

Rombs – A Teaching Lineage

Illustrating some information sources

- * Dakota Territory (arrival 1884)
- * South Russia (arrival 1808)
- * Alsace (residence 1740-1808)
- * Rheinland (1650 through 19th century)

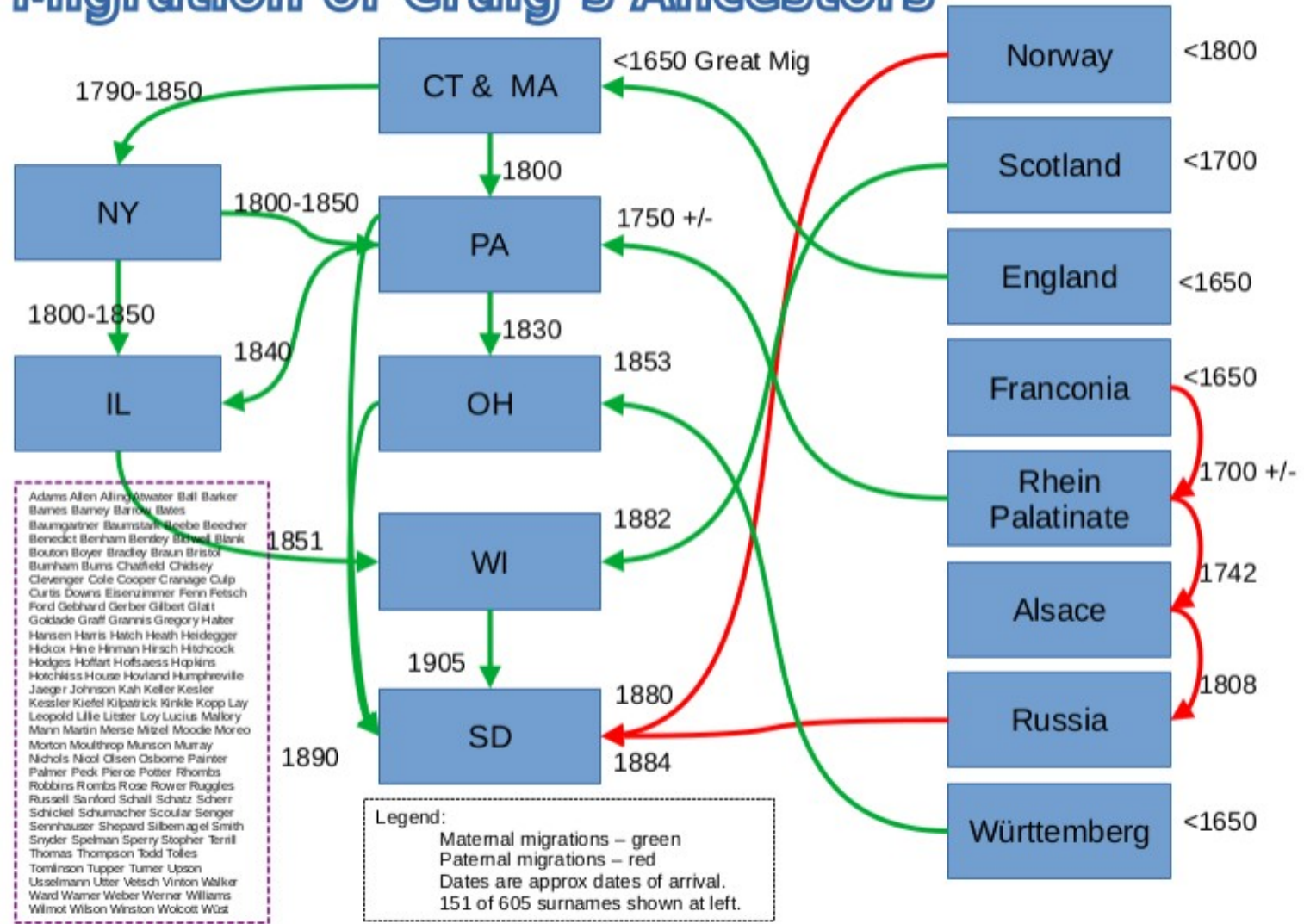


Oberlauterbach (Alsace)

Your Presenter

- Craig Rhombs
- <https://281connections.us>
 - See the education page (item 11) for a copy of this presentation. -
https://281connections.us/281connections_Wiki/Education/Rombs-A-Teaching-Lineage.pdf
- craig@281connections.us

Migration of Craig's Ancestors



Introduction

Prior to about 1800, about 3/8 of my ancestors resided in small villages outside of Karlsruhe, roughly within the rectangular area shown here, on both sides of the Rhein/Rhine River. The area includes parts of Alsace, Pfalz, and Baden.

With the benefit of hindsight, I present some thoughts based on experiences that I have had while researching Rombs ancestors from northern Baden, northeast France (Bas-Rhin, Alsace), and Pfalz. Some of what follows may be unique to my research, but the techniques and approaches used might help you with your own research. As you consider what follows, I suggest that you keep in mind the following three maxims.

- **Be analytic & keep notes**
- **Be inventive & agile**
- **Seek advice from experts**



Ref. 1734 Theatrum Belli ad Rhenum Superior:
https://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/detail/RUMSEY~8~1~281723~90054558:Theatrum-Belli-ad-Rhenum-Superior-?sort=Pub_List_No_InitialSort%2CPub_Date%2CPub_List_No%2C-Series_No&qvq=w4s:/where%2FRhine%2BRiver;sort:Pub_List_No_InitialSort%2CPub_Date%2CPub_List_No%2C-Series_No;tc:RUMSEY~8~1&mi=26&trs=29

Contemporary map: <https://goo.gl/maps/P5wbHKjN56EBnjyy7>

Notes

- What I share here is specific to the research that I have been doing. I don't expect that all will apply to your research, but I hope that it gives ideas that can help in your own research.
- My focus is on 17th and 18th centuries - Catholic records (mostly) as well as civil records.
- I'll be working backwards in time from 1884.
- The story on which this is based can be found here:

https://281connections.us/281connections_Wiki/South_Dakota_Families/Rombs-Kessler/Early_Rombs_Family_History/a-line-of-teachers-with-endnotes%20Final.pdf

DAKOTA

Hints of European Ties (Census)

Starting with Johannes Rombs & family – 1900 census for SD. (Johannes is a great grandfather of mine.)

NATIVITY.		
Place of birth of each person and parents of each person enumerated. If born in the United States, give the <i>State or Territory</i> ; if of foreign birth, give the <i>Country</i> only.		
Place of birth of this PERSON.	Place of birth of FATHER of this person.	Place of birth of MOTHER of this person.
13	14	15
Russia	Russia	Germany
South Dakota	Russia	Germany

"United States Census, 1900," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MMRQ-N42>)

Travel from Bremen to NY

"New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1891," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QVSV-3FB5> : 20 February 2021), Johannes Rums, 1884; citing Immigration, New York City, New York, United States, NARA microfilm publication M237 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.), FHL microfilm 1,027,349.







Multiple other possible places to consider like <https://stevemorse.org/> .



