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TRACING YOUR GERMAN FAMILY HISTORY

A Guide to Resources in the Philadelphia Area and Beyond

Thank you for your interest in the German Society of Pennsylvania. The Joseph Horner Memorial Library has limited materials for researching German ancestors. The Library does, however, house an extensive collection on German-American history. For information on genealogical research, please consider the resources below.

PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia City Archives

548 Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123
Open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
<https://www.phila.gov/departments/departments-of-records/city-archives/>

National Archives, Mid-Atlantic Region

14700 Townsend Road
Philadelphia, PA 19154
215-606-0112
<http://www.archives.gov/philadelphia/>
Philadelphia.archives@nara.gov

Historical Society of Pennsylvania

1300 Locust Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
215-732-6200
<http://hsp.org/genealogists-community-historians>

Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania

2207 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
215-545-0391
www.genpa.org

FamilySearch History Centers

West Philadelphia:
3913 Chestnut St
Philadelphia, PA 19104
215-382-2359
<https://familysearch.org/locations/>

Free Library of Philadelphia

1901 Vine Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123
<https://libwww.freelibrary.org/explore/topic/genealogy>

Philadelphia City Maps & Directories

(includes map of burial grounds)
<https://www.philageohistory.org/geohistory/>

Pennsylvania German Pioneers:

A publication of the original lists of arrivals to the Port of Philadelphia 1727-1808
<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=inu.30000007109121&view=1up&seq=15>

PHILADELPHIA – Religious

The Lutheran Archives Center at Philadelphia

7301 Germantown Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19119
215-248-6383
<http://www.lacphila.org/>

Philadelphia Archdiocesan Historical Research Center

6740 Roosevelt Boulevard
Philadelphia, PA 19149
(215) 904-8149
<http://www.pahrc.net/>

Philadelphia Congregations

Early Records website

<https://philadelphiacongregations.org/records>
Digitized records of 17 early Philadelphia congregations

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PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania State Archives

350 North Street

Harrisburg, PA 17120

717- 783-3281

<http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/genealogy/3183>

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

<https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/pages/Religion.aspx>

GERMANY

Deutsche

Arbeitsgemeinschaft

Genealogischer Verbände

<http://www.dagv.org/>

info@dagv.org

German Emigrant Database

<http://www.deutsche-auswanderer-datenbank.de/index.php?id=51>

OTHER ONLINE RESOURCES

Latter Day Saints

<https://familysearch.org/>

Ancestry

<http://www.ancestry.com/>

Ellis Island (passenger record search)

<http://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/>

Find a Grave

<https://www.findagrave.com/>

National Archives

<https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/catalog-guide>

Genealoger.com

<https://www.genealoger.com>

German Genealogy website:

<https://www.germanroots.com/>

Katherine Schober

German handwriting courses and translation/transcription services

<https://germanologyunlocked.com/>