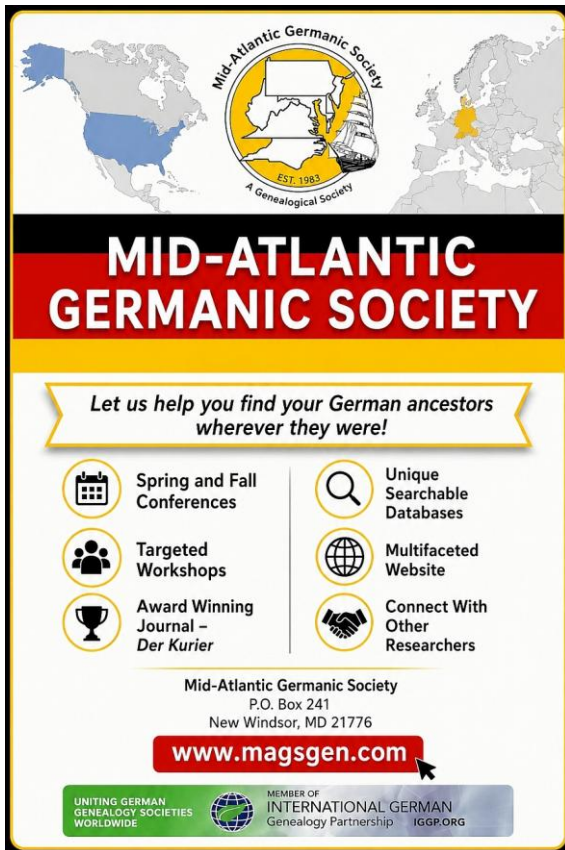


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MAGS Mission:

- To stimulate and facilitate research on Germanic genealogy and heritage
- To promote genealogical research of Germanic ancestors who settled in North America

Membership benefits:

- *Der Kurier* journal published 4 times a year
- Website with resources for German genealogical research
- Exclusive access to database with over 200,000 names
- Member rates for conferences and workshops

Website resources:

- Research timelines of German political jurisdictions
- U. S. consulate research guides; records and despatches to State Department
- Foreign legations and consulates in Europe and the U. S.
- Links to maps, gazetteers, German genealogical sites of interest
- Historical images of 19th century Germany
- 40+ years of *Der Kurier* issues
- Name searchable database:
 - o Transcribed and indexed by MAGS members from unique sources
 - o Includes names of many German immigrants
 - o Not available on any other forum
 - o Searchable by all; details for members only
 - o Click on the MAGS Databases tab on our website

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General database categories:

- Church and institutional records
- Records from U. S. consulates in Germany
- Military pension and naturalization records
- See handout for complete list and the MAGS website for detailed descriptions

Texas specific examples:

- Galveston relief fund
 - Frankfurt consulate general appeal for donations to Texas relief
 - *12,000 Marks for Texas* – National Archives Prologue Magazine
 - <https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2017/spring/galveston>
- Pension Bureau reports
 - MAGS database description pages have links to original documents
 - 1883 – <https://www.magsgen.com/cpage.php?pt=130>
 - 1899 – <https://www.magsgen.com/cpage.php?pt=153>
 - [Note: The link to our new website will be: <https://magsgen.com/mags-database-descriptions>]
- Deaths of American citizens abroad from consulate despatches
 - Herman and Mariane Iken, Indianola
 - Notification of death disposition of bodies and effects
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/212213634>, images 379-80, 789-90
- Correspondence with representatives of foreign governments
 - Swiss citizen Jacob Mueller disappearance
 - Assistance to foreign government regarding a citizen of their country
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/153308638>, images 178-180
- Diplomatic correspondence
 - Jacob Roos, Dallas
 - Intervention to assist American citizen returning to Germany
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/153619472>, images 150-1
 - <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/188858398>, images 406-7