



Taking a Research Trip to Germany

Trips to Germany – Very important! Always make appointments in advance!

What are your research goals?

What records might be available to answer your question(s)?

- Where are they kept? How do you access them? What else is available?
- Finding the town church and civil records: <https://www.meyersgaz.org/>

List of type of items you might find

Church and civil registration records; court records, marriage contracts/dowery, wills; emigration records (Auswanderung); military records; perhaps census or equivalent records; land/house history records; trade/profession records, Ortssippenbücher.

Types of German Archives

- Federal (Bundesarchiv), State (Landesarchiv), County (Kreisarchiv), District (Bezirksarchiv), City (Stadtarchiv), Community (Gemeindearchiv) – and Heimatmuseum - local history museums, church (Kirchenarchiv) - by religion, genealogical societies, companies/institutions, schools/universities, other types of associations

Web sites

Example of a local history museum <https://www.heimatmuseum-auetal.de/>

Main starting point <https://www.archivportal-d.de/?lang=en>

Lower Saxony - <https://nla.niedersachsen.de/startseite/>

Osnabrück State Archive

https://nla.niedersachsen.de/startseite/landesarchiv/abteilung_osnabruck/abteilung-osnabruck-197401.html

Bückeburg State Archive

https://nla.niedersachsen.de/startseite/landesarchiv/abteilung_bueckeburg/standort-bueckeburg-193940.html

The Archive Information System (ARCINSYS) <https://www.arcinsys.de/>

Lower Saxony ARCINSYS <https://www.arcinsys.niedersachsen.de/>

Book reference

Ancestors in German Archives: a guide to family history resources, by Raymond S. Wright, III ... [et al.]. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub., c2004. ISBN 0806317477

Terms to use to search for maps

- Karte der Landesvermessung mit Besitzernamen -> Map of the land survey with owner names
- Topografische Karte mit Eigentums Grenzen -> Topographic map with property boundaries
- Messtischblatt -> Ordnance survey map
- Rezzess -> document distribution of land to farmers from landowners
- Geologische Karte -> Geological map
- Bodenkarte -> soil/ground/floor map
- Cadastral -> land registry, showing or including boundaries, property lines, etc.

Option for sending money <https://wise.com/>

Other sites of interest

Europe <https://www.archivesportaleurope.net/>

Federal archives <https://invenio.bundesarchiv.de/invenio/login.xhtml>

Church archives <https://www.kirchliche-archiv.de/>

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