191	Johannes Rums	39	m	Germany	✓	
192	Harbun	2	f	Germany	✓	
193	Sacada	14	f	Germany	✓	
194	Caroline	52	f	Germany	✓	
195	Kirsten	4	m	Germany	✓	
196	Blisabeth	9	f	Germany	✓	
				R. Maria		

Land

- BLM General Land Office Records:
<https://glorerecords.blm.gov/default.aspx>

Image	Accession	Names ↑	Date	Doc #	State	Meridian	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Sec. #	County
	SD0540__109	 ROMBS, JOHANNES	7/13/1889	13933	SD	5th PM	120N - 069W	SW¼	10	Faulk
	SD0730__190	 ROMBS, JOHANNES	10/18/1892	4709	SD	5th PM	120N - 069W	SE¼	9	Faulk
	SD2290__033	 ROMBS, JOHANNES	10/4/1900	2620	SD	5th PM	120N - 069W	NW¼	9	Faulk

Naturalization

- Records with the State of SD (originally at Faulk Co.)
- <https://history.sd.gov/Archives/data/naturalization/firstpapers.aspx>

Second Judicial District of Dakota Territory--55:

Johannes Rombs

before me, subscriber, the Clerk of the District Court in and for said county of Hutchinson, Territory of Dakota, being a court of record, and made oath that he was born in Russia on or about the year Eighteen Hundred and Forty-five that he landed at the port of New York on or about the month of November in the year Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-four that it is his BONA FIDE INTENTION TO BECOME A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to The Emperor of Russia whereof he is a subject; AND THAT HE WILL SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

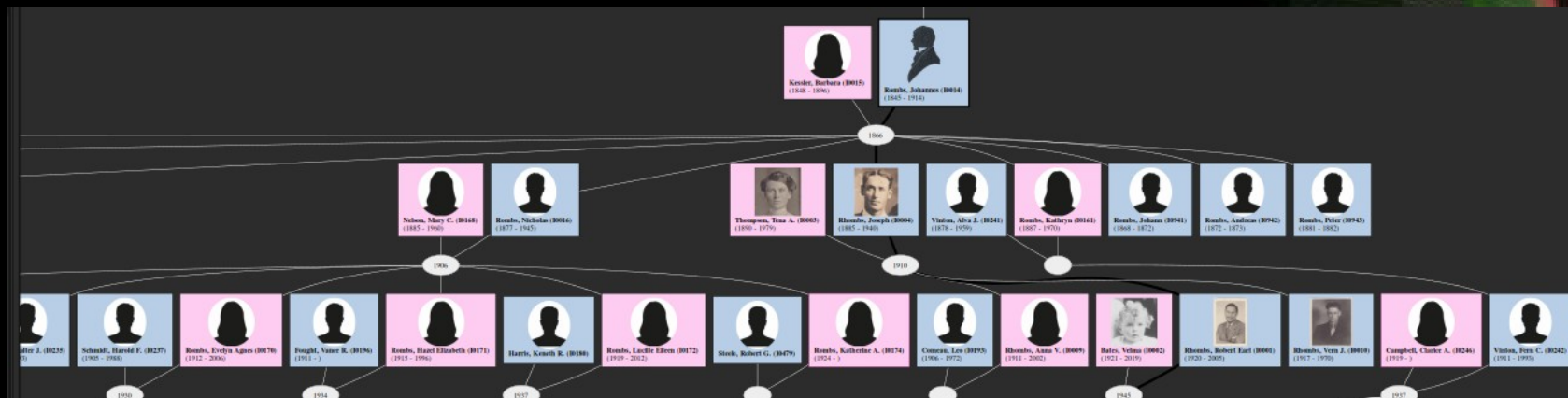
Johannes Rombs

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of March 1885

James C. Boyles
Clerk of the District Court, Hutchinson County, Dakota.

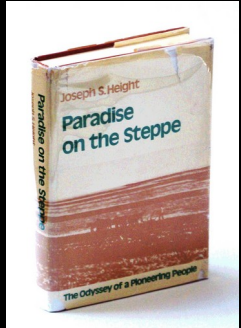
Dakota Summary

- Established Russian Origin
- Along with lots (!) of assorted interesting bits of info about life in Dakota Territory after 1884



South Russia

(on to a place named Selz)

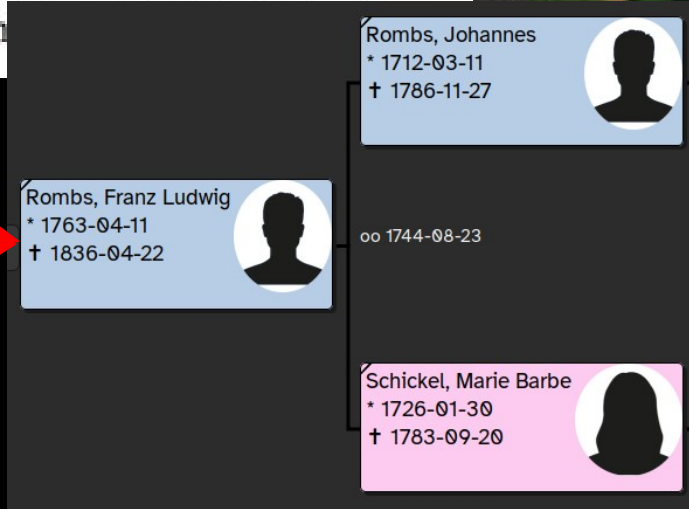


Paradise on the Steppe

- A book by Joseph S. Height first printed in 1972 (<https://search.worldcat.org/title/853124992>)
- Numerous other texts about this ethnic group
- About the founding of Selz, mention 4th great grandfather . . .

The majority of the Selzer immigrants arrived at their destination near Odessa on June 14 and 22, 1808, in two large transports of 35 families each, conducted by Jakob Steinhäuser and Michael Wolf. Of the 104 pioneer settlers, 90 were farmers, 8 were artisans and 2 were school teachers, namely Simon Rostischer and Ludwig Rumbs. These immigrants, numbering 401 souls, h

Rombs, Franz, Ludw. Kesseldorf/Weissenburg Als





GRHS

- <https://www.grhs.org/pages/home> (Bismarck, ND)
- Kutschurgan Interest Group on groups.io
- Lots of translated docs (from Latin/Russian) original church records (BMD); \$
- e.g., Franz Ludwig Rombs (again) -

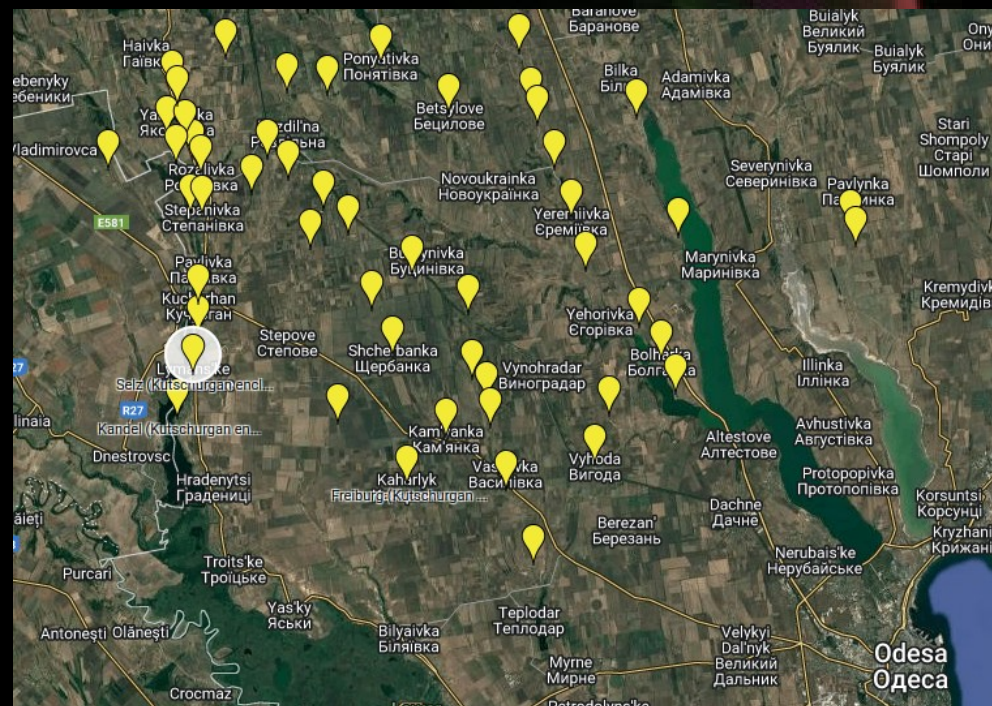
In the year of our Lord, 1836, April 22nd, in the colony of Selz, fortified by the Holy Sacraments, there died a widower, Franz Ludwig ROMBS	at the age of 66 years, colonist of Selz Church, Selz Parish, leaving behind three daughters	His body was laid to rest on the 3rd day after death, in the current month by the Curate of the Selz Church, Benedikt Zarenba in the place where he lived
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Black Sea German Site

- Website: <https://www.blackseagr.org/>
- Example surname specific doc:
<https://www.blackseagr.org/pdfs/vol04-rombs-keessler.pdf>
- Can also search for individuals from home page
- Researcher-supplied information, not vetted
- Free!

