

Expanding Your Prussian Search: Beyond Church Records

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Expand your Prussian search with advanced websites & techniques via non-church records.

Prussian genealogy and non-church records

- 1. Prussian territorial changes**
- 2. Beyond Church Records**
- 3. Examples, Tips & Resources**

Searching for Your Prussian ancestors

- Be familiar with the basics of Prussian geography and history
- Use gazetteers for historical, jurisdictional info. in the pursuit of records
- If church records have been exhausted or are not available or are not readily accessible, focus on alternative records
- Focus of this class: emigration, civil and census records
- Apply resources and examples, if applicable, to your own research

Regional Case Studies

- Brandenburg
- West and East Prussia
- Schleswig-Holstein

Online Records and Catalogs

 **Family Search**

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/>

 **MyHeritage**

<https://www.myheritage.com/>

 **Ancestry**

<https://www.ancestry.com/>

 **Archion (Protestant records)**

<https://www.archion.de/>

 **Matricula (Catholic records)**

<https://data.matricula-online.eu/en/>

 **Brandenburg – Datenbank (Brandenburg)**

<https://db-brandenburg.de/>

 **Brandenburgisches Landeshauptarchiv (Brandenburg)**

<https://blha-recherche.brandenburg.de/suchinfo.aspx>

 **Polish State Archives (Poland)**

https://www.szukajwarchiwach.gov.pl/en/strona_glowna

 **Geneteka (Poland)**

<https://geneteka.genealodzy.pl/>

 **Basia (west-central Poland)**

<https://www.basia.famula.pl/en/>

 **Poznan Project (Posen)**

<https://poznan-project.psnc.pl/index.php?lang=en>

 **Familienforschung in Westpreußen (West Prussia)**

<http://www.westpreussen.de/>

 **NamensIndex der Standesamtregister (E. & W. Prussia)**

<https://namensindex.org/namen.php>

 **Pommersher Greif e.V. (Pomerania)**

<https://www.pommerscher-greif.de/quellensuche.html>

 **My Pomerania (Pomerania)**

<https://mypomerania.com/>

 **Familienforschung in Schlesien (Silesia)**

<http://www.christoph-www.de/>

Online Gazetteers, Databases and Maps

 **Meyers Gazetteer**

<https://www.meyersgaz.org/>

 **Kartenmeister**

<http://kartenmeister.com/preview/databaseuwe.asp>

 **1905 Gemeindelexikon für das Königreich Preußen**

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/14875?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

 **1821 Wörterbuch des Preussischen Staats**

<https://www.prussiangenealogy.com/maps>

 **JewishGen Gazetteer**

<https://www.jewishgen.org/Communities/LocTown.asp>

 **David Rumsey Map Collection**

<https://www.davidrumsey.com/>

 **1877 Map of Prussia (Arcanum Maps)**

<https://bit.ly/2YibIMn>

 **1883 Atlas des Deutschen**

<https://bit.ly/2yX1GWo>

Online Resources

Prussian Genealogy & Heritage Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/prussiangenealogy>

Prussian History

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prussia>

Provinces of Prussia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Provinces_of_Prussia

Prussian Genealogy Resources & Research Help

<https://www.prussiangenealogy.com>

Additional Resources

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