

Welcome to the new edition of the German Genealogy Quarterly eNewsletter—the German Schrift! This newsletter will highlight the Genealogy Discussion Group, featured German resources, research tips, and interesting places to visit.

## German Research Discussion Group (GRDG)

### ***Review of the October and December 2020 meetings:***

The quarterly meeting in October was held virtually. This option allowed us to reach a broader audience and enjoy active participation beyond the KC metropolitan area. Thank you to all attendants and your active participation!

Especially interesting was the German surname project run by Immigrant Genealogical Society (IGS) in Burbank, CA. To learn more about their society and project, visit [immigrantgensoc.org](http://immigrantgensoc.org). MGC is a subscriber to the IGS Newsletter, and when we open our building, you can read this and other periodicals on our shelves.

The two regular attendants, who couldn't join us successfully as planned, hopefully will give us a review of the MO Humanities Project related to German Heritage at the January session.



For the second year in a row, we ran the Holiday Edition of the GRDG in December, although this year it was virtual. The festive event wrapped up the German genealogy year with dignity, honoring German Christmas traditions!

And yes, we sang "O Tannenbaum" as promised. An emotional and beautiful event. Here is a photo of my gingerbread cookies (*Lebkuchen*).

The next meeting will be January 16, at 2-3 p.m. on Zoom.

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## Announcements



### Conference Updates

The 2021 International German Genealogy Conference, originally scheduled for July in Cincinnati, Ohio, will be held virtually.

[Learn More](#)

RootsTech Conference in February 2021 will be virtual and free.

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## Featured Resource

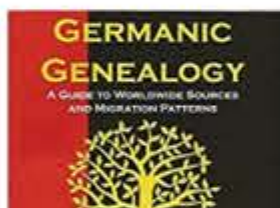


### MGC Periodicals

Currently, you may not be allowed to come to the MGC building, however, you can browse what [German periodicals](#) we have on our shelves.

To read free, online periodicals related to German genealogy, use this [resource](#) (PDF). To find the right ones, use the CTRL+F keys and type the word German into the search box.

## From the Collection



### [Germanic Genealogy](#)

by Edward R. Brandt

This book is packed with valuable information related to German research, starting with using US records, personal and place names, and analyzing the history of



personal and place names, and analyzing the history of places, including former parts of the German Empire, Austro-Hungarian Empire, Russian Empire, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Ottoman Turkish Empire, and more.

### [Streaming Video](#)



Thousands of East Germans Flood Through the Newly Breached Berlin Wall

This video captures thousands of East Germans crossing the border for the first time to West Germany in 1989. Video is only 2:50 min long, and some of you might find it gently amusing. Click 'Connect to this resource online' and type your MCPL Access Pass number.

## Research Tips



### Online Resource Tip

Where to go online this time? You can attend a few chapters of the [MO Humanities Program](#), and explore Missouri's German heritage virtually. The last chapter features the legacy of German influence in Missouri, including its broad wine heritage in this area.

Another online resource free access to the Passau area records in Bavaria, Germany through the [Matricula website](#). I am sure some of you find it very helpful. The city of Passau lies close to the Austria border.

Speaking of Passau, [Europe's largest pipe organ](#) is in St. Stephen Cathedral! Worth to check it out at least online!

## Places to Visit



There is no better teacher than your own experience. And to travel is to live. Today, I would suggest going for



a trip to **Cole Camp, MO**. This is a small town, roughly two hours east of Kansas City, MO. The [German Immigrant Memorial](#) (video) is a must see.

Germans primarily from the Hannover area, now Lower Saxony state in Germany, settled there. You can even buy a brick if your ancestor came to this area. Your trip to this town should end with a perfect authentic German meal and my favorite Schnitzel at [The German Table!](#)



If Missouri is too close to home, visit (at least virtually) **Hamburg, Germany!** Millions of Germans and immigrants from the Austro-Hungarian and Russian Empires traveled through this important port. Hamburg lies on river Elbe, which flows into the North Sea at Cuxhaven.

Hamburg has a new concert hall, the [Elbphilharmonie](#), which symbolizes the waves of the ocean or river by its roof shape, as millions of immigrants stayed in this city while they waited to board their ships.



The Hamburg Passenger List on Ancestry.com is a particularly good source for finding an immigrant place of origin. Free access to [Ancestry Library Edition](#) is available remotely through March for MCPL cardholders.

Other attractions in Hamburg include the [BallinStadt](#), or emigration museum, and the [Miniatur Wunderland](#), the world's largest miniature model railway.

## Fun and Learning



What is this German word? Dust off that German dictionary from your shelf.

1. das W\_\_ih\_\_ch\_\_n (Christmas)
2. am H\_\_l\_\_gen A\_\_nd (on Christmas Eve)
3. der Si\_\_e\_\_t\_r (New Year's Eve)
4. das Gesch\_\_ (present, gifts)
5. Ver\_\_n\_\_tsch\_\_t (relationship, relatives)
6. A\_\_s G\_te! (All the best!)

### Christl's Proverb:

"Scherben bringen Glück!" which means Broken crockery brings you luck!

Thank you. Danke schön.

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