On-line Map of Villages

- <https://www.germansfromrussiasettlementlocations.org/p/maps.html>
- Metadata present



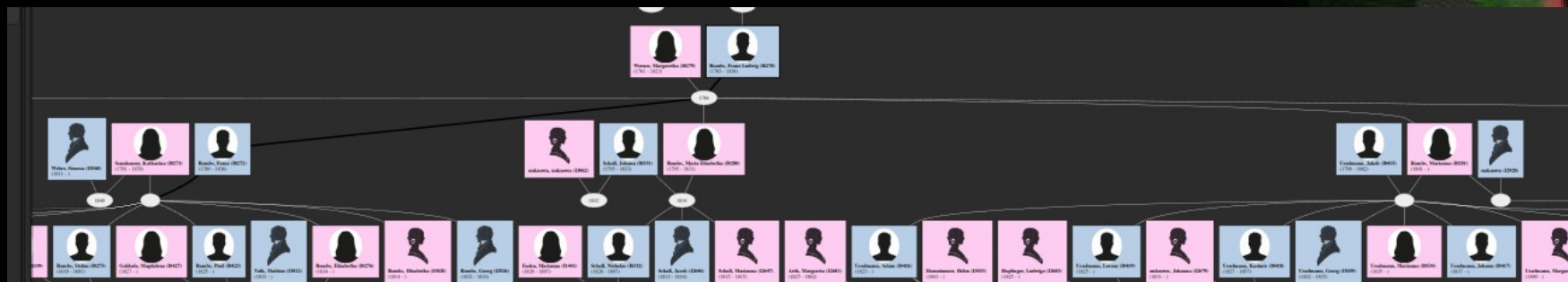


AHSGR

- <https://ahsgr.org/> (Lincoln, NE)
- Emphasis on Volga villages
- \$
- Not useful to me, but might be to you

South Russia Summary

- Established origin in Alsace (Kesseldorf)
- Along with lots (!) of information about events and people in Russia after in 1808



Alsace

(on to Kesseldorf)

But First, Learn Some History

•There are many references, but I found the following first example to have just the right level of detail for a starting point. This is a messy period in history from my point of view. Example: ***The Shortest History of Germany***, James M. Hawes - <https://hclib.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S109C5870112>

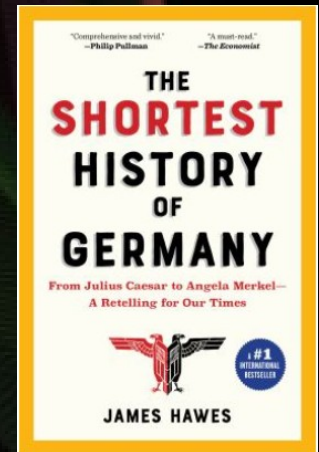
•Probably you'll want to understand 17th and/or 18th century European history. Again, there are LOTS of references. Pick one that suits you. I liked the following oldie because it hit the period I was researching.

Example: ***Eighteenth Century Europe the 1680s to 1815***, by Stuart Andrews.

Example: ***The Cambridge Illustrated History of France***, by Colin Jones, ISBN 0521432944.

Example: German History Maps I (<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/e9cb1f0b7c9342498eebbfdc7bf5cf75>)

. . . and lots of on-line sources of varying extent and quality.



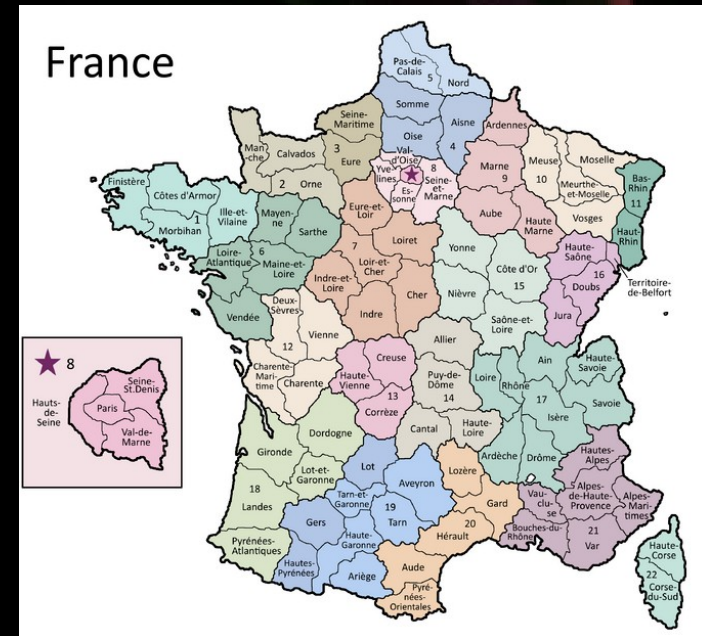
Historical Maps Can Help

- 1701-1774 maps:
http://www.emersonkent.com/maps_by_year_from_1701.htm
- 1710 Near Alsace: (nice overlay capability)
<https://uu.georeferencer.com/maps/e67534a0-5404-5926-a3fd-ed91c331fe05/>
- 1610 Germany:
https://maps.lib.utexas.edu/maps/historical/ward_1912/germany_religious_1610.jpg
- 1648 Europe:
https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/8/83/HRR_1648.png
- 30 Years War:
https://www.leo-bw.de/web/guest/kartenbasierte-suche/-/gisviewer-expert/vol/HABW_06_11c/3513161,%205404175/1
- German History: (same as previous page)
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/e9cb1f0b7c9342498eebbfdc7bf5cf75>



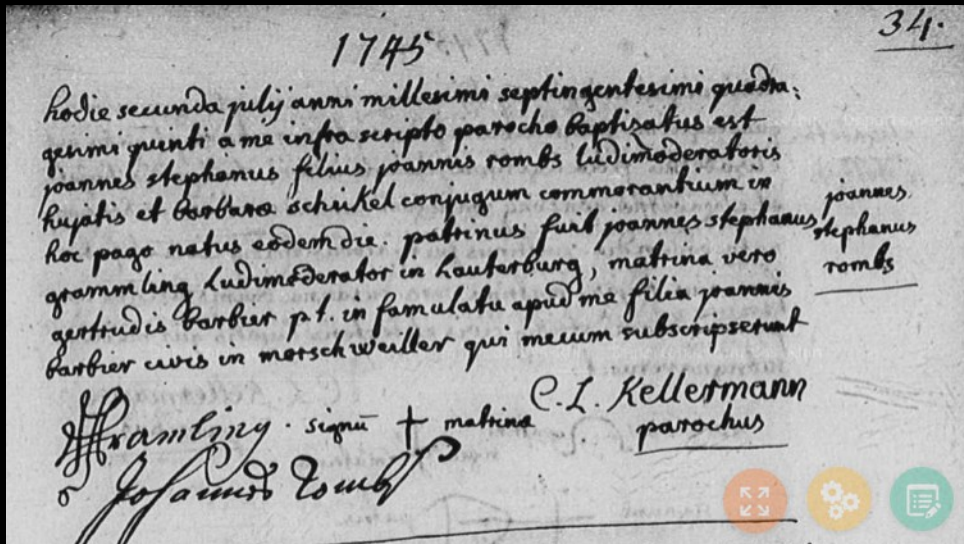
Study French Genealogy

- FamilySearch wiki
 - Overview:
https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/France_Genealogy
 - Town of origin:
https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/France_Finding_Town_of_Origin
 - Etc.



