

# “Map Guide to German Parish Registers”

## Germany “How to” Guide, Intermediate Level: Answer Key

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1. Answer the following questions for Scheppach, Württemberg:

In which “Map Guide” volume is Scheppach, Württemberg?	II
To which Lutheran parish does Scheppach belong?	Waldbach
According to the “Map Guide,” which towns are in this parish?	Dimbach, Scheppach, Rappach, Waldbach: You can create a list of towns by reading the Town Key and collecting all towns with the same parish number.
List all FHL microfilm numbers for this parish.	1346108, 1346109, 1346110, 1346111, 1346112, 1346113

2. Answer the following questions on “Piskowitz bei Taubenheim” in Saxony, using only the Map Guides:

Is this town in the Kingdom or Province of Saxony?	Kingdom
In which “Map Guide” volume is it found?	v. 26
Were residents of this town more likely Lutheran or Catholic? Answer the rest of the questions based on this answer.	Lutheran: If you compare the Lutheran and Catholic maps for Amtshauptmannschaft Meissen, you will see that there is only one Catholic parish compared with 60 Lutheran parishes. Catholics were clearly a minority in this area.
What is the name of the parish?	Taubenheim
List all adjacent parishes.	Krögis, Meissen, Naustadt, Röhrsdorf, Sora, Blankenstein, Burkhardtswalde, Miltitz

3. Carl Schmidt was born in Rohrbach in the Palatinate, and he was definitely NOT Catholic. His great-great-grandson cannot find his baptism in the Lutheran church books. Why? Provide an explanation using the hints below:

Hint 1: His death record, found in the church records of St. James United Church of Christ in Cincinnati, says that he was born in “Rohrbach, Bergzabern, Pfalz-Bayern.”	Carl Schmidt was Protestant Reformed. His baptism will not be in either Lutheran or Catholic records. You need to check the “Other Churches” section for the Palatinate in MGGPR v. 13, on p. 255. Rohrbach is in the
Hint 2: You only need the “Map Guide” to	

answer this question.	list of Reformed churches. There are FHL microfilms for this parish.
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4. A library guest has a Lutheran ancestor born in Kattbek, Schleswig-Holstein, in 1781. Answer the following questions using the “Map Guide”:

Does the FHL have records that will help this guest?	Yes
Explain your reasoning for the answer above.	Kattbek is in the Lutheran parish of Fahrenstedt. We have no records for that parish. However, searching for Fahrenstedt in the catalog, you will find that in 1781, this parish was probably part of Ülsby parish, for which we have the 1781 baptisms.

5. The same guest has a family line in Rheide, Kreis Schleswig, Schleswig-Holstein. Answer the following questions using the “Map Guide”:

Does the FHL have records that will help this guest?	Yes
Explain your reasoning for the answer above.	There is not a town called Rheide. But there is a Klein Rheide in Kreis Schleswig, which is the same Kreis as Kattbek (above). Klein Rheide is in the Lutheran parish of Kropp. There is not a microfilm number given for this parish, but if you look it up in the catalog, you will see that the FHL has Kropp, Kreis Schleswig, church books for 1680-1806. If you cannot find a town, try searching with the prefixes Gross, Klein, Alt, Am, An der, Auf der, Bad, Dorf, Hof, Neu, Oster, Wester, Pölnisch, Preussisch, Deutsch, etc.