

Nordrhein-Westfalen (NRW) Resources at IGS

Introduction to North Rhine/Westphalia

The relevant volumes of the Map Guide to German Parish Registers are Rhineland (v. 11 & 12), and Westphalia (v. 39 & 40). This is a very heavily populated state in today's Germany, but we wouldn't see it on a map of the German Empire of 1871. Instead, we would need to look at the northern half of Prussia's Rheinprovinz (a/k/a, Rheinpreussen) and at Westfalen and Lippe. Note that Lippe is found in the first Westphalia book (vol. 39, pages 185-202 and 213-230) of the *Map Guide to German Parish Registers* series. As *Germanic Genealogy's* Third Edition notes, "The Prussian provinces of Westphalia and the Rhine Province had a boundary which ran right through what became the Rhine-Ruhr industrial area."

Online (a sampling)

Westdeutschen Gesellschaft für Familienkunde e.V. [NRW] — <http://www.wgff.net>

Lippe emigrants -- <http://www.lippe-auswanderer.de>

Ahnenforschung.org "Regional Research" — <http://forum.genealogy.net>

Archive in Nordrhein-Westfalen — <http://www.archive.nrw.de/lav/index.php?lang=deu>

Hagen Historical Center — <http://www.osfa.de>

Bergisches Land Genealogical Society (German) — <http://www.sibiweb.de/aksl/>

Westfalen/Lippe GenWiki — <http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Portal:Westfalen-Lippe>

Westfalen — https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Research_Strategies_for_Westfalen

Grafschaft Mark GenWiki — http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Portal:Grafschaft_Mark

Fürstbistum Münster GenWiki —

http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Portal:Fürstbistum_Münster

Civil records for Viersen Parish, Kreis Gladbach, NRW — <http://tinyurl.com/le6brtq>

Mailing Lists (for all German regions, plus German-speaking areas in Europe)

— <http://list.genealogy.net/mm/listinfo/>

Periodicals

IGS/G-AG — "Westfalen Research," by Eliz. Sharp (Spr'91)

"My Ancestor Bonanza" [Lippe/NRW] (Spr'04)

Roland zu Dortmund — Journal of the Gen.-Heraldic Interest Group (German)

issues from 1968 through 2009, many issues with ancestor lists

Die Laterne — Newsletter of the West German Gen. Soc., Bonn (German)

issues for 1965-69 & for 1973-74

Contributions to Westphalian Genealogy by the Westph. Gen. Soc., 1960 (German)

Ordinances of the Luth. Ch. of Lippe, with parish church contacts, 1973 (German)

Mosaik, one 1988 issue with list of town books for the old district of Kleve (German)

Books

Archival reference

Library of the West German Genealogical Society: Holdings Index (German)

Sources for genealogical and biographical research in Westphalia (German)

Nature of the northern Rhineland citizenry from late Middle Ages to 20th c. (German)

Book index of the Genealogical/Heraldic Soc. "Roland zu Dortmund e.V." (German)

Documents and writings on the history of Wesel in the Düsseldorf Archive (German)

Atlases—ADAC city atlas of the Münster region, 1:20 000

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Censuses

The farms of the Münster region and their manorial relationships (German)
Families of Lengsdorf, Ippendorf, Röttgen, Ückesdorf & Eichholz, 1700-1798 (German)
The so-called "New Houses" by Westerwinkel castle (German)

Churches

Ancestral-Familial Research in Lippe, based on family books of Horn Parish (German)
New index of church books in the former Rheinprovinz (German, 1977)
The church books of the former Minden Principality (German, 1970)
The church books of the Münster Bishopric (German, 1974)
Index of church books and other gen. sources for Bergisch Gladbach (German, 1972)
Overview of the church books of the civil registration archive at Brühl (German, 1970)
Lutheran churches & worship in the church district of Tecklenburg (German, 1990)
Cathedrals, Churches and Convents in Westphalia (German)