Learn basic vocabulary of Latin & Germanic records

- Be aware of the many ways that Germanic names are corrupted by non-native speakers. For examples: Loy/Lay, Rhombs/Rombs/Rums/Roms, Hydaker/Heidegger. Learn what consonants and vowels tend to be confused and/or interchanged (like F and V – Fetsch and Vetsch).
- Explore https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Latin_Genealogical_Word_List
- Explore https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany_Languages
- Use an on-line or old-school Latin/English dictionary.
- Have a reference like this handy - *Parish Register Latin*, C. Russell Jensen.
- Example of an unusually clear document follows.

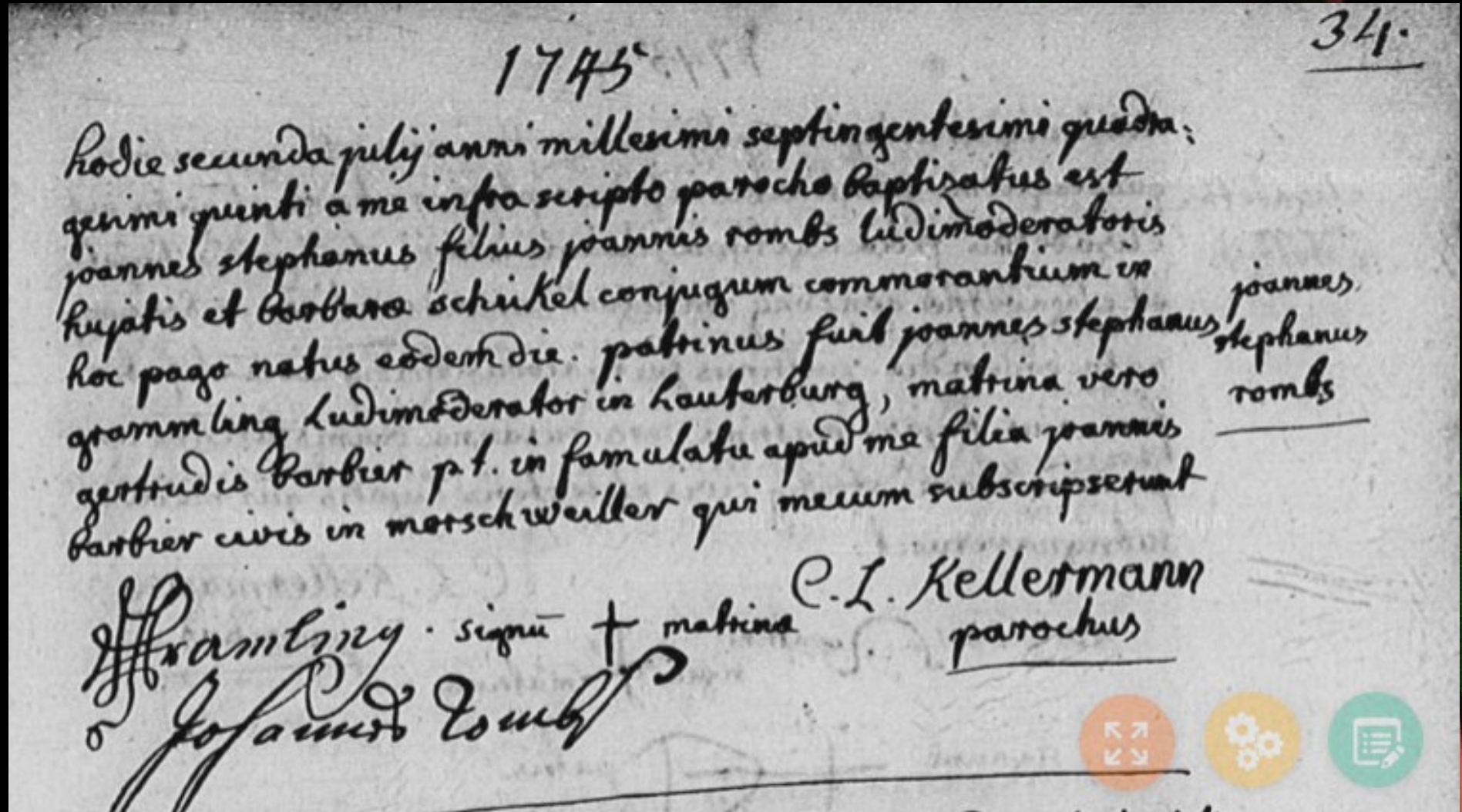


example is from

<https://archives.bas-rhin.fr/detail-document/ETAT-CIVIL-C343-P3-R207432#visio/page:ETAT-CIVIL-C343-P3-R207432-2321166>

(a French site for an area where a Germanic dialect is common! This becomes understandable through study of history.)

Example from Parish Register



Two European Sites

* Example – Alsace;
archives on-line-

<https://archives.bas-rhin.fr/registres-paroissiaux-et-documents-d-etat-civil/>

or

<https://archives.bas-rhin.fr/rechercher/documents-numerises/registres-paroissiaux-et-documents-d-etat-civil/>

* Another example site -
<https://en.geneanet.org/>



ARCHIVES DÉPARTEMENTALES DU BAS-RHIN

CONSEIL DÉPARTEMENTAL BAS-RHIN

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Rechercher > Documents numérisés > Registres paroissiaux et documents d'état civil

les registres paroissiaux et d'état civil conservés dans le Bas-Rhin, depuis le XVI^e siècle

L'application **Adeloch** permet de consulter les registres paroissiaux et d'état civil conservés dans le Bas-Rhin, depuis le XVI^e siècle, pour les plus anciens, jusqu'en 1912.

Outre les registres d'actes, vous trouverez également en ligne les tables décennales de l'état civil, véritable clé d'accès aux actes, en particulier lorsque l'on ne dispose pas d'une date précise.

Les tables décennales, tout comme les registres d'état civil, sont versées aux Archives départementales par les Tribunaux de Grande Instance. Les Archives du Bas-Rhin conservent ces tables jusqu'en 1932 pour ce qui concerne les TGI de Strasbourg et de Colmar (les communes du sud du Bas-Rhin dépendant de ce TGI), jusqu'en 1942 pour le TGI de Saverne et jusqu'en 1952 pour la ville de Strasbourg. Pour savoir de quel tribunal dépend la commune que vous recherchez, consultez la liste proposée [ici](#).

Pour découvrir les registres paroissiaux et les documents d'état civil numérisés, vous pouvez consulter le tuto vidéo disponible sur la [chaîne Youtube](#) des Archives départementales.

La liste des communes ne se déroule pas comme attendu ? Vous pouvez sans doute résoudre facilement ce dysfonctionnement en vidant le cache de votre navigateur. Des tutoriels sont à votre disposition sur [cette page](#), rubrique "tuto techniques".

Bas-Rhin Archives - note

- In addition to the French archive site, you can also try using the collections at FamilySearch.org.
 - Indexed:
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4116416>
 - And
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/334998?availability=Family+History+Library>
for the images
 - Images by village:
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/4116416>
- Then, there is the AGAWE site . . .



**ATELIER DE GENEALOGIE DE
L'ARRONDISSEMENT DE
WISSEBOURG ET
ENVIRONS**

section du Cercle d'Histoire et d'Archéologie d'Alsace du Nord
Synagogue (1er étage), Rue de la Bergerie 67250 Soultz-sous-Forêts

AGAWE Nouveau site internet <https://agawe-genealogie.jimdofree.com>

AGAWE

AGAWE = Wissembourg and Surrounding District Genealogy Workshop; chapter located in Soultz sous Forêts.

<https://agawe-genealogie.jimdofree.com/>

They have publications that are translations of church records into French. Invaluable!



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AGAWE
Soultz-sous-Forêts

LES PUBLICATIONS DE L'AGAWE

La bibliothèque de l'AGAWE dispose de toute une collection d'ouvrages relatifs à la généalogie :

- publications éditées par l'AGAWE (après dépouillement des registres) et pouvant être commandées,
- publications d'autres associations de généalogie, auxquelles l'AGAWE est abonnée (*),
- ouvrages ou collections généalogiques diverses provenant de dons de particuliers ou d'associations (*).

