

## July German Schrift



### German Special Interest Group

#### Review of the previous Meeting:

The April 2022 meeting was the first hybrid meeting. We appreciate those who came in-person, one day before Easter, and those who joined us online. A Power Point presentation, helpful for finding German records when the place of origin is known, was shared with the group. This short presentation will be available at each session - if the needs arise.

At the meeting, I mentioned an event on May 1 arranged by Immigrant Genealogical Society (IGS) in CA. This event was rescheduled to June 24. The guest speaker Dirk Weissleder presented [Doing Research in German Archives From Home, Live from Laatzen, Germany](#). Weissleder is a chairman of the Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Genealogischer Verbände e. V. (DAGV). As this e-newsletter will reach you after the event, feel free to let us know at the July session, if you were in attendance.

Next meeting: July 16 | 2 p.m.

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## Featured Resources



### MGC Periodicals

#### Der Kurier, Vol. 40, No. 1/March 2022

The article *Emigration Procedures from Bremen, Germany - 1896* by Bob Greiner, describes 'the examining practice' - the inspection of passengers sailing for U.S. ports, performed by consulate, to bring only healthy passengers to the United States. Passengers could be eliminated at this point according to U.S. immigration policy. You can find more about this issue in consulate records at the National Archives. Records before 1906 are accessible online (for German and other consulates).

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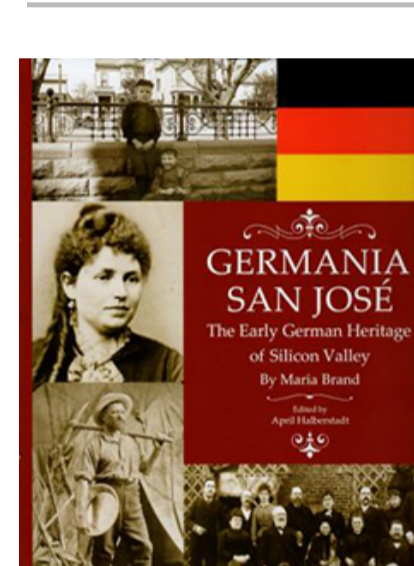
## Featured Books



#### Missouri's Silver Age, Silversmiths of the 1800s, by Norman Mack.

Many German craftsmen ended up in Missouri and became well known silversmiths and masters of various techniques, before the development of machine-made silver. Their works along with a short biography and photos, accompany this interesting book. Available for checkout.

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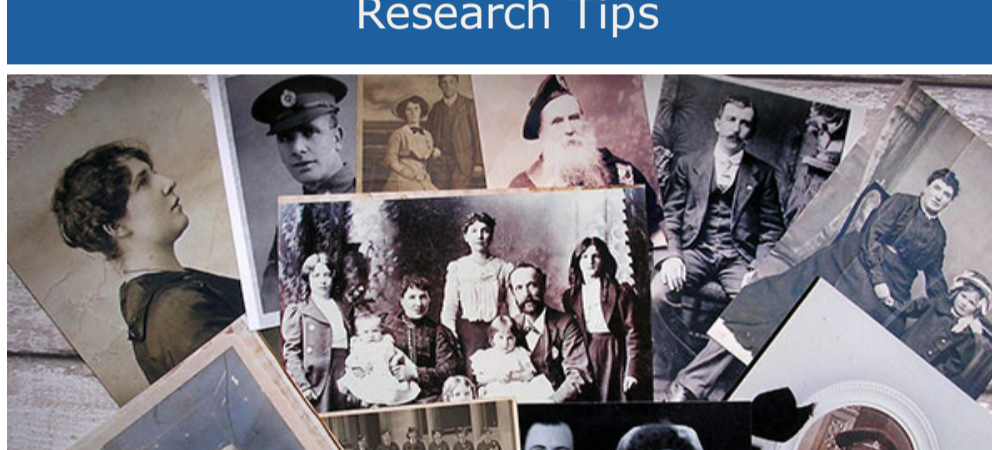


#### Germania San José, The Early German Heritage of Silicon Valley, by Maria Brand, edited by April Halberstadt, 2019.

The author, who is an immigrant, gives us an overview of German history before emigration, pulling and pushing factor, German contribution to American culture, and settlement of German pioneers in Santa Clara Valley. See an excerpt at the end of this newsletter.

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## Research Tips



1. To see images of places and people of the past, [visit this website](#). Primarily Austria is covered, but German pictures, postcards, and private photos are being added. People in some of the private photos are tagged, so you can learn their names, and where the photo was taken. Could there be a photo of your long-deceased ancestor from the old continent? Perhaps one day. Just scroll down the page, choose Germany (or any other country listed) and immerse yourself in times gone by. It may be nice and perhaps a little sentimental at the same time to see German streets in the 1920s with children smiling, dressed for an occasion, or riding a bike. Observe the photos from all facets (architecture, fashion, style of living, etc.). I hope you will find them captivating!

