

# How To Find That Elusive German Ancestor

## Lecture Handout

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### Basic works about German emigration:

- Bennion, Lowell Colton: Flight from the Reich. A Geographic Exposition of South-west German Emigration, 1683-1815, Ph.D. thesis, Syracuse University, 1971
- Marschalck, Peter: Deutsche Überseewanderung im 19. Jahrhundert (Industrielle Welt, vol. 14), Stuttgart 1973

### Passenger arrival lists and American immigration data:

#### *Internet databases (subscription necessary):*

- [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)
- [www.genealogy.com](http://www.genealogy.com)

#### *Internet databases (free):*

- [www.immigrantships.net](http://www.immigrantships.net)

#### *General:*

- Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500s to 1900s: Family Tree Maker CD no. 354 (indexing various publications, 3.8 million entries)
- various collections on CD: [www.familytreemaker.com](http://www.familytreemaker.com)

#### *18th century:*

- Strassburger, Ralph Beaver/Hinke, William John (eds.): Pennsylvania German Pioneers [1727-1808], 3 vols., repr. Baltimore 1975 (passenger arrivals at Philadelphia)

#### *19th century:*

- Glazier, Ira A./Filby, P. William: Germans to America (Series II) [1840-1850], Wilmington/Delaware 2002-2003 (6 vols. have already been published, covering January 1840 - October 1848) (American arrival lists)
- Glazier, Ira A./Filby, P. William: Germans to America [1850ff.], 64 vols., Wilmington Delaware 1988-2001 [published lists till June 1893] (American arrival lists)

#### *20th century:*

- [www.ellisland.org](http://www.ellisland.org)

### Passenger departure lists:

#### *Bremen:*

- Zimmerman, Gary J./Wolfert, Marion: German Immigrants. Lists of Passengers Bound from Bremen to New York, 4 vols., Baltimore 1993 (only 1847-1871, and not all ships of that period)
- [www.genealogienetz.de/vereine/maus/auswanderung/index.html](http://www.genealogienetz.de/vereine/maus/auswanderung/index.html) (1920-1939)

#### *Hamburg:*

- available through: [www.linktoyourroots.com](http://www.linktoyourroots.com) (fee)
- Smith, Clifford Neal: Reconstructed Passenger Lists, 2 vols., McNeal AZ 1980-1986 (only 1850-1851)

#### *Other ports: no existing lists*

## **Emigration indexes:**

### ***Various:***

- lists of various local emigration indexes, which can be found online:  
<http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/emigration.html>

### ***Baden, 18th and 19th centuries:***

- "Glatzle/Müller" emigration database for emigrants from Baden and Württemberg who are documented in the state archives:  
<http://auswanderer2.lad-bw.de/auswanderer/index.htm>

### ***Baden, 18th century:***

- Burgert, Annette Kunselman: The Northern Kraichgau (Eighteenth Century Emigrants from German-Speaking Lands, vol. 1), Breinigsville PA 1983
- Burkett, Brigitte: Baden-Durlach and Vicinity (Emigrants from Baden and Württemberg in the Eighteenth Century, vol. 1), Camden ME 1996
- Hacker, Werner: Auswanderungen aus Baden und dem Breisgau, Stuttgart/Aalen 1980
- Schieble, Leopold: Bevölkerungsabgänge in fürstlich fürstenbergischen und benachbarten Orten 1720-1806, in: Archiv für Sippenforschung 33 (1967), p. 102-107, 219-223; 34 (1968), p. 365-372, 456-460

### ***Baden, 19th century:***

- Schrader-Muggenthaler, Cornelia: The Baden Emigration Book, Apollo PA 1992

### ***Württemberg, 18th and 19th centuries:***

- "Glatzle/Müller" database, see at Baden
- Schenk, Trudy/Froelke, Ruth: The Wuerttemberg Emigration Index, 8 vols., Salt Lake City 1986-2002

### ***Württemberg, 18th century:***

- Yoder, Don (ed.): Emigrants from Wuerttemberg. The Adolf Gerber Lists (The Pennsylvania German Folklore Society, vol. 10), 1945

