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Learning German Genealogy Through Videos Tools, Tips and Trusted Sources

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Introduction

Which is your preferred learning style: Seeing, Listening, Reading, or Doing? For those researching their German ancestors, there are many video resources available for little or no cost. This presentation will include a number of those resources, for beginning, intermediate, and even advanced, researchers. You will also learn tips for using videos effectively in German genealogy.

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Key Points

- Although you can learn various aspects of genealogy by attending conferences, taking in-person classes, online videos provide a vast opportunity to master everything you need to know.
- Basic genealogical principles change very slowly, so a video recorded within the last few years can be effective.
- Genealogical tools and techniques are rapidly evolving, so you should look for a recently recorded video.
- First watch a video from beginning to end, then rewatch it focusing on particular items of interest to you.
 - If you have two monitors on your computer you can place the video on one monitor and your genealogical software on the other.
 - If you only have one monitor consider configure a split screen display.
 - Remember to take notes as you watch.
- Some videos include a transcript or are accompanied by a handout.

Some Suggested Resources

How to Learn for Online Videos By James Tanner

<https://familyhistory.lib.byu.edu/instructional-videos/how-to-learn-from-online-videos>

RootsTech. Use suggested filters such as Online, Germany English.

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/search>

FamilySearch Library. Homeland Research Pages.

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/country-research-pages>

FamilySearch Learning Center.

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/learning-center-search/?q=German>

Ancestry Academy.

<https://www.ancestryacademy.com/search?q=German>

Allen County Public Library. Program Video Archive.

<https://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy>

BYU Library Family History Center. Learn Online >> Webinars >> Search Webinar Library

<https://familyhistory.lib.byu.edu/learning/webinars/webinar-library>

Family History Guide. Countries >> Central Europe >> Germany >> Goal 1: Research

<https://www.thefhguide.com/project-9-germany.html>

St. Louis Genealogical Society. Recorded STLGS Classes.

<https://stlgs.org/education/classes/recorded-stlgs-classes>

Paleobib. Three courses on reading German handwriting.

<https://www.paleobib.com/reading/courses-tutorials>

YouTube. Legacy Tree Genealogists (8 videos)

<https://www.youtube.com/hashtag/legacytreegenealogists>

YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=German+Genealogy

MyHeritage Knowledge Base. (Most recent videos were recorded in 2024.)

<https://education.myheritage.com/learn/all/webinar/recent/>

Legacy Family Tree Webinars (\$) *Often offers a 50% discount if you watch a live webinar.*

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar-library?category=places&subcategory=germany>

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