Accessing Meyer's Gazetteer Online

Germany "How to" Guide, Beginner Level: Instruction

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GOAL

This guide will teach you how to use and access Meyer's gazetteer on Ancestry.com.

INTRODUCTION

Meyer's gazetteer is a staple in German research. You should have already completed a "How to" Guide called "Meyer's Gazetteer" which taught you how to use Meyer's gazetteer and described its value for those conducting German research. Meyer's gazetteer is a printed reference but has been digitized by several agencies, one being Ancestry.com. Being able to access this gazetteer online will enhance your research experience.

You may want to consult the following "How to" Guides before continuing:
- [Germany-Fraktur Script](#)
- [Germany-Meyer's Gazetteer](#)
- [Germany-Meyer's Gazetteer Abbreviations](#)

HOW TO

Accessing Meyer's gazetteer

In order to use the online version of Meyer's gazetteer you will need to go to Ancestry.com and follow these steps:

1. Place your mouse on **Search** (DO NOT CLICK). A dropdown menu will appear and click on **Browse Card Catalog**.

2. On the left hand side in either the **Title** or **Keyword** enter "meyers" and then click on **Search.**

3. Click on the result called **Meyers Gazetteer of the German Empire (in German)** in order to enter the collection.

Locating a town in Meyer's gazetteer

In order to locate a town you will need to use the option on the right-hand side of the page under **Browse this collection**. After you locate the box in the side bar follow these steps to get to the desired town:

1. Under *First Letter of the Place Name* choose the starting letter of the town you are researching.

2. Then you need to choose a *Page.* The options given you are the names of the first and last towns on the page.

Saving and printing an image

Once you find your town you might want to save or print the page. The following steps tell you how to save your image:

1. In the top right-hand corner click on the green *Save* button.

2. Click on *Save to your computer…* This will download the image.

Use the following steps to print the image:

1. On the right-hand side click on the settings button. It is a crossed hammer and wrench looking like this.

2. This will open a menu. At the top of the menu is the *Print* button. Click here to open the print dialog.

Changing images from the image viewer

Switching to a new gazetteer entry on Ancestry's viewer can be cumbersome and time-consuming. It doesn't have to be. Many think that you have to exit the image viewer and then re-start the process. Actually, you can change the image directly from the viewer. In the top left-hand corner, you will see the first letter of the towns as well as the first and last towns of the current image. For example, **H > Haarbach—Haasgang**. Use the following steps to switch to another entry with the same first letter.

1. Click on the page name. This is the first and last towns listed on the image.

2. This will cause a dropdown list of all the images for the current letter. Click on the desired range and the image will then change.

Use the following steps to switch to an entry beginning with a different letter.

1. Click on the letter of the towns. This is the letter just left of the town names.

2. This will cause a dropdown list with the first letter of the towns to appear. Click on the desired letter.

3. The image viewer will then prompt you to choose the image you want. Click on the desired range. After clicking the selected image will load.

PRACTICE

In this activity, we will find the Meyer's gazetteer entries for **Detern** & **Gamig**.

1. Go to the *Search* tab and click on *Browse Card Catalog*.

2. Enter "meyers" into either the *Title* or *Keyword* field and click on *Search.*

3. You will want to click on the first option called ***Meyers Gazetteer of the German Empire (in German)***.

4. On the right-hand side of the page, in the ***Browse this collection*** box, click on ***Choose.***

5. Then choose the letter D.

6. In order to find **Detern**, you need to choose the **Dertzow – Detmold** page. Remember that these are the first and last towns found on the page, and Detern alphapetically falls between these two towns.

7. Save this image to your computer using the steps outlined in the instruction above.

8. Now, let's find the entry for **Gamig**. In order to switch to a new entry, click on the letter **D** on the upper left-hand side of the viewer.

9. Choose **G** from the drop-down list.

10. Now select an image to view based on the alphabetical location of **Gamig**. The image we need to view is **Gallin – Gammelin**. Select this image.

11. Now print the image by clicking on the settings button (icon with hammer and wrench), on the right-hand side of the page, followed by the print option.

ACTIVITY

Now, test your skills you have learned in this "How to" Guide. The Activity is a way to check your knowledge and let you know you've mastered the Guide! [Click here](#) to try out the Activity.