

Important Websites for Austria Genealogy

There are two "must peruse" websites for initiating original research in the Austria. There are a lot of excellent resources well documents found on both **Family Search.Org** and **The Family History Guide**.

From a single URL cited below on **FamilySearch**, you will find a comprehensive overview of resources for Austria that covers the gamut of resources and research tools that you could ever have imagined all from one extended screen display. It is a remarkable guide to Austrian ancestry, history, and genealogy with birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, military records and much more. The URL is https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Austria_Genealogy. The headings are specifically cited below along with their links that you can search quickly

Austria Genealogy

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Moderator

The FamilySearch [moderator](#) for Austria is [SugdenHG](#).

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Austria

Guide to **Austria ancestry, family history, and genealogy**: birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, parish registers, and military records.

Country Information [\[edit source\]](#)

Austria is landlocked and in a strategic location at the crossroads of central Europe bordering the [Czech Republic](#), [Germany](#), [Hungary](#), [Slovakia](#), [Slovenia](#), [Italy](#), [Switzerland](#), and [Liechtenstein](#). The major river is the Danube. As a result of wars and political realignments, the internal and external boundaries of Austria have changed several times. German is the official language.^[1]

Getting Started [\[edit source\]](#)

Getting Started with Austria Research

Links to articles on getting started with Austrian research.

- ["How to" Guides](#)
- [Austria Finding Town of Origin](#)
- [Getting started](#)
- [What's the next step?](#)
- [Finding your ancestor in the records](#)

Austria Research Tools

Links to articles and websites that assist in Austrian research.

- [German Word List](#)
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Finding Your Ancestors' Town in Austria [\[edit source\]](#)

- Genealogical records are organized by geographical locality. Civil registration (government birth, marriage, and death records) and church records (christenings/baptisms, marriages, and burials) were kept at the **local level**. To search these records, you must know the town where your ancestors lived.
- If you do not know your ancestors' town, follow the advice in the Wiki article, [Austria Finding Town of Origin](#), to search a variety of records that might provide that information.

If You Know the Town, Next Use the GenTeam Gazetteer [\[edit source\]](#)

- Details about the town will also help:
 - the county of that town,
 - where the closest Evangelical Lutheran, Catholic, Greek Orthodox, etc. parish church was (depending on their religion),
 - where the civil registration office was, and
 - if you have only a village name, you will need the name of the larger town it was part of.

[GenTeam](#) is an online gazetteer that covers the current countries of Austria, Czech Republic, and Slovenia (most of the area belonging to the Austro-Hungarian Empire). It gives former (German) and current names of locations, the name of the parish, the beginning year of the records, and the archive that holds the records. It will also give details on earlier parishes the locality belonged to. It then links to the website of that archive.

- **Tutorial: GenTeam Gazetteer Online** - [Instruction](#), [Activity](#), [Answer Key](#)

This is an example of a typical parish record entry that you will see:

Detailansicht

No.:	18412	
Former Location Name:	Lemberg	
Location name:	Lemberg	
Parish:	Nova Cerekev	Begin of Vital Statistics: 1656/1689/1689
Former Parish:		
Former Judicial Denomination (Bohemia/Moravia and South Tirol only):		
Crown Land:	Steiermark	
Respective Archives:	Diözese Marburg (Maribor)	

Austria Clickable Map [\[edit source\]](#)

The boundaries of Austria have changed over time. Your ancestor may have said he was from Austria, but actually he may have come from any of the countries that once belonged to the Hapsburg Monarchy or Austro-Hungarian Empire. Therefore, see also [Research in the Austro-Hungarian Empire](#).



Provinces of Modern Austria [\[edit source\]](#)

Austria (English)

- [Burgenland](#)
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| • Burgenland | • Styria | • Steiermark |
| • Kärnten | • Tyrol | • Tirol |
| • Niederösterreich | • Vorarlberg | • Vorarlberg |
| • Oberösterreich | • Vienna | • Wien |
| • Salzburg | | |

More Austria Research Tools [\[edit source\]](#)

Research tools can include resources that assist in locating correct records to search and determining the correct locality to search in. Below are links and Wiki articles to research tools in Austria.

- [Information System Austrian National Library](#) - Special link collection for genealogy (55 links, Page in German)
- [Austria Genealogy links](#)
- [Austria GenWeb](#)
- [Beginners Guide to Austrian Jewish Genealogy](#)
- [Burgenland Bunch](#)
- [Displaced Persons' \(DP\) Camps Table of Contents](#)
- [GenTeam Gazetteer](#)

References [\[edit source\]](#)

1. [Jump up](#)↑ Wikipedia contributors, "Austria," in *Wikipedia: the Free Encyclopedia*, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Austria>, accessed 23 March 2016.

The Family History Guide

The Family History Guide, <https://thefhguide.com/project-9-austria.html>, provides a more sequential process of learning consisting of outstanding step-by-step “how to” research tutorials for Austria that is organized into eight levels offerings in a rather clear and concise format. I particularly like its infrastructure of topics for each level of tutorials.

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