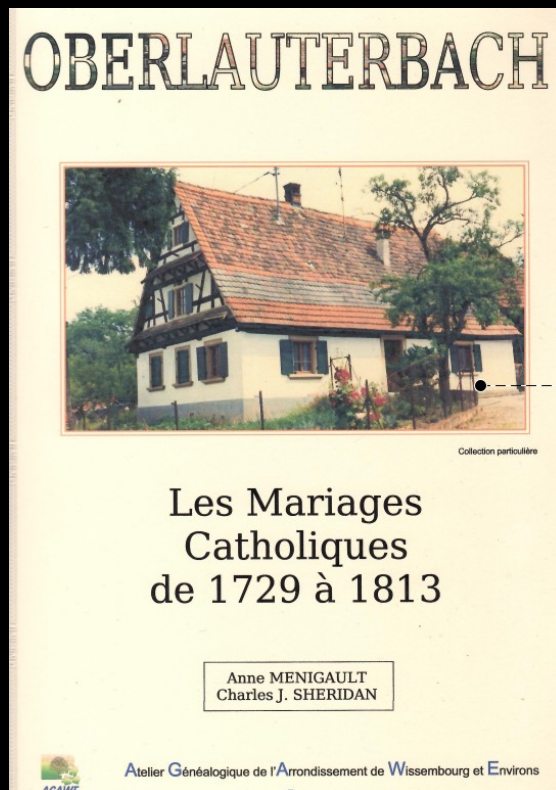
(* Ces dernières sont consultables mais uniquement sur place lors des samedis d'ouverture de la bibliothèque, ou lors des vendredis de réunions de l'AGAWE (voir [page d'accueil](#) pour les jours de réunion et de bibliothèque).



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AGAWE – example publication

346 RPCB	Oberlauterbach	Les baptêmes catholiques de 1709 à 1808	43€
346 RPCM	Oberlauterbach	Les mariages catholiques de 1729 à 1813	18€
346 ECM 01	Oberlauterbach	Les mariages EC de 1794 à 1892	21€



Date: 23/08/1745 **Cote:** 3E348/4 ADBR **Profession :** Instituteur

Epoux: ROMBS Jean **dom.** Oberlauterbach

Père: ROMBS Michel **dom.** Neubesheim

Mère: Catherine **dom.** Neubesheim

Epouse: SCHICKEL Barbara **dom.** Oberlauterbach

Père: SCHICKEL Jean **dom.** Oberlauterbach

Mère: Catherine **dom.** Oberlauterbach

Témoïn 1 : WINGERTER Nicolas **dom.** Oberlauterbach, père Epse

Témoïn 2 : SCHICKEL Jean

témoins non cités (mais d'après signatures)

Nobody is perfect – the date is wrong by one year. Should be 1744. See next slide.

Critical Link Establishment

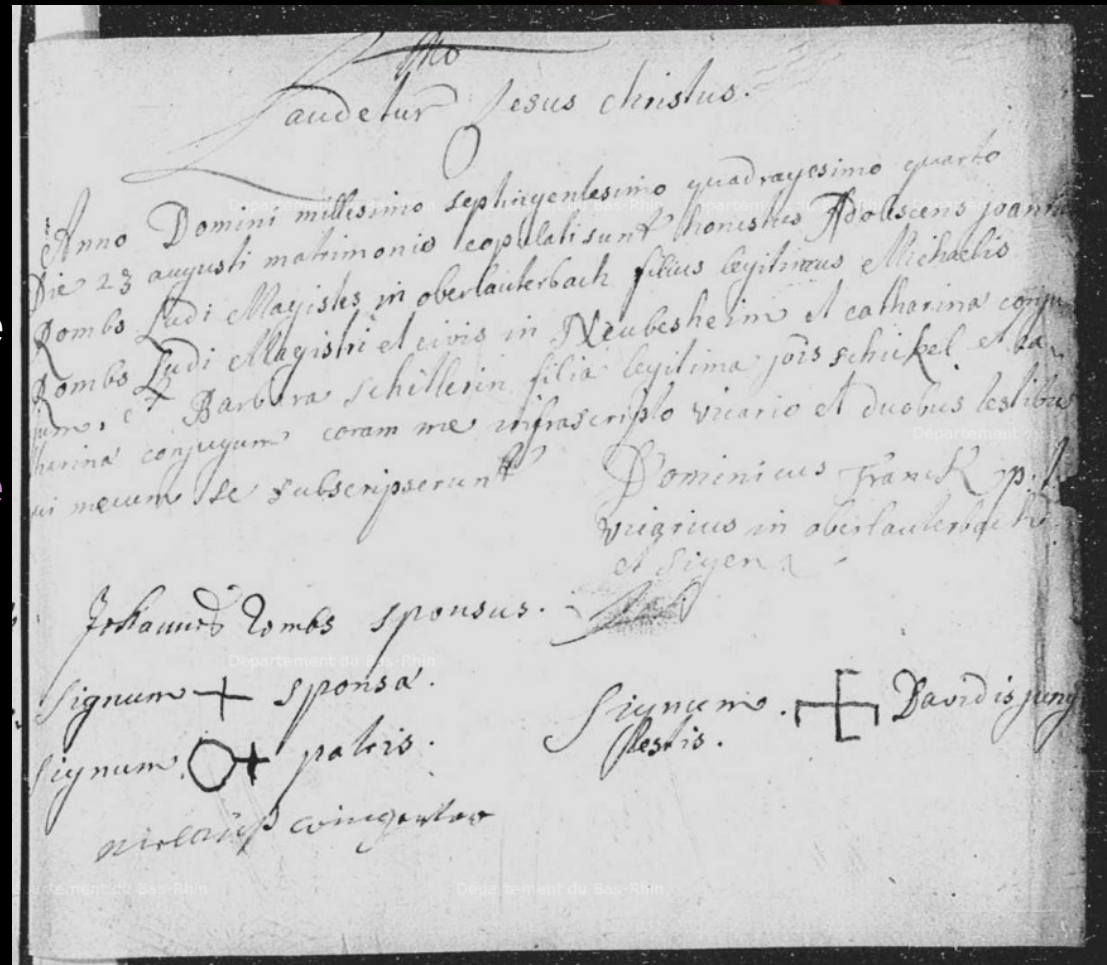
Here is the original 1744 marriage record. It establishes Johannes Rombs as a **teacher** from Neibsheim (Baden - Holy Roman Empire).

Reference: Oberlauterbach - Registre de mariages 1729-1813 - 3 E 346/4 - page 21;

<https://archives.bas-rhin.fr/detail-document/ETAT-CIVIL-C343-P3-R207435#visio/page:ETAT-CIVIL-C343-P3-R207435-2321340>

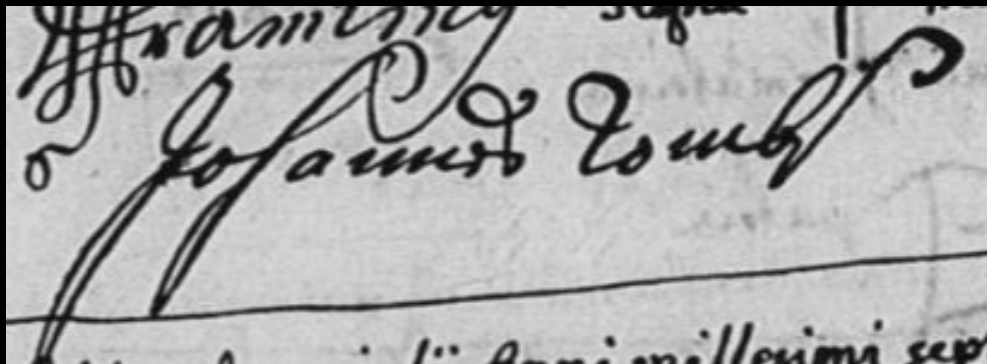
Not only did this record lead back to Baden, it also led to many other French records.