Emigration

Let's Go to America! -The path of Emigrants from Eastern Westphalia (English, indexed)
Almena—Story of a Village (German, 2 vol.) [Found in Lippe's V-Amt Brake.]
Emigrants from Bünde, Rödinghausen, Kirchlengern & Gohfeld-Mennighüffen (Ger.)
Emigration from the German Eifel Region, 1834-1911 (Engl.) [in Kr. Adenau]
Emigrants to America from Herford, Hiddenhausen & Vlotho in 19th c. (English)
Emigrants from the Ladbergen community, 1830-1930 (German) [in Kr. Tecklenburg]
History of the Jews in Lengerich (German) [Found in Kreis Tecklenburg, Westphalia]
Emigration Chronicle of the Lienen Community (German) [in Kreis Tecklenburg]
Emigrants from the Principality of Lippe, to 1877, with index (German)
Emigrants from the Principality of Lippe, 1878-1900, with index
Westphalian Emigrants from the Minden District, with indexes (German, 2 vol.)
Emigrants from Kreis Minden, 1816-1933 (German)
Essays on Westphalian Research — Münster Emigrants, with index (German)
On the American emigration from the Paderborn region: I - Paderborn city (German)
On the American emigration from the Paderborn region: II - Kreise Büren & Paderborn
New Beginning: Emigration from Rösrath in the 19th c. (German) [Mülheim am Rhein]
Schale: a village introduces itself (German) [in Kreis Tecklenburg]
Emigrants from Schnathorst Parish (English) [in Kreis Lübbecke, RB Minden]
Emigrants from the Siegkreis (German) [in RB Köln, Province of Rhineland]
Emigrants to America from Spenge & Enger (German) [in Kreis Herford]
Emigration from Kreis Steinfurt, with index (German) [in RB Münster, Westphalia]
Westerkappeln: ...an old community in northern Westphalia (German) [Tecklenburg]
Genealogies—Ancestor Lists of Westphalia (1965)

History

Sayings, Customs and Legends from Westphalia (German)
Descriptions of Lippe from 1786 (German)
A Rural History of Northern Lippe (German)
Lippe in the years gone by (German, 2 vol.)
Principality of Lippe 1916 Calendar (German)
Lippe in pictures (German)
Hermannsland in the Principality of Lippe (trilingual)
The Beautiful Weser Mountains (German)

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Histories—Towns & Districts

Barntrop, Bielefeld/Brackwede, Bonn, Brochterbeck, Erftkreises, Extertal, Heessen, Hillentrup, Köln, Leeden, Louisdorf, Mecklenbeck, Petershagen, Soest, Solingen (English), Südlengern, Warendorf, Welda, Wittgenstein

Military—Westphalians & Rheinlanders Lost in Russia, 1812-13

Records & Taxation

Lippe historical sources - transfers of deeds for 1614-1620, with index (German)

Lippe historical sources - taxation records by parish, mid-16th c. (German)

Travel

East Westphalia and the Teutoburg Forest, in pictures (German)

The Kirchlengern Community (German, three small publications)

Recklinghausen (German)

Ortssippenbücher

Fürstentum Lippe	VA Blomberg	Blomberg	Blomberg
	VA Brake	Silexen	Silexen
	VA Detmold	Detmold	Detmold
Rheinprovinz	RB Aachen	LK/Stadtkr. Aachen	Aachen
	RB Köln	LK/Stadtkr. Köln	Köln (2)
		LK/Stadtkr. Mülheim	Rösrath
		Siegbkreis	Honnet
Westfalen	RB Arnsberg	LK/Stadtkr. Hamm	Unna
		Kreis Soest	Werl
	RB Minden	Kreis Minden	Hartum (3)
	RB Münster	Kreis Wiedenbrück	Rheda (2)
		Kreis Ahaus	Ottenstein
LK/Stadtkr. Münster		Havixbeck	
	Kreis Tecklenburg	Lienen	

Vertical Files

“Westfalen Research” — summary of a talk by IGS founder Betty Sharp (1991)

“Nordrhein-Westfalen Genealogy” — summary by Pat Cotter, Rootsweb (1997)

“Westfalen” outline page from *German Gen. Digest* (1987)

Computergenealogie article on the Westphalian Gen. Soc. (German, 2013)

Lists of Westphalian parish record transcriptions, on Westphalen-L (1999)

Book review of “Westphalian Emigrants,” from *The German Connection*

Unsourced book review of “Fremde in Westfalen - Westfalen in der Fremde”

single copy of periodical, *Krefeld Immigrants and Their Descendants* (1991)

IGS founder Gerda Haffner on Nordrhein Westfälisches Hauptstaatarhiv (1983)

undated German 4-pg. pamphlet on “Bistumsarchiv Münster (BAM)

Computergenealogie article on a Westphalian digitization project (German, 2013)

1983 IGS newsletter item on publication of emigrants’ letters at Bochum

1990 newsletter item about a German archivist seeking descendants of emigrants

research items relating to the following cities or towns or regions:

Aachen, Bergkirchen, Herford, Köln, Wittgenstein

“travel” articles or pamphlets on the following cities or towns or regions:

Köln, Kommern, Münsterland, Paderborn, Sternberg, Viersen