3269 Main St.	Baptisms: 1850-1921 Marriages: 1850-1899
348 & WNYGS	St. Louis Roman Catholic , (1829-) 35 Edward St.	Baptisms: 1829-1881 Marriages: 1829-1910 Deaths: 1836-1881

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351	St. Mary Magdalene , (1899-1978) 24 Urban St. at Fillmore	Baptisms: 1899-1903 Marriages: 1899-1920 Deaths: 1899-1921
351	Saint Mary of Sorrows Roman Catholic , (1872-2007) 333 Guilford St at Genesee	Baptisms: 1874-1912 Marriages : 1874-1910 Deaths: 1874-1921
279 & 280 WNYGS	Saint Mary Roman Catholic (St. Mary Redemptorist) , (1842-1981) 258 Pine St. Note: This is mainly a German church, but many Poles attended from 1853-1873 and some continued to attend after 1873.	Baptisms: 1843-1899 Marriages: 1843-1899 Deaths: 1843-1899
281	St. Michael's Roman Catholic , (1851-) 651 Washington St. Note: Founded by a group of Alsatians under the direction of Jesuit priests.	Baptisms: 1851-1899 Marriages: 1851-1899 Deaths: 1851-1899
353	St. Nicholas Roman Catholic , (1874-1981) 18 Welker St. (German/Irish)	Baptisms: 1875-1923 Marriages: 1875-1922 Deaths: 1875-1920
WNYGS	St. Paul's Evangelical & Reformed Church of South Buffalo 49 Indian Church Rd.	Baptisms: 1895-2007 Marriages: 1895-2007 Deaths: 1895-2007
WNYGS Roll 1	St. Stephen's United Evangelical , (1853-) Ellicott and Tupper Sts. (1853-1858) 72 Peckham (1858-1958) 740 Wehrle Drive (1958-) Note: Currently called St. Stephens Bethlehem United Church of Christ .	Baptisms: 1853-1973 Marriages: 1853-1973 Deaths: 1853-1973
362	Saint Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic , (1864-1993) 15 Eastwood Pl.	Baptisms: 1864-1911 Marriages: 1865-1917 Deaths: 1896-1917
404	Salem UCC 114 Morgan St. Tonawanda	Baptisms: 1849-1950 Marriages: 1849-1948 Deaths: 1849-1960
WNYGS	Trinity Evangelical Reformed 1075 Kensington Ave.	Baptisms: 1918-2002 Marriages: 1918-1998 Deaths: 1919-2002

Other Known German Churches - Records not held by B&ECPL

- **Blessed Trinity Roman Catholic Church**, 325 Leroy, (1906-), German and Irish, African American 1980s-
- **Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church**, 2354 Delaware and Wilbury, (1910-), Irish, German, Italian
- **Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church**, 2354 Delaware and Wilbury, (1910-), Irish, German, Italian
- **Precious Blood Roman Catholic Church, Lewis and Lyman Sts.**,(1898-2007), Irish & German until 1917, Polish about 1909-forward
- **St. Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church**, 331 Grider St., (1912-1993)
- **St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church**, Clinton and Willett (1907-1953) then 414 S. Ogden (1953), (1905-)
- **St. Gerard's Roman Catholic Church**, Bailey and East Delevan, (1902-2008)
- **St. James Roman Catholic Church**, 3021 Bailey, (1916-2008), German/Irish
- **St. Joachim Roman Catholic Church**, Titus Ave. and Empire St., (1904-1993), German, Polish by the 1920s - 1930s
- **St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church**, 2319 Seneca St., (1906-2008)
- **St. Luke's German Evangelical Church**, Richmond and West Utica Sts., (1873-), merged with Pilgrim Congregational Church in 1968, currently known as Pilgrim-St. Luke's & El Nuevo Camino United Church of Christ
- **St. Margaret Roman Catholic Church, 1395 Hertel Ave., Buffalo**, (1916-), Irish/German, later Italian
- **St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church**, 415 Woodward, (1908-), Irish/German
- **St. Mary Redemptorist Roman Catholic Church**, Broadway and Pine, (1842-1981)
- **St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church**, Ferry and Wyoming Sts., (1908-1993), German, African American 1980-1993
- **St. Paul's and St. Mark's United Church of Christ**, 185 Niagara St., (1843-), formerly called the German United Evangelical Church (until 1881) and then St. Paul's United Evangelical Church(1881-1929).
- **St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church**, 500 Parker Ave., (1925-), Irish/German
- **St. Teresa's Roman Catholic Church**, 1974 Seneca St., (1897-), Irish, some German until about 1907