[Johannes Rombs and Barbara Schickel are my 5th great grandparents.]



The French Records

- Records reveal that Johannes Rombs (teacher) came from Neibsheim and married a local woman. They started a family and the one surviving son (Franz Ludwig) also was a teacher. We have seen his name before in Russia.
- There are numerous examples of the signatures of the two men in the parish records from 1744 onward until departure for Russia in 1808.



Alsace Summary

- Now I had a link back to Neibsheim.
- Along with lots (!) of information about life in France (as teachers)
- The trail has now led from Dakota Territory in the 1880s to a teacher in South Russia in 1808 to his family in NE France where his father was employed as a teacher starting in the 1740s.

Holy Roman Empire

(on to Neibsheim)

What Did I Find ?

- Johannes Rombs came from a family that included three sons who became teachers. Their father, Johann Michael, was also a teacher. (Johann Michael's father came from Franconia to Jockgrim in the 17th century.)
- Johannes moved to Oberlauterbach after loss of wife and son.
- Ferdinand married and ended up in Jockgrim.
- Anton married and ended up in Zeutern.
- Details:
https://281connections.us/281connections_Wiki/South_Dakota_Families/Rombs-Kessler/Early_Rombs_Family_History.htm

Sources of Information

- Following are the most important sources from which I assembled the information about the three brothers, their father, and their grandfather.

Germanic Genealogy & Advice

familysearch.org – wiki

- https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany_Genealogy
- https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/German_Genealogical_Word_List
- https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany_Finding_Town_of_Origin

ggsmn.org (exceptional advice)

- <https://ggsmn.org/cpage.php?pt=41>

Germany Genealogy

Europe → Germany

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

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 - References

Germany Online Genealogy Records | German States Online Genealogy Records | Ask the FamilySearch Community*

Germany Wiki Topics

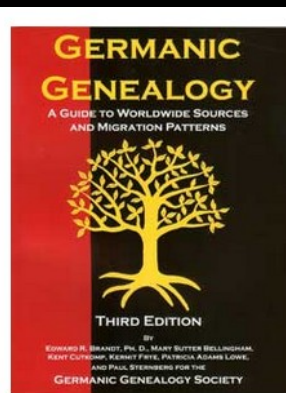
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- Research Strategies
- Record Finder
- Finding Place of Origin
- Finding Aids For German Records

Reading the Records

- German Word List
- Handwriting Tutorial
- Languages
- Latin Word List
- French Word List
- Script
- Fast Days

Record Types



Germanic Genealogy: A Guide to Worldwide Sources and Migration Patterns, 3rd edition

A comprehensive 660-page handbook for Germanic family history researchers written and published by GGS. The book is highly recommended by librarians and researchers. Take advantage of the reduced price for a limited time!

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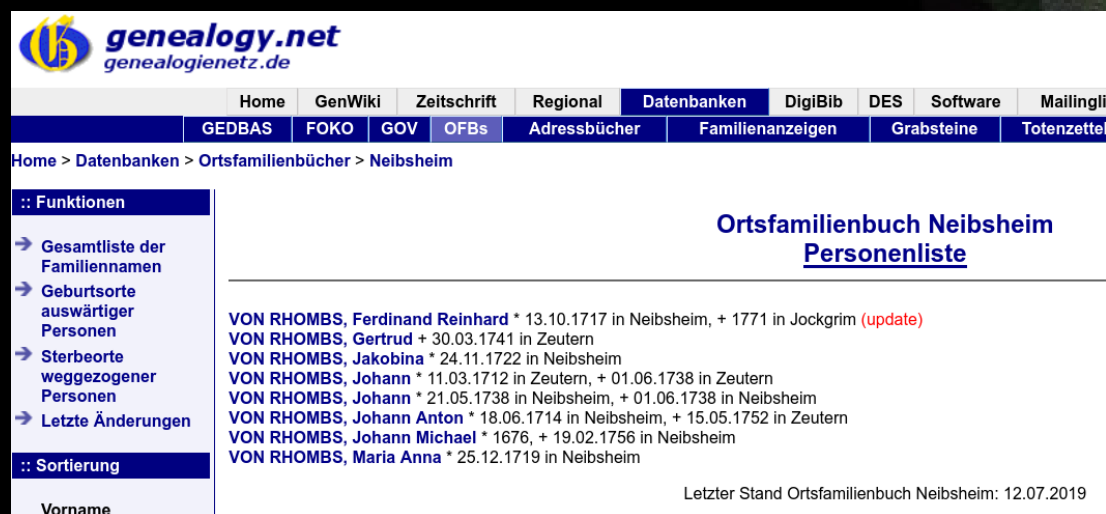


Ortssippenbücher & Gazetteer

- Access on-line [ortssippenbücher/orsfamilienbücher](https://ofb.genealogy.net/) at Genealogy.net (<https://ofb.genealogy.net/>)
- See what others have done at a European genealogy site like <https://en.geneanet.org/> .
- Use the marvelous Meyers Gazetteer to identify locations, including those that may hold records. - <https://www.meyersgaz.org/>

Example - Neibsheim:

<https://ofb.genealogy.net/namelist.php?nachname=Von+Rhombs&ofb=neibsheim&modus=&lang=de>



genealogy.net
genealogienetz.de

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Home > Datenbanken > Ortsfamilienbücher > Neibsheim

Ortsfamilienbuch Neibsheim
Personenliste

VON RHOMBS, Ferdinand Reinhard * 13.10.1717 in Neibsheim, + 1771 in Jockgrim (update)
VON RHOMBS, Gertrud + 30.03.1741 in Zeutern
VON RHOMBS, Jakobina * 24.11.1722 in Neibsheim
VON RHOMBS, Johann * 11.03.1712 in Zeutern, + 01.06.1738 in Zeutern
VON RHOMBS, Johann * 21.05.1738 in Neibsheim, + 01.06.1738 in Neibsheim
VON RHOMBS, Johann Anton * 18.06.1714 in Neibsheim, + 15.05.1752 in Zeutern
VON RHOMBS, Johann Michael * 1676, + 19.02.1756 in Neibsheim
VON RHOMBS, Maria Anna * 25.12.1719 in Neibsheim

Letzter Stand Ortsfamilienbuch Neibsheim: 12.07.2019

Vorname

2223 Gottfried LAY (aus 2222), * Göb. 11.3.1712, ev., Bg. u. Zimmermann, ab 1753 Gerichtsmann/Gerichtsverwandter, † Göb. 20.5.1787, Schlagfluß,
 ⚭I. Göb. 3.4.1736 Christina WOST (aus 3731), * Göb. 25.12.1715, † Göb. 4.9.1743.
 ⚭II. Göb. 26.7.1745 Elisabetha WOST (aus 3731), "seiner gewes Ehefr. leibliche Schwester", * Göb. 16.9.1720, ev., † Göb. 16.12.1787.
 16 Kdr. in Göb. * u. ev. ~ :

- I.
 1. Jacob * 9.2.1737, † Göb. 13.2.1737 -
 2. Anna Maria * 28.4.1738, Zw. (⚭ 2393) -
 3. Barbara * 28.4.1738, Zw. (⚭ 640) -
 4. Georg Adam * 16.12.1739 (V.: † in nordam.), am 4.5.1744 ausgewandert nach Waldoborough/Maine (USA) -
 5. Söhnlein * 26.8.1743, "nach empfangener Nothtaufe gleich balden gestorben: 9 Tg. hernach auch die Mutter" -
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 6. Georg Jacob * 10.5.1746, † Göb. 25.5.1746 -
 7. Catharina * 17.3.1748, Zw., † Göb. 3.4.1748 -
 8. Mädchen † 18.3.1748, Zw. -
 9. Catharina * 5.9.1749, † Göb. 23.9.1749 -
 10. Georg Jacob * 30.11.1750, Pate 25.4.1777, led. (⚭ 2226) -
 11. Katharina * 11.7.1752, † Göb. 9.12.1753 -
 12. Margaretha Barbara * 16.1.1755, † Göb. 12.4.1773 -
 13. Catharina * 20.1.1758, Zw., † Göb. 30.11.1761 -
 14. Margaretha Barbara * 20.1.1758, Zw., † Göb. 28.1.1758 -
 15. Jacobina * 10.9.1759, † Göb. 8.10.1759 -
 16. Jacob Friderich * 3.3.1762, † Göb. 8.3.1762.

