

## April German Schrift



### German Research Discussion Group

#### Review of the January 2022 Meeting:

Thank you to those who attended the January 2022 meeting. The Zoom sessions allow us to reach to genealogists in other countries. It is appreciated and I thank you for your interest and support.

#### Next meeting: April 16 | 2 p.m.

Did you attend the RootsTech 2022 conference? If you have any advice in German genealogy for novices or even advanced researchers, please share that at the meeting.

This month's meeting will be a hybrid event. If you plan to attend in person or by Zoom, please register today.

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## Featured Resources



### MGC Periodicals

*Der Maibaum, Journal of the Deutschheim Verein.* The Fall/Winter 2021 issue features the story of Kemperhof - homestead of one of the prominent families in Hermann, MO. Christoph Kemper was the first owner and his son, Edward Kemper, captured the house and life in many of his photographs (see also Books below).

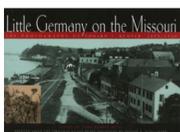
The article entitled 'The Talented Kemper Brothers,' serves as the evidence of talents of many German emigrants and their innovative ideas to various parts of life. The Kemper brothers were awarded patents for their inventions, among them, the straw cutter.

*Palatine Immigrant, Sept. 2021, Vol. XLVI No. 4.* Read about Karl Christian Friedrich Pfizer in the Notable German-Americans article. He was known as Charles Pfizer, born in the family of confectioner in Ludwigsburg, Württemberg.

The family name is associated with going from sweets, antiseptics, and vitamins, to a pharmaceutical company developing mass vaccines. Also in this issue - The Declaration of Independence - chronology of printing.

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## Featured Books



*Little Germany on the Missouri*, The Photographs of Edward J. Kemper, 1895 - 1920, edited by Anna Kemper Hesse. Printed from the Original Glass-Plate Negatives by Oliver A. Schuchard. This book is a fascinating look at life in a German community at the end of 19th and beginning of 20th centuries.

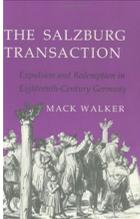
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*The Arts and Architecture of German Settlement in Missouri*, by Charles van Ravenswaay.

This is a large book with many pictures, about 600 photographs and drawings, arts, crafts, furniture, wooden shoes, including the fine-boxed staircase made by Kemper family mentioned above. The author, native of Boonville, MO, spent forty years interviewing craftsmen, photographing, studying and examining documentary material.

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*The Salzburg Transaction, Expulsion and Redemption in Eighteenth-Century Germany*, by Mack Walker, 1992. In 1731 - 1732, the archbishopric of Salzburg expelled some 20,000 Protestant farmers, and by invitation of King Frederick William I, they were resettled as colonists in a distant corner of East Prussia. For historians who want to learn the background of this emigration orchestrated not long after 30-years war, this may be a good read exposing problems between religion and society, and nature of migration.

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## Research Tips



#### Online Resource Tips:

Examine the files documenting German emigration from 1850 to 1897 on the [National Archives website](#). The ports covered are Boston, Baltimore, New Orleans, Philadelphia and New York, which contains most of these records.

If your ancestor is from **Göttingen, Lower Saxony**, check the civil records (birth, marriage and death) [online](#).

## Places to Visit



### Mount Washington Cemetery, Independence, MO

*This quiet oasis of serenity serves as a time vault, a keeper of lost time.*

If you're interested in planning a walking tour, we recommend you start with [Mount Washington Cemetery, In Search of Lost Time](#), by Judith King & Bruce Mathews (in-library use only). You may not see the charming rustic bridges when this area was an amusement park, but you can appreciate this peaceful place with a mausoleum, chapels, and possibly your German ancestors.

For example, Adam F. Long (1835-1910), a wholesale grocer, born in Oberndorf, Bavaria, came to America at the age of 13, with his parents, and is buried here. The well-known landscape architect George Kessler, (born Bad Frankenhausen, Germany, in 1862) contributed to the creation of this cemetery in harmony with nature.

When in Independence, I recommend stopping by the Midwest Genealogy Center to view one of our culinary books, [German-American Life, Recipes and Traditions](#), edited by J. D. Zug and K. Gottier (in-library use only). The book offers popular German recipes, including appetizers, soups, bread, main dish, pastries, desserts, and Christmas baking.



If Independence is too close to home, why not visit [Sinsheim, Germany](#)? Sinsheim lies in Baden Württemberg state, Rhein-Neckar-Kreis (District). The city has a medieval city core, 12 suburban villages (Stadtteile), and it is possible your ancestor came from this area.



Maybe the most famous Sinsheim native is [Franz Sigel](#) who was a freedom fighter in two continents. He was a Union general in the Civil War. The song 'I am going to fight with Sigel' was a popular song of the U.S. Civil War. If you are curious, [listen to the melody and lyrics](#).

Sigel's impact on American history is evident by the [bronze equestrian sculpture of Sigel](#) in New York City's Riverside Park.

## Fun and Learning

#### Little Pearls from our Books:

Excerpts from *Our Ancestors Were German, Emigration in the 19th Century from the Grand Duchy of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach*, by Astrid Adler (Rothe), 2016, 2nd Ed. 2018.

The local newspaper Eisenacher Kreisblatt reported in 1856: Today through Lengsfeld, Tiefenort and Marktsuhl came three hay trailers, densely filled with emigrants. There were probably 60 to 70 people, among them their whole families with wives and children...

Their trailers were decorated with floral wreaths and they themselves were wearing the same on their heads. Also by singing with jubilation they expressed the best mood. The cause of their emigration, they said, was the current expensive cost of living. It is felt particularly strong in the Eisenacher Oberland. From Klings many families went to America. They inspired the people here to gradually follow."

What is this German word? Dust off that German dictionary from your shelf!

Ausz\_hr\_ \_ g (Consumption)  
F\_l\_s\_ cht (Epilepsy)  
Gei\_t\_sge\_törth\_it (Mental illness)  
Läh\_ \_ \_ g (Paralysis, palsy)  
Ver\_ \_ ft\_ \_ g (Poisoning)  
K\_rp\_rl\_ cher Z\_st\_ \_ d (Physical condition or state)  
Kö\_pe\_ \_ \_ cher Sch\_e\_z (Physical pain)

#### Christi's Proverb:

"Wo ein Wille ist, ist auch ein Weg!" which means Where there is a will, there is a way!

Thank you. Danke schön.  
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