

Unraveling Ancestry in Alsace
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Immigration/Passenger Lists:

- 929.13 G315 - *Germans to America: Lists of Passengers Arriving at U.S. Ports* / edited by Ira A. Glazier and P. William Filby
- 929.14 Sch6a - *The Alsace Emigration Book* / compiled by Cornelia Schrader-Muggenthaler
- 973 H197at - *The Atlantic Migration, 1607-1860: A History of the Continuing Settlement of the United States*
- 974.8 B898eig - *Eighteenth Century Emigrants from the Northern Alsace to America* / Annette K. Burgert
- Search our catalog at Genealogycenter.org for additional books and microfilm relating to Alsace
- Ancestry, New York Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists, 1820-1957 - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7488/>
- FamilySearch, New York Passenger Lists 1820-1891 - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1849782>
- Steve Morse (one step searches) - <https://stevemorse.org/>
- Ellis Island Passenger Search - <https://heritage.statueofliberty.org/>
- Did your ancestors come through another port? Philadelphia, Baltimore, etc? The FamilySearch wiki pages, such as “Maryland Emigration and Immigration” or “Pennsylvania Emigration and Immigration” will have links to specific databases focusing on these ports.

Finding Town of Origin:

- Research as much as you can within United States records to uncover the town of origin in Alsace:
 - Vital records: birth, marriage and death
 - Passenger lists and naturalizations
 - Military service records
 - Obituaries and funeral cards
 - Miscellaneous family items: photos, letters, family bibles
 - If you encounter a dead end with records and lack family documents that provide clues about the name or location of a specific town, consider a different strategy. Investigate and review local histories, study immigration patterns for the town where your ancestors settled in the U.S., and identify the Alsatian towns commonly associated with settlers in that area. This can offer a useful starting point when other records fail to provide the information you need.

FamilySearch Wiki and Genealogical Word Lists:

- Alsace FamilySearch Wiki: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Alsace>

- Bas-Rhin FamilySearch Wiki: https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Bas-Rhin,_France_Genealogy
- Haut-Rhin FamilySearch Wiki: https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Haut-Rhin,_France_Genealogy
- Word Lists
 - French: https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/French_Genealogical_Word_List
 - German: https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/German_Genealogical_Word_List
 - Latin: https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Latin_Genealogical_Word_List
- Handwriting Guides
 - French: https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/French_Handwriting
 - German: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/old-german-script-part-1>
 - Latin: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/latin-handwriting-1-introduction>

Records in Alsace:

- Alsace began keeping civil registration records in 1792. These are available on FamilySearch.
- Catholic and Evangelical church records are also available. The date ranges for church records will vary depending on the specific church.
- Available records can be accessed by searching within the FamilySearch catalog by place - France, Alsace, [Department], [Town].
 - Example = France, Alsace, Bas-Rhin, Ingwiller
- Writing for Records:
 - Civil Registration:
 - Monsieur l'officier de l'état-civil
 - Mairie de (Town)
 - (Postal code) (Town)
 - France
 - Church Records:
 - Monsieur le Curé
 - (Church --see The Catholic Directory for church name and address)
 - (Town) (Postal Code) France