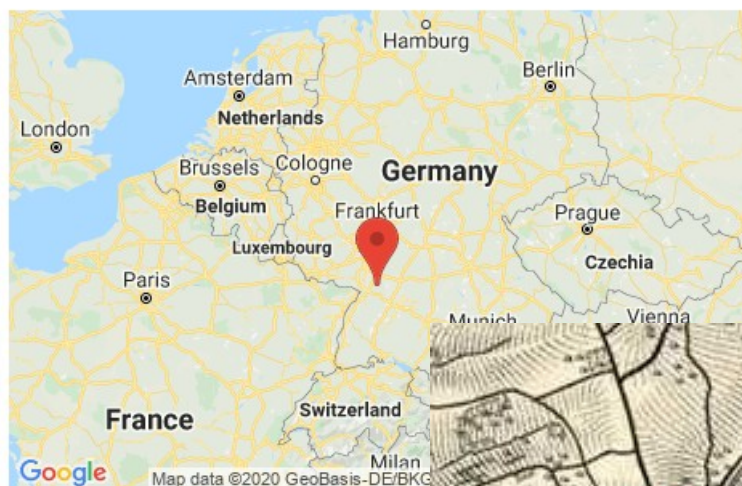
Example Ortssippen buch

excerpt from
Göbrichen
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Gazetteer

Neibsheim, D., Baden, Kr. Karlsruhe, U. UG. Bretten, BKdo. Bruchsal, E 2,5 km Gondelsheim; 1032 G., P, StdU., Steuereinn., Tabakverwiegestelle, kath. Pfk.; SpDrl.; Zichorienbau, Wln., Kalksteinbr.

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Gazetteer (
<https://www.meyersgaz.org/>
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More from Geneanet

Geneanet

Family Tree Search Projects Resources Community

Indexing Week is here! Help us transcribe the NYC Geographic Birth I

Sunday, June 8, 2025 (Name Day: Cain, Caine, Calliope, Jewel)

Search for my ancestors

Search for a person born more than 100 years ago to optimize results

Last name

First name

Spouse

Last Name

First Name

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Your Family Tree

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Johann Georg Rombs

♂ **Johann Michael von Rombs (Roms, Rhombs)**

Sosa : 8,136

(Johann Michael von Rombs (Roms) (Johann Michael Rhombs))

Import a GEDCOM file (from Ancestry.com)

You can benefit from the work of others. You can also contact other researchers in France and Germany.

Geneanet.org:
<https://en.geneanet.org/>

Example:
<https://gw.geneanet.org/xcvbnm?n=von+rombs+roms+rhombs&oc=&p=johann+michael&type=fiche>

Worldcat

- Find other Ortssippenbücher that are not on genealogy.net by using <https://www.worldcat.org/>
- (Librarians tend to be nice, helpful people, and they can help you get copies through inter-library loan.)
- Search based on names of locations
- Look for more than OSB/OFB publications. - You may find local histories as well.

Worldcat Example

Example - Worldcat & Jockgrim:

Use Worldcat.org & figure out how to contact a librarian, in this case at The St. Louis County Library.

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Ortsfamilienbuch Jockgrim : 1684-1909

Author: [Peter Distl](#) (Author, Compiler)

Print Book, German, 2019

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Publisher: Peter Distl, Jockgrim, 2019

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Some Special Libraries

- St. Louis Co. Library (has lots of OSB/OFB books)
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Um1gC9BjN_s
 - <https://www.slcl.org/>
 - <https://www.slcl.org/research-learn/genealogy>
- Allen Co. Public Library - <https://acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy>
- HCLIB (interlibrary loan - <https://mnlk.org/>)
 - Yale - <https://library.yale.edu/>
 - Harvard -
https://hollis.harvard.edu/primo-explore/search?vid=HVD2&sortby=rank&lang=en_US

Neibsheim at FamilySearch

- Kirchenbuch (church book):

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/210808?availability=Family+History+Library>

Film/Digital Notes						
Note	Location	Collection/Shelf	Film	Image	Group Number (DGS)	Format
Taufen 1654-1838	Family History Library	International B1 Floor Film	1052137		8100982	
Taufen 1838-1900	Family History Library	International B1 Floor Film	1052138		8104542	
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Tote 1660-1871	Family History Library	International B1 Floor Film	1052362		8115364	
Tote 1871-1900 Familienbuch 1652-1900	Family History Library	International B1 Floor Film	1052363		7992176	

Joannes Rombs

Principal
Germany, Baden, Archdiocese of
Freiburg im Breisgau, Catholic Church
Records, 1678-1930

Baptism May 1738
Neibsheim, Bretten, Baden, Germany

Parents Joannis Rombs, Margarethae



FamilySearch Centers & Affiliates: <https://www.familysearch.org/centers/locations/>

Other Online Records

- FamilySearch images – images, some indexed
 - Use wiki to locate data by village/parish
https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main_Page
 - Also Bavarian records specifically:
https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Germany,_Bavaria,_Catholic_and_Lutheran_Church_Records_-_Inventory
- Marticula data (map, village name search)
<https://data.matricula-online.eu/en/>



Books in Other Places

- <https://books.google.com/> – search based on location names
- Try foreign commercial sites. In some cases they may ship to the USA.
 - <https://www.amazon.de/>
 - <https://www.amazon.fr/>

Esoteric Skills

- Bas Rhin Archives (French) document (birth of Martin Usselmann); written in German
 - <https://archives.bas-rhin.fr/detail-document/ETAT-CIVIL-C329-P1-R202068#visio/page:ETAT-CIVIL-C329-P1-R202068-2335275>
- Date in French Republican Calendar
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_Republican_calendar
 - Converters:
 - <https://www.napoleon.org/en/history-of-the-two-empires/the-republican-calendar/>
 - <https://www.fourmilab.ch/documents/calendar/>

