

Map Guide to German Parish Registers

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There are currently 65 volumes in this series, with another 5 volumes planned. As examples, the first three volumes cover: Vol. 1 – Hessen, Vol. 2 – Baden, Vol. 3 – Mecklenburg – Schwerin and Strelitz.

According to the publisher, Family Roots Publishing Co**, each volume of the series does the following:

- Identifies the parish where an ancestor worshipped based on where they lived.
- Gives the Family History Library microfilm number for the family's parish records - allowing you to often view the Parish Registers that include the vital records of your ancestors at a Family History Center near you!
- Identifies nearly every city, town, and place that included residents. [These places are as of about 1870. If the place existed prior to that date, it will most likely be listed. If the place was named after that date, the chances drop. The volume covers 1,582 places (usually towns).]
- Visually identifies church parishes for Lutherans & Catholics in each district.
- Identifies adjoining parishes in case an ancestor attended an alternate parish.
- Aids in area searches, particularly across district or regional borders.
- Provides visual identification of search areas in which to look for a family.
- Helps in determining proximity of one area to another.
- Aids in determining reasonable distances of travel from one area to another.
- Identifies population centers in each parish.
- Identifies archives, repositories, and other resources.
- Aids in identification of the location of minority religions.

Check local libraries for availability. **The Greene County Public Library has many volumes in the Greene County Room in Xenia.**

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