

Germanic Research Team members are available for research consultations on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The German Interest Group meetings are held the third Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m., with individual research assistance available following the program.

If you are unable to visit the library in person, assistance is available at modest rates.

E-mail your research request to scgs@scgsgenealogy.com with the subject line of German Research Request, or send your research request by postal mail to SCGS, attention Germanic Research Team.

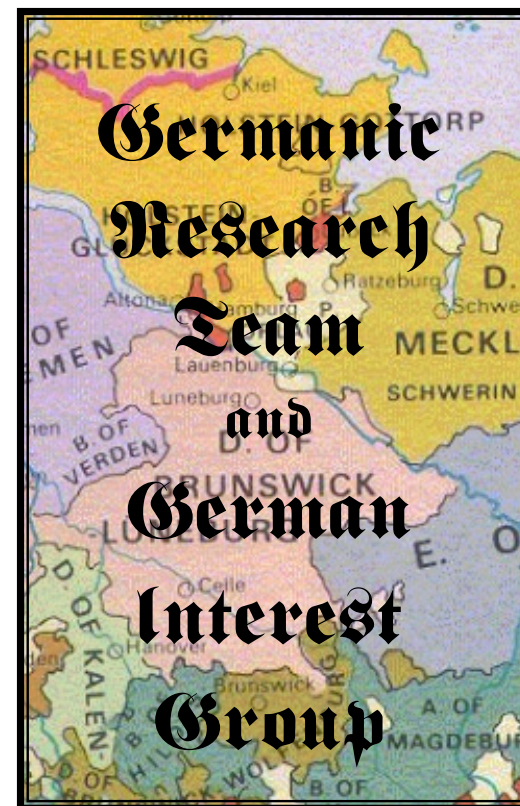
The Southern California Genealogical Society, established in 1964, is a 501(c)(3) organization that is staffed solely by volunteers.

The SCGS Family Research Library in Burbank, California, is open to the public. It holds more than 35,000 volumes of genealogical resource materials, family genealogies, maps, CDs, manuscripts, and other sources.

When they are researching onsite at the Library, SCGS members enjoy free access to the Library's online databases, including Ancestry's Library Edition, Heritage Quest, Historical Los Angeles Times, and NEHGS. Wireless Internet access is also available to SCGS members.

Seasoned genealogists provide research guidance and assistance. Genealogy classes, workshops, and lectures are available at no cost.

For further information on membership or for the hours and location of the SCGS Family Research Library, check the Society's website at www.scgsgenealogy.com.



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Germans form the largest group of immigrants to the America. Germans were among the settlers of Jamestown in 1608; and the first permanent German settlement was established in Germantown, Pennsylvania in 1683. Since then, some eight million German immigrants have entered the United States.

The German Research Team and German Interest Group at SCGS can help you navigate the unique challenges of researching your German ancestors. Drawing from the SCGS Library's main collection and online databases, as well as one of the most extensive collections of Germanic research materials in the United States, our experienced

researchers will assist in locating your ancestors.

The specialized German Collection of the Southern California Genealogical Society and Family Research Library includes over 3,000 books, CDs, maps, manuscripts, and databases.

The cornerstone of SCGS's Germanic section is the 30-year personal collection of F. Walter Hilbig, formerly with *Heritage Quest* magazine and the Salt Lake City Family History Library.

Many of our volumes are very rare and have never seen the light of a scanner or digital camera. If you have been working solely online, we may have some surprises for you. We can help you prove your findings.

SCGS is a candy store for genealogists - come have a taste!

Following are examples of the resources available in the German Collection:

- Many different passenger lists and emigration lists.
- Surname indexes, etymologies and dictionaries to help understand the meaning of family names.
- Family histories and genealogies, some by German authors.
- Periodicals and publications from genealogical societies in Germany as well as German-American societies.
- *Brockhaus Enzyklopädie*, the German equivalent of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* 1910 edition.
- Gazetteers, including Müllers and Meyers-Orts' 1912 gazetteer with 210,000 places, with several maps to help find those family origins.
- German histories and books on religions, customs, and other volumes to add flavor and better understand the lives of our German ancestors.
- Books and periodicals for Colonial Germans, Palatines, Hessian soldiers in the American Revolution, and Germans in Austria, Poland, Switzerland, Alsace-Lorraine, Russia, Czech Republic, and Hungary.