

Family History Newsletter



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The Family History group supports members in researching their family history research. Members have ancestors from around the globe.

They meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Maple Ridge Library.

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Meyers Gazetteer

by Gunter Rebele

www.meyersgaz.org/index.aspx

Meyers is the most important of all German gazetteers.¹ It lists every place name in the German Empire (1871-1918). It gives all location with explanations and maps.

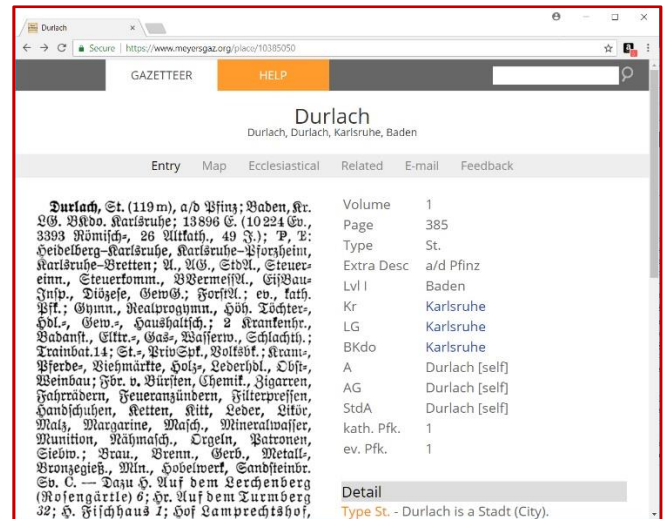
FamilySearch has a resource for the numerous abbreviations:

www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Abbreviation_Table_for_Meyers_Orts_und_Verkehrs_Lexikon_Des_Deutsch_en_Reichs.org/wiki/en/Abbreviation_Table_for_Meyers_Orts_und_Verkehrs_Lexikon_Des_Deutschen_Reichs

This is a very useful and valuable tool if you are trying to look up any location in the former German Empire down to single isolated farm houses. However, the information is accurate only from 1871 to 1918. The geographic information is still nearly correct, as long as the searched places are within the borders of present-day Germany.

The maps are old historic maps in black and white and one needs to get used to them in order to read the many details. In some areas the maps are of poor quality in others they are very good.

The Gazetteer gives the name of the State, district and all other jurisdictions and parishes.



Durlach on the Gazetteer. Kr = District = Karlsruhe; LG = Court = Karlsruhe; BKdo = District command = Karlsruhe, A = Government office = Durlach; AG = Lower court = Durlach; StdA = Civil registrar's office = Durlach; kath. Pfk. = Catholic parish church = 1; ev. Pfk. = Protestant parish church = 1

However, for genealogy research it is very limited, as in Germany there are no census records and all information about birth, marriage and death were recorded in the church books. The church books are no longer held at the parishes, but at the relevant diocese archives. However, the Gazetteer does not indicate to which diocese a town or village belongs.

The other important source of information about ancestors are the title deeds of properties, which are registered in the State Archives of the regions like; Swabia, upper and lower Bavaria, Franconia, etc. It would be helpful if the relevant State Archive would be indicated.

¹ "Gazetteer." Merriam-Webster.com. Merriam-Webster, n.d. Web. 30 May 2018.

Online Resources

Charlestown, New Hampshire Cemetery Index

www.charlestown-nh.gov/Public_Documents/CharlestownNH_Cemetery/index

An alphabetical database of burials in the original and oldest sections of Forest Hill Cemetery, and a map of the "most historic section" of Forest Hill Cemetery.

Nashua, New Hampshire Cemeteries Index

www.nashuanh.gov/188/Cemeteries

Database to six cemeteries owned by the municipality: Woodlawn (established 1895), Edgewood Cemetery (which is also more than a century old), Evergreen, Gilson, Hillside, and Old South.

Ireland Genealogy Projects Archives

www.irishgenealogynews.com/2018/05/ireland-genealogy-projects-archives-mid.html?spref=fb

- CAVAN Genealogy Archives – Headstones St. Paul's (CoI) Graveyard, Ballymachugh
- DUBLIN Genealogy Archives – Headstones Deansgrange Cemetery, St. Peter's, Pt. 2; Deansgrange Cemetery, St. Brigid's, Pt. 14
- MAYO Genealogy Archives – Headstones, Islandeady Graveyard, Part 1 & 2
- MAYO Genealogy Archives – Headstones, Burrishoole Abbey, Part 5 (Completed)
- MONAGHAN & FERMANAGH Genealogy Archives – Church Records, Clones Parish Registers, E. Div., Baptisms 1811–1815
- WATERFORD Genealogy Archives – Headstones, Abbey Graveyard (CoI), Ferrybank, Part 1

Historic Aerials

www.historicaerials.com

See aerial coverage of the United States – an interactive photographic map that lets you change the year – as if Google Maps had existed since the 1940s.

Criminal Register Indexes

www.thegenealogist.co.uk

The Home Office recorded persons charged with indictable offences in England and Wales between 1805 and 1892 in the registers now held as Series HO 27 at the Public Record Office. Full information from the registers is provided: names, aliases, court, offence and sentence/acquittal; also a variety of statistics showing numbers of (alleged) offenders and ratios within the population. Around 35% of those recorded were not actually found guilty and these indexes give a tremendous insight into the social conditions of the time.

New Zealand Records

<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>

Papers Past has digitized newspapers, letters, diaries, magazines, and parliamentary papers.

Dublin Cemeteries

<https://discovereverafter.com/>

The Interment Registers of Deansgrange and Shanganagh Cemeteries can now be searched and viewed at DiscoverEverAfter.com.

Tipperary Studies

<http://tipperarystudies.ie/>

Tipperary Studies, the online home of Tipperary Libraries' Local Studies department.

Family History Events

Cloverdale Library

www.surreylibraries.ca

Register a 604-598-7327 or by email: familyhistory@surrey.ca.

Limited parking until further notice, parking is unavailable at Cloverdale Library due to construction.

- **Orientations**, Saturdays, 10:00-10:50 am, Sept 8, 2018. Pre-registration recommended. Fee: free.
- **Fun Family History Fridays**, Fri, July 6, Aug 3, and Sept 7, 2018, 2:30–4:00 pm.
- **"Ted and Louie's Wedding": Building the Context for a Family Event** with Brenda L. Smith, June 2 2018, 10:30am. Fee: \$10.
- **Start Searching Your Family History** with Brenda L. Smith, 5 Tuesday: Sept 25 – Nov 20, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Fee: \$100 for the series.

Kelowna & District Genealogical Society

www.kdgs.ca

- **Harvest Your Family Tree Conference**, Sept 28–30, 2018. Details later at Kelowna and District Genealogical Society. \$95 for Saturday conference, additional Friday workshops available.

Maple Ridge Family History Group, Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 7pm at the Maple Ridge Library.