To find out where a Catholic church's records are kept look for the "Record Locations of Merged, Closed and Renamed Parishes" section of the *Catholic Directory* on the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo website:

<https://www.buffalodiocese.org/directory>

***Also check churches close to your ancestor's home. A church map of Buffalo is available at:

<https://goo.gl/uW2xkT>

DATABASES

<http://dbaz.buffalolib.org/dbaz.php#Genealogy>

Name	Description	Access
Ancestry Library Edition	Provides access to more than 1 billion names. Includes city directories, 450 million census records from the U.S. Federal Census, 1790 to 1940, immigration, vital, military, court, church and ethnic records. Offers Hamburg passenger lists; Wuerttemberg emigration index; Lubeck census records, citizenship registers, draft lists, and vital records; and other German sources.	Available for walk-in users at every public library in Erie County. No at-home use.

DATABASES

<p>HeritageQuest Online</p>	<p>Contains U.S. federal census records from 1790-1940, family genealogies, local histories, city directories, the Social Security Death Index, Revolutionary War pension files.</p>	<p>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.</p>
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GERMAN-AMERICAN HISTORY IN THE BUFFALO AREA

<p>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]</p>
<p>GRO Buffalo BX8063.5. P7 C3 1991 Camann, Eugene W. Uprooted from Prussia, Transplanted in America Buffalo, NY: Gilcraft Printing Co., 1991</p>
<p>GRO Buffalo BX9887 .B9 S24 Haas, Christian G. Historical Sketch of St. Paul's United Evangelical Church, Buffalo, New York, 1843-1918 [Buffalo, NY: Cheltenham Press, 1918]</p>
<p>GRO Buffalo CS69 .Z54 2007 Fruit belt beginnings : Gottlieb Hagmann and Theodora Witzig, their ancestors and descendants Hamburg, NY : Evenhouse Printing, c2007</p>
<p>GRO Buffalo E184 .G3 N34 Naehrig, Sandra The Drenkhahns of Erie County and Their Wives: Ancestors in Germany, Descendants in America [Published 2005 or later]</p>
<p>GRO Buffalo F129 .B8 D44 Buffalo und sein Deutschtum [Buffalo, NY] : J.E. Mueller, ©1912 <i>In German</i></p>
<p>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</p>
<p>GRO Buffalo *F129 .B8 R4 Geschichte der Deutschen in Buffalo und Erie County, N.Y....[History of the Germans in Buffalo and Erie County] Buffalo, NY: Reinecke & Zesch, [©1897] <i>In German and English</i></p>
<p>GRO Buffalo *F129 .B8 V28 Vaughan, Isabel Ann The German Element of Buffalo and Vicinity, 1815-1848 [Buffalo, NY: University of Buffalo] 1945</p>
<p>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</p>

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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	
Buffalo F1035.G3 L67 2010 Lorenzkowski, Barbara. Sounds of ethnicity: Listening to German North America, 1850-1914. Winnipeg: University of Manitoba Press, 2010. <i>German language taught in Buffalo schools beginning in 1866; Sangerfests in 1860 & 1883, German singing societies.</i>	
GRO Buffalo HG8539 .B9 A26 Buffalo German Insurance Company, Fiftieth Anniversary, 1867-1917 Buffalo, NY: Matthews-Northrup, 1917	
GRO Buffalo ML38 .B9 N7 1883 Nordamerikanischer Sangerbund 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	

HERALDRY AND NOBILITY	NOTES
GRO *CR5100 .S5i Index + 83 vols. in stacks Siebmacher (Sibmacher), Johann J. Siebmacher's Grosses und Allgemeines Wappenbuch in Einer Neuen... Nurnberg: Verlag von Bauer und Raspe, 1856- .	In German. Includes the heraldry and crests of Germanic aristocratic families across Central Europe. Arranged by geographically and by social rank, not by surname.
STACKS CS617 .A37, 4 vols. Hueck, Walter von Adelslexikon Limburg a.d. Lahn: C.A. Starke, 1972	In German. A dictionary of German nobility.

