

April 2023 German Schrift



Welcome to the newest edition of the German Genealogy Quarterly eNewsletter—the German Schrift! This newsletter will highlight the German Special Interest Group (SIG), featured German resources, research tips, and interesting places to visit.

German Special Interest Group

Review of the January 2023 Meeting:

On Saturday, January 21, 2023, we continued with our series on German civil records and old German handwriting style presented by Bob H. If you missed this presentation or would be interested in seeing it again, let us know so we can bring the program back. On Sunday, Jan. 22, the virtual Zoom meeting took place. Thank you to those who attended.

Make sure to register for our upcoming [German Special Interest Group](#) events:

[German Special Interest Group | In Person](#)
Saturday, April 15, 2023 | 2:00 p.m.

[German Special Interest Group | Zoom](#)
Sunday, April 16, 2023 | 2:00 p.m.

You are welcome to attend either of these sessions – or both. Share your German ancestry, places of origin in Germany, or former German territories and communities. Have you hit a brick wall in your research of an elusive German predecessor?

Other SIG attendees may have suggestions to help you in your search. Alternatively, just sit back, hear attendee stories, and enjoy your time!

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What's Happening?



The 2023 [International German Genealogy Partnership Conference](#) in Fort Wayne, Indiana, is quickly approaching. If you plan to attend, would you be willing to share your unforgettable moments from this conference with us at one of our quarterly SIG meetings?

Featured Resources



MGC Periodicals

'Everything My Dad Said About His Ancestry Was a Fabrication!', *Internet Genealogy*, Vol. 17, No. 6, February/March 2023, p. 29

The article, written by Meredith Young Renard, reveals why her father invented his ancestral story, hiding his 100% German ancestry for decades. Come to MGC to read this article (you will also learn that their original family name was Jung - not Young). Note: The article is accompanied by a few photos, with one showing the author preparing Springerle cookies using a special rolling pin. Those of you who attended our German Holiday SIG in December 2022 will be familiar with these traditional German cookies.

Palatine Patter, *Palatines to America German Genealogy Society*, Winter 2023, No. 182

In this article, we will visit the Colorado Chapter of Palatines to America German Genealogy Society to learn more about the *Spring 2023 German Genealogical Seminar*, featuring Mark Rabideau and his lecture *The Effects of Shifting Boundaries (Switzerland, France & Germany) on Lives, Migrations & Cultures*. This Zoom session is scheduled for April 15, 2023 (the same day as our in-person meeting). Learn more at copaliam.us

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Featured Books

The Queen City: A History of Denver
by Lyle W. Dorsett

Read about Germans (at one point the largest foreign-born group in Denver) who established various societies, including Germania Glee Club in 1860 (no surprise as Germans loved classical music) and the first Turnverein (gymnastic club) in 1865.

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Pioneers of the Territory of Southern Colorado
by John W. Wayland

Read about the Schmidt family, starting with a young married couple who came from Germany to the Wet Mountain Valley. Also, learn about General Fred Walsen (Heinrich Anton Frederick Walsen), who was born in the Province of Westphalia, Prussia, in 1841. He traveled to New Orleans and then up the Mississippi River to St. Louis before enlisting in the Federal Army. He was able to convince Gen. Palmer and Governor Hunt to bring the railroad into Walsenburg instead of another route.

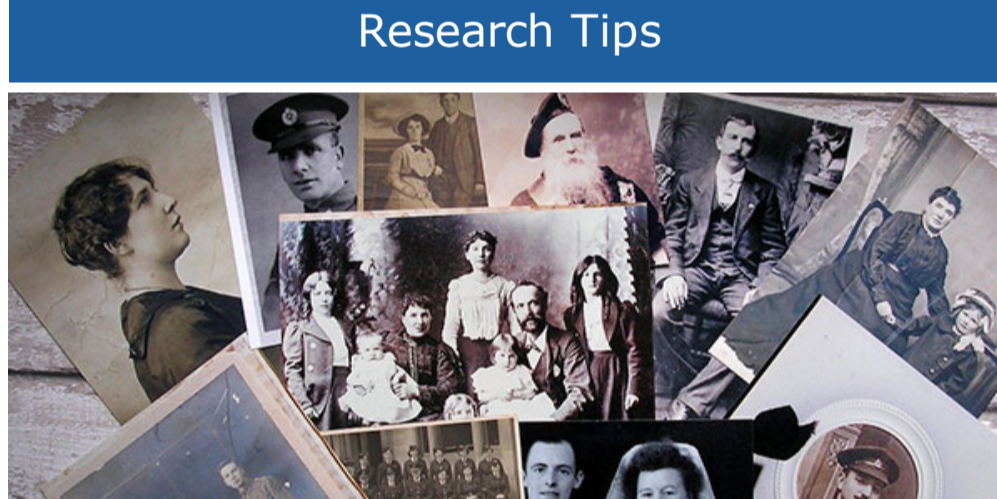
This book is reserved exclusively for on-site use at the Midwest Genealogy Center.

