

Learning a few things about the world's largest genealogy website

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Home page - <https://www.familysearch.org/en/>

Sign in at the upper right hand corner

Areas to search - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/>

Find all Collections - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list?count=20>

Select a Collection, then narrow by type, place & date

Search by Place - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/location/list>

Select a Place, then narrow by collection, type, & date

FamilySearch Site Map Link - at the bottom of most pages - <https://www.familysearch.org/site-map>

Get Help

Research Wiki - https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main_Page

Family History Centers - <https://www.familysearch.org/centers/locations/>

Research Wiki - https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main_Page

Click on "List of all localities"

Books - <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/>

Open Advanced Search

Images - Choose More Options, <https://www.familysearch.org/records/images/beta>

Global Family Tree - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/tree/name?from=search>

Choose More Options - Submit information that you already know

Find others researching your family

They may have photos or treasures

They may list their email or phone

Use a clues for additional info

Verify what has been contributed

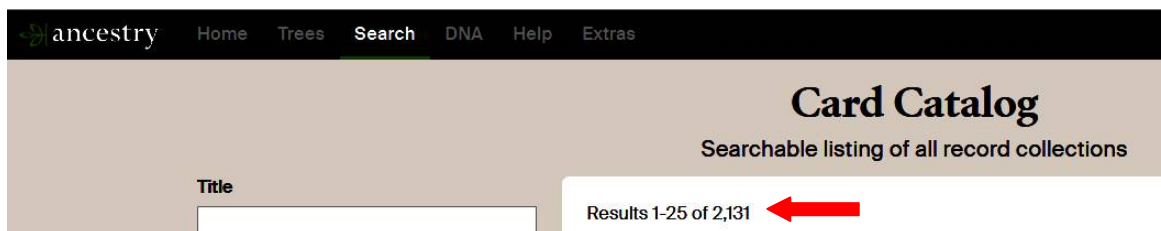
Use ID # as a quick link

Keyword search results for Germany in the catalogs at FamilySearch.org

Search Results for FamilySearch Catalog

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1-20 of 162,709 results 



The screenshot shows the FamilySearch.org website interface. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Home, Trees, Search, DNA, Help, and Extras. Below this is a header section titled "Card Catalog" with the subtitle "Searchable listing of all record collections". A search bar is visible with the word "Title" as a placeholder. To the right of the search bar, it says "Results 1-25 of 2,131". A red arrow points to this result count. Below the search bar, there is a table with at least one column visible, labeled "Title".

Best American Sources for Learning the Town of Origin

This chart suggests the record types most likely to identify an immigrants town of origin in his or her native country. It is only a guide and in any specific case, any of these or other sources may provide the town name.

Codes: A = Excellent

B = Good

C = Possible

<i>Date of Arrival---></i>	<i>Before 1820</i>	<i>1820s-1860s</i>	<i>1860s-1890s</i>	<i>1890s-present</i>
Record Type:				
Family and Home		C	B	A
Manuscript Collections	C		C	B
Biography	C	B	A	
Business				C
Cemeteries			C	C
Census			C	C
Church Records	A	A	A	A
Court Records	B			
Arrival Lists	C	C	B	A
Passports		C	A	A
Border Crossings		C	B	A
Genealogies	A	B	B	A
History	C	C	B	
Land and Property	C			
Naturalization		C	B	A
Newspapers		B	C	
Obituaries		C	A	A
Pensions			C	A
Periodicals	A	B	C	C
Probate Records	C			
Societies	B	C	C	C
Vital Records			C	A
Voting Registers				C