IMMIGRANTS AND PASSENGER LISTS

GRO Passenger Index *CS25 .S645 1980

Smith, Clifford Neal

Nineteenth-Century Emigration from Kreis Simmern (Hunsrueck), Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany, to Brazil, England, Russian Poland, and the United States of America

Baltimore, MD: Reprinted for Clearfield Pub. by Genealogical Pub. Co., 2004, ©1980

GRO Passenger Index *CS25 .S65 1980C

Smith, Clifford Neal

Nineteenth-Century Emigration of "Old Lutherans" from Eastern Germany (Mainly Pomerania and Lower Silesia) to Australia, Canada, and the United States

Baltimore, MD: Reprinted for Clearfield Pub. by Genealogical Pub. Co., 2004, ©1980

GRO Passenger Index CS516 .S34 S25 1999

The Salzburger Expulsion Lists

Rockport, ME: Picton Press, ©1999

GRO Passenger Index CS614 .H33 1994

Hacker, Werner

Eighteenth Century Register of Emigrants from Southwest Germany (to America and other countries)

Apollo, PA: Closson Press, [1994]

GRO Passenger Index CS627 .W86 S34 1986, 8 vols.

Schenk, Trudy, comp.

The Wuerttemberg Emigration Index

Orem, UT: Ancestry. ©1986

GRO Passenger Index DD901 .H28 A97 2000

Auswandererhafen Hamburg = Emigration Port Hamburg

Hamburg: Medien-Verlag Schubert, ©2000

GRO Passenger Index E184 .G3 B88 1989

Burgert, Annette K.

Westerwald to America: Some 18th Century German Immigrants

Camden, ME: Picton Press, 1989

GRO Passenger Index E184 .G3 B89 1996

Burkett, Brigitte

Emigrants from Baden and Württemberg in the Eighteenth Century

Camden, ME: Picton Press, ©1996

GRO Passenger Index E184 .G3 B9 1997

Burkett, Brigitte

Nineteenth Century Emigrants from Baden-Württemberg

Camden, ME: Picton Press, c1997-<2001 >

GRO Ref. E184 .G3 H215 2000

Haller, Charles R.

The ABCs of German-American Migration: Annotated Guide to German-American Migration Records

Asheville, NC: Money Tree Imprints, ©2000

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, 1993

GRO Passenger Index E184 .G3 S376 1992

Schrader-Muggenthaler, Cornelia

The Baden Emigration Book: Including Emigration from Alsace

Apollo, PA: Closson Press, ©1992

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GRO Passenger Index E184 .G3 S663 1987
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

GRO Passenger Index E184 .G3 Z56 1985, 4 vols.
Zimmerman, Gary J.

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

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http://uwdc.library.wisc.edu/collections/German/Ravenstein An Atlas of the German Empire	A very detailed German atlas good for finding towns that are often not shown on other maps.
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https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany_Genealogy Family Search Wiki– Germany	Includes many links related to German genealogy.
https://feefhs.org/map/library The Federation of East European Family History Societies Online Map Library	Online historic maps covering the: Austro-Hungarian Empire, German Empire, Russian Empire, Balkans, Scandanavia, and Hutterite areas.

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http://www.buffaloah.com/h/ger/illus/index.html German-American History in Buffalo, NY	A large collection of articles, essays, and links
http://gov.genealogy.net/search/index Germany – Historic Gazetteer	Identifies churches, church districts, places, districts, regions.
http://www.meyersgaz.org/ Meyers Orts Gazetteer	A gazetteer, which was published in 1912, and provides details about every place name in Germany from 1871-1912.
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VERTICAL FILE
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 GERMANS IN THE UNITED STATES
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 GERMANY GENEALOGY

HERALDRY GERMANY
 LUTHERANS GERMAN NEW YORK STATE
 NAMES PERSONAL GERMAN
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 REGISTERS IMMIGRANTS GERMANY
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NOTES

Buffalo History Museum's Research Library

1 Museum Court
 Buffalo, NY 14216-3199
 library@buffalohistory.org
 716.873.9644 x 306
<http://buffalohistory.org/Learn/Research-Library.aspx>

Has records of the Town Line Lutheran Church, 1869-1956.

Historical Society of North German Settlements in Western New York/ Das Haus Museum

2549 Niagara Road
 Bergholz, NY 14304
 (716) 731-4553
<http://dashauseum.org/>

Maintains a museum in a log cabin from 1843; houses a collection of artifacts on the Prussian settlement in Niagara Falls/Bergholz area.

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.

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

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.