



## The Hamburg Passenger Lists

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Emigration from Germany to the US has been enormous in the last three or so centuries. About 7 million people emigrated and, according to the 200 US census, over 40 million Americans claim to be of German descent, making it the largest claimed ancestry in the US. Before one can research an ancestor in Germany, the town of origin must be determined. This can be a difficult process. However, there are sources that can help the researcher find that place. To begin with, one should always try to find as much in American sources first. Since there is no national census in Germany as there is in the US, finding a person in Germany without a town name is a daunting task. However, there are a few sources that can help the researcher. One is the Hamburg Passenger Lists (HPL).

### The Hamburg Passenger Lists Online at Ancestry.com

This database contains passenger lists of ships that departed from Hamburg, Germany from 1850-1934 (with a gap from 1915-1919 due to World War I). The index covers 1850-1923. Very important is the fact that the HPL give the last place of residence before departure.

Directions: Ancestry.com> Search> Immigration & Travel> Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850-1934

Hedwig Pogrzeba  
Emigrated in 1887  
About 20 years old

Franz Etzel  
Emigrated in 1880  
About 32 years old

| Person                                    | Departure date | Residence |
|---|----------------|-----------|
| Ingwer Nissen                             | 1866           |           |
| Friederike Jüngling                       | 1880           |           |
| Marie Meyer (29 yrs old, sailed on Rugia) | 1885           |           |
| Anna Hegewald                             | 1897           |           |
| Emma Mösinger                             | 26 Feb 1910    |           |
| Wilhelm Behn<br>(Can you find him?)       | 1848           |           |

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This set of books consists of people who arrived in the US from Germany from 1840-1897. It is constructed from arrivals in US ports. Therefore, it is an arrival list. It consists of two series (series 1=1850-1897; series 2=1840-1849). It gives name, age, arrival info, and sometimes origin, occupation and destination.

For further reading:

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- Bremen, Germany Ships Crew Lists, 1815-1917
- Germany, Pomerania Passenger Lists, 1869-1901
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- Fürth, Bavaria, Germany, Emigration Records and City Directories, 1805-1913
- Germany, Bremen, Select Passenger Departure Lists, 1904-1914 (in German)
- 19-Century Emigration of 'Old Lutherans' from Eastern Germany to Australia, Canada, and the United States
- Bremen, German Deaths of Sailors and Ship Passengers, 1834-1875
- Emigrants from the Former Amt Damme, Oldenburg (Now Niedersachsen), Germany, Mainly to the United States, 1830-1849
- The Settlement of the German Coast of Louisiana and Creoles of German Descent
- Auswanderung und Koloniegründungen der Pfälzer im 18. Jahrhundert (in German)
- Bremen, Germany Births on Ships, 1867-1911 (in German)
- Emigrants from West-German Fuerstenberg Territories (Baden and the Palatinate) to America and Central Europe 1712, 1737, 1787
- Emigrants from Fellbach (Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany), 1735-1930
- 19th-Century Emigration from Kreis Simmern (Hunsrueck), Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany to Brazil, England, Russian Poland, and USA
- Emigrants from Saxony (Grandduchy of Sachsen-Weimar-Eisenach) to America, 1854, 1859
- Emigrants from the Principality of Hessen-Hanau, Germany, 1741-1767
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