Note: The Topotheque is a part of [Icarus](#), an online community of many archives in Europe and elsewhere.

#### 2. Family Locket Blog

(primarily for Pennsylvania Germans)

A mother & daughter who are professional genealogists share ideas for finding ancestors.

3. If you are interested of military personnel records after WWII, [this article](#) offers a scope of German archives holdings. It is a part of the [BundesArchiv Military Records](#). As you might know, the ancestral vital records (B, M, D) pertaining to your ancestor need to be searched in local archives, local church archives, and regional archives.

## Places to Visit

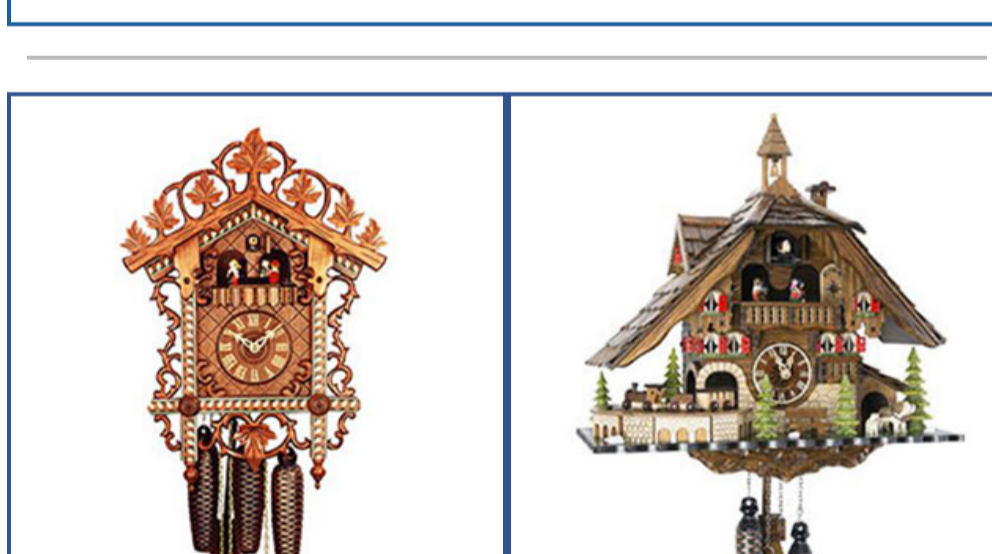


### Visit Weston, MO

Germans and other immigrants settled in [Weston](#) and surrounding areas in the 19th century. They built churches, farms, and businesses in the region. The former German Lutheran Church was preserved by a family who purchased the empty brick building, restored it (including preserving original stained-glass windows and wide plank flooring), and transformed it into a winery. Visit, see, and taste.

Don't miss the Weston Historical Museum, many historic homes of Weston, and Laurel Hill Cemetery, that includes tombstones of Germans born in Hannover, Bavaria, and Switzerland. All these places tell us stories to complete the picture of our ancestors.

Let us travel a little bit further East and visit the [Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Virginia](#). The museum exhibits passenger ships our ancestors built in Germany. Check out this photo of the ship [Victoria Luise](#) from 1912. Built in 1900 by Hamburg America Line, the steamship was known also under names Deutschland and Hansa.



If this is too close to home, visit the [Black Forest region in Germany](#).

After the long days spent in district and regional archives, such as in Freiburg, Karlsruhe ([find more archives here](#)) - maybe you decide to bring home a traditional cuckoo clock - the cuckoo clock! Triberg has the world largest cuckoo clock you can walk into and admire its engineering from outside and inside. Yes, the world's smallest cuckoo clock is there, too. In the meantime, check out the [Cuckoo Palace online](#). If you visit, don't forget to see the highest waterfall in Germany.

Extra credit: [Learn the story](#) behind the German cuckoo clock. Also, Germany has a [genealogy museum](#) in North Rhine, Westphalia.

## Fun and Learning

#### Book Excerpt:

*Germania San José* by Maria Brand. In the Foreword, the author writes: *Every immigrant experiences the pain of being uprooted, and out of place... He knows the agony of being a new language and the sadness of losing his children to a culture he has difficulty to fully embrace. The immigrant finds his strength in his roots...He is determined to pass this treasure, and the comfort it gives him, on to his children. But children have their own pain, not knowing the old ways and wanting desperately to belong to the new world...*

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

V e r \_ \_ ß m \_ ß e (Archaic term for inheritance)  
Z e \_ g \_ n (Witnesses)  
A \_ m e \_ k u \_ g (Remark, Comment)  
H ä \_ s l \_ r (Cottager, peasant with a house, garden, some livestock)  
K \_ t a \_ \_ e r (Cadastral)  
U n \_ e r s c h \_ \_ f \_ e n (Signatures)

#### Proverb:

**"Morgenstund hat Gold im Mund!"** literally 'The morning hour has gold in its mouth'. The meaning behind it - If you start your day early, you will have a lot of time and opportunities or Early risers achieve more.

Thank you. Danke schön.  
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