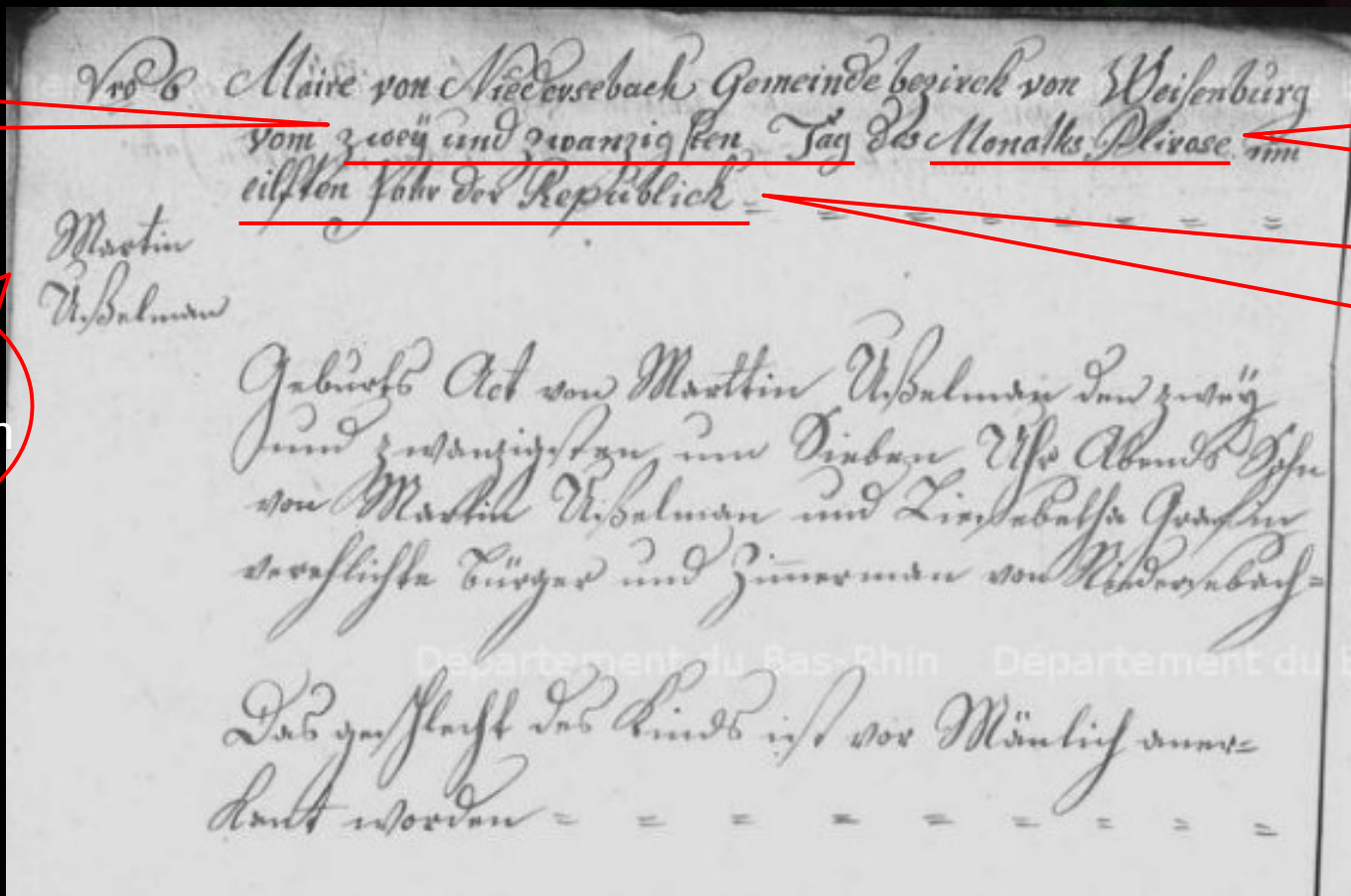
Esoteric Skills Example

Day 22

Month Pluiose

11th year of the Republic

Martin Usselmann



22-Pluiose, 11th year = 11-February-1803 (Gregorian)

Getting help

- The Germanic Genealogy Society of MN (<https://ggsmn.org/>) may help you get started interpreting samples from an ortsfamilienbuch, and they can suggest where in Germany you can write for more information.
- Societies overseas can be helpful by supplying transcriptions of hard to read records.
- Regional & national archives in other countries can be very helpful.
- Use Google translate in your (Firefox) browser to help you navigate and understand.

Examples:

GGs – see <https://ggsmn.org/cpage.php?pt=26> for instructions on how to seek research help.

In addition, **members** can submit a specific research question for one-hour of assistance from volunteers. There is no fee for this assistance. Log-in through **Members** on the website and submit your request to the appropriate Regional Research Contact, or, email the Research mailbox – research@ggsmn.org.

One hour of research assistance is available to **non-members** at a **fee of \$20**. This can be paid through Paypal on our website. See our website **Store**, and choose the item - **Research Time**.

Paper requests for research assistance can be mailed to GGS, PO Box 16312, St. Paul, MN 55116-0312. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Writing to Archives

Bretten Archive -

<https://www.bretten.de/tourismus-kultur-freizeit/stadtarchiv>

Melanchthon Stadt Bretten

Tourismus
Kultur
Freizeit

Familien
Soziales
Bildung

› Stadtarchiv

freitag
MontagsLeser
+Kids-Open-Air

Stadtarchiv

Rathaus Bretten
Untere Kirchgasse 9
Zimmer 104

07252 921 160

stadtarchiv@bretten.de

Eine fabelhafte Schrift hatte zum Beispiel der vierte uns bekannte Lehrer Johann Michael von Rhombs. Wir finden seine Schrift in alten Akten; denn er war gleichzeitig noch Gerichtsschreiber. Daneben waren die Lehrer verpflichtet, "die Orgel zu schlagen". Da die Gemeinde im Jahre 1722 eine Orgel angeschafft hatte, von Rhombs sie aber nicht spielen konnte, so mußte er einen Präzeptor anstellen und diesen mit 12 Gulden bezahlen und selbst verköstigen. Für besondere Dienste in der Kirche, zum Beispiel für Jahrtage, wurde der Lehrer besonders bezahlt. So bekam er jeweils, wenn "das amt an St. Wenelinstag in der Kapelle gesungen" wurde, 30 Kreuzer dafür. Auch erhielt er jährlich einige Bat-

Excerpt from *Das Heimatbuch von Neibsheim*.

From the Bretten Archive . . .

“A wonderful letter has made us familiar with the fourth teacher, Johann Michael von Rhombs. We find his letter in old legal documents, because he was the court clerk at the same time. He was also obliged to “play the organ.” The congregation had purchased an organ in the year 1722; Von Rhombs, however, could not play it, so he had to engage a tutor (preceptor) and pay him 12 gulden and feed him at his own expense. For special services in the church, for example, for anniversaries, the teacher would be specially paid. Thus he would receive 30 kreuzer when a composition was sung in the choir on St. Wenelin's Day. He also received yearly a small coin from the congregation for the erection of the May statue in the church.

Johann Michael von Rhombs was “ludimagister et aeditus ecclesiae” for 47 years, that is, schoolmaster and church assistant. He died February 19, 1756 at about the age of 80. His widow Katharine (born Kritzer) was 100 years old when she died in 1770. A Johann von Rhombs was also engaged as ludimoderator (schoolmaster) in Büchig, married in 1732 to Margaretha Bachmann in Neibsheim. He was evidently the son of the Neibsheim schoolmaster, one of the ancestors of a flourishing generation of teachers. His tutor in the year 1732 was a certain Koch (unmarried) from Franconia.”

Writing to Local Clubs



- Ubstadt-Weiher;
- Zeutern
- <https://heimatverein-ubstadt-weiher.de/zeutern/>

(Get to know the local civil organization. Heimatveren ~ “home club”)

Online Communities

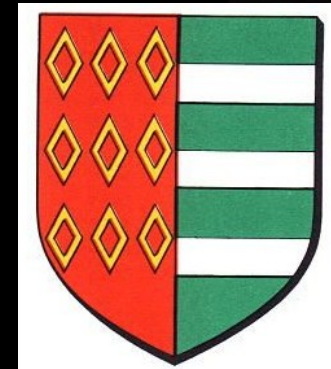
- FamilySearch Communities
<https://community.familysearch.org/en>
- France genealogy group
<https://community.familysearch.org/en/discussion/82884/france-genealogy-group>

Things Cost \$/€

- You may need to pay using something other than a credit card!
- International Bank transfer
- Foreign currency
- Find a financial institution to help and not fleece you.
- I found <https://www.sdfcu.org/> to be much more helpful than the big national banks.

Do Your Work in Smart Ways, Hope for Luck

- Make your own luck by being thorough and analytic.
- Keep good notes/records. Perhaps keep a journal. (tool = <https://www.zim-wiki.org/>)
- Write a description of your work. Publish it and/or distribute it in order to get feedback. (e.g., <https://281connections.us/>)
- Keep expectations low, but hope for more. Ask yourself “what, so what, now what. “ (Be agile.)
- remember the three maxims . . .
 - Be analytic & keep notes
 - Be inventive & agile
 - Seek advice from experts



Share Your Work!

- Write something in an interesting way.
- You won't live forever. Create something that might last if you see value in it.
- Identify a person who might be willing to take over your research.
- You're not going to get rich doing this. Make things accessible to others!
- Example:
https://281connections.us/281connections_Wiki/South_Dakota_Families/Rombs-Kessler/Teachers-RombsFamilies-in-Alsace.pdf

Be Amazed;
Have Some Fun!