From Ladbergen to America: The Heritage and the Migration
Translated by Dean Hoge and Assistants

Ladbergen is located in the Tecklenburg District between the cities of Münster and Osnabrück, in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia. This book contains great photos of old farms and authentic views of real life around the farmhouse. For example, a family sitting by the fireplace or the old wooden kitchen table from 1648 (now in the museum) containing hollows for holding porridge. You can also see the festive gateway that people built as a greeting to Kaiser Wilhelm II when he drove through the town in August 1907 and much more.

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Research Tips



The [Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection](#) is a valuable resource to research German obituaries in Colorado. Use quotations for more precise search results. For example, 'born in Bavaria.'

Make sure to check out [this collection of helpful resources](#) for researching your German ancestors online.

Places to Visit

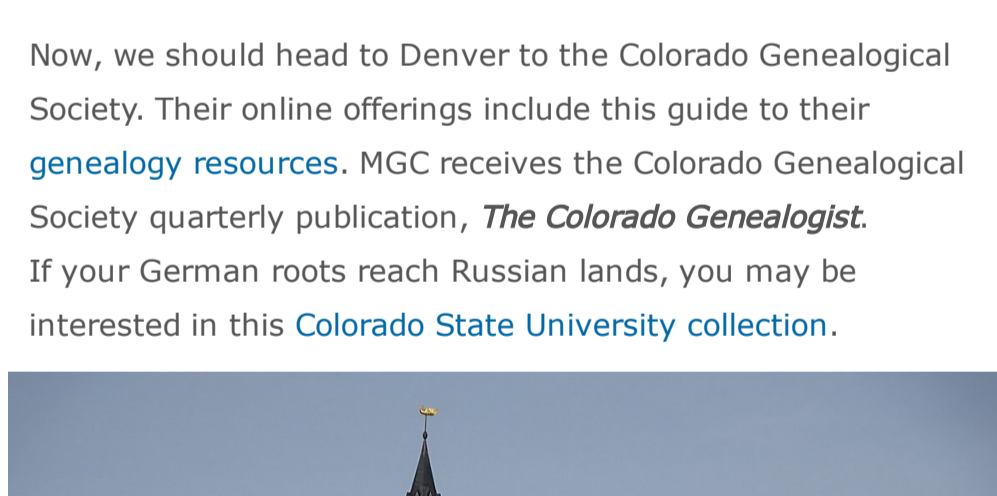


Visit Colorado!

This time we will go a little further west from Kansas City, over the plains of Kansas, and stop in Colorado. We know that many Germans came to Colorado and some found work in the mining industry. Our first stop is the [Western Museum of Mining & Industry](#). While in Colorado Springs, arrange a visit to the [Colorado Springs Pikes Peak Genealogical Society](#). And don't forget to eat! Enjoy an authentic German meal at [Edelweiss!](#)

Now, we should head to Denver to the Colorado Genealogical Society. Their online offerings include this guide to their [genealogy resources](#). MGC receives the Colorado Genealogical Society quarterly publication, *The Colorado Genealogist*.

If your German roots reach Russian lands, you may be interested in this [Colorado State University collection](#).



Visit Kleve, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

You mentioned Kleve before in our April 2021 newsletter. (Do you remember the 1,000-year-old woman's shoe? Making a replica of it? If not, [click here](#) and refresh your memory by watching this 3 minute German video, recorded in the open-air museum.) Kleve was supposed to be the place of German Genealogy Day in 2021, and as we all know, many events were canceled that year. This year, the [73rd German Genealogy Day - 73. Deutscher Genealogentag](#) will happen in Kleve, so if you are thinking of a genealogy trip to Germany, this may be a great place to visit and meet other genealogists. Here is the link. Don't know what German Genealogy Day is? [Click here](#) to learn more. If this trip is out of reach for now, [explore what you can do from home](#) or in Salt Lake City Genealogy Library for Kleve and all Düsseldorf area genealogical sources.

Fun and Learning

Little Pearls from the Books
This time - excerpts from the book *Colorado Families: A Territorial Heritage*, by the CO Gen. Society, Inc., Denver, CO, 1981.

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

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U__ue (Certificate, Deed, Document)
B__eing__g (Certificate)
Z__ugs (Certificate, Testimony)

Proverb:
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