### ***Pfalz (Palatinate):***

- Burgert, Annette Kunselman: Palatine Origins of Some Pennsylvania Pioneers, Myerstown PA 2000
- Burgert, Annette Kunselman: The Western Palatinate (Eighteenth Century Emigrants from German-Speaking Lands, vol. 2), Birdsboro PA 1985
- Hacker, Werner: Auswanderungen aus dem Hochstift Speyer nach Südosteuropa und Übersee im 18. Jahrhundert (Schriften zur Wanderungsgeschichte der Pfälzer, vol. 28) Kaiserslautern 1969
- Hacker, Werner: Auswanderungen aus Rheinpfalz und Saarland im 18. Jahrhundert, Stuttgart 1987
- Hacker, Werner: Kurpfälzische Auswanderer vom unteren Neckar. Rechtsrheinische Gebiete der Kurpfalz [18th century], Stuttgart/Aalen 1983
- Jones, Henry Z.: More Palatine Families, Universal City CA 1991
- Jones, Henry Z.: The Palatine Families of New York, 2 vols., Universal City CA 1985
- Mörsdorf, Robert: Die Auswanderung aus dem Birkenfelder Land (Forschungen zur rheinischen Auswanderung, vol. 1), Bonn 1939
- emigration cardfile: Institut für pfälzische Geschichte und Volkskunde, Kaiserslautern ([www.pfalzgeschichte.de](http://www.pfalzgeschichte.de))

**Bayern (Bavaria):**

- Blendinger, Friedrich: Die Auswanderung nach Nordamerika aus dem Regierungsbezirk Oberbayern in den Jahren 1846-1852, in: Zeitschrift für bayerische Landesgeschichte 27 (1964), p. 431-487
- Knabe, Wolfgang: Aufbruch in die Ferne. Deutsche Auswanderungen zwischen 1803 und 1914 am Beispiel Bayerisch-Schwaben, Berlin/Bonn, 2nd rev. ed. 1992
- Städtler, Erhard: Die Ansbach-Bayreuther Truppen im Amerikanischen Unabhängigkeitskrieg 1777-1783. Forschungen zur Kulturgeschichte und Familienkunde, Diss. Erlangen 1955
- state archives owning emigration indexes: Bamberg, Coburg, München (partly), Nürnberg, Würzburg
- emigration database (fee) for Bavaria and the Palatinate: Mr Reinhard Mayer, Jägerstraße 42, D-83308 Trostberg, FR Germany

**Alsace:**

- Burgert, Annette Kunselman: Eighteenth Century Emigrants from the Northern Alsace to America, Camden ME 1992
- Schrader-Muggenthaler, Cornelia: The Alsace Emigration Book, 2 vols., 1989

**Switzerland:**

- Faust, Albert Bernhard/Brumbaugh, Gaius Marcus (eds.): Lists of Swiss Emigrants in the Eighteenth Century to the American Colonies, 2 vols., repr. Baltimore 1976

**Databases for name search:**

- German phone book: [www.telefonbuch.de](http://www.telefonbuch.de)
- LDS databases: [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)
- WorldConnect: [worldconnect.rootsweb.com](http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com)
- WorldConnect:  
[www.ancestry.com/trees/awt/main.htm](http://www.ancestry.com/trees/awt/main.htm) or [worldconnect.rootsweb.com](http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com)
- German database Gedbas: <http://gedbas.genealogy.net/index.jsp>
- German list of researcher contacts: <http://foko.genealogy.net/index.jsp>
- German online family books: <http://db.genealogy.net/ofb/map.cgi?land=deutschland>
- List of printed family books: [www.genealogienetz.de/misc/ofb/index.html](http://www.genealogienetz.de/misc/ofb/index.html)
- Index for "Deutsches Geschlechterbuch" (vols. 1-216):  
available at [www.starkeverlag.de](http://www.starkeverlag.de)
- Index for "Deutsches Familienarchiv": available through [www.degener-verlag.com](http://www.degener-verlag.com)
- Search engine: [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)