

# German Genealogy

Introduction – Alan Rabe and Minden, Germany

Overview of German Immigration to US

Find the German city using US records

German unification in 1871

Meyers Orts-und Verkehrs-Lexikon 1905 online on web and can download PDF from FamilySearch

German Church Records [www.kirchenbuchportal.de/inhalt.htm](http://www.kirchenbuchportal.de/inhalt.htm)

Access to Civil Registration

- births are available after 110 years,
- marriages after 80 years
- deaths after 30 years

Many records available in databases

Specialty Books – example Emigration from Minden

Naming patterns

Handwriting history

Translation Aids – word list, English flag, Google translate

Detailed maps on Ancestry

Must Know History

- 1517 Reformation began
- 1563 Catholic Council of Trent - required priests to record all members
- 1618 Thirty Years' War

Other resources

- Deutsches Geschlechterbuch
- Genealogisches Handbuch des Adels
- Germans to America
- Google family web pages
- Raven Book example
- 16 classes on German genealogy on FamilySearch
- Wiki.FamilySearch.org - search on Germany
- [https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/German\\_Research\\_on\\_the\\_Internet\\_-\\_an\\_Overview\\_-\\_complete\\_handout](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/German_Research_on_the_Internet_-_an_Overview_-_complete_handout)
- A Genealogical Handbook of German Research by Larry Jensen (in the Round Rock library)
- Wiki: Identifying Place Names in German documents