



## List of Webinars offered by Ursula C. Krause, My German Family

### 1. Ten Things to Know Before Starting Research in Germany! (Beginners)

*Would you like to research your German ancestors but don't know how to start research in Germany? Then this presentation is perfect for you! You will learn everything you need to know about German history as well as church and state archives to get you started on the right track from the beginning.*

### 2. Luther, Napoleon and the Kaiser - German History for Genealogists (Beginners)

*Why is what happened in Augsburg on September 25, 1555, one of the most important historical events in German history and of utmost importance to researchers? And why do we need to know about the French emperor Napoleon? Why does it make such a big difference if a birth took place in 1874 or 1876? Find out in this presentation why knowing the most important events in German history can be helpful for your research.*

### 3. The Godparent Thing (Intermediate)

*Your German ancestors constantly moved, and you lost them on the way? Find out how reading and interpreting church records mixed with socio-historical information, historical maps, and regional history can help you find out more about your ancestors and overcome brick walls!*

### 4. Off To America (Beginners)

*Learn about German records by following the life of the German dairy farmer Friedrich Stange who came to America in 1855. I will tell his story, present the records used, tell you how I overcame the brick walls, and finally found the reason why he and his family left their hometown in Brandenburg.*

### 5. Finding Your Ancestor's German Hometown (Beginners/Intermediate)

*You can't find the place your German ancestors came from? This presentation will help you gather information on how to find the place they called home. We will investigate passenger lists and emigration records as well and look at what information their name and their faith can provide.*



## **7. German Civil Records (Beginners)**

*When civil records were introduced in Prussia on 1 October 1874 and in the German Reich on 1 January 1876, there finally was a standardized record where all inhabitants regardless of their nationality or faith were registered. Find out more about the information these records provide, how they changed through the years, and, most importantly, where to find and how to access them.*

## **8. Working with Marginal Notes on German Civil Registers (Advanced)**

*Marriage, death, and birth records often contain marginal notes that provide additional information you would not find otherwise. These notes can provide additional clues about the person and even family members. They definitely are a shortcut in your research that you should not do without! In this presentation, you will learn how to use these marginal notes in your research to gain deeper insights into your ancestor's life story.*

## **9. The Push and Pull of Emigration (Beginners)**

*Between 1820 and 1920, approximately six million Germans left their homeland, with the majority heading to the United States. Let's examine the reasons behind this unprecedented wave of emigration. What motivated ordinary people to leave their homes for an uncertain future? What were they hoping to find at their destinations? Additionally, how did these factors evolve throughout the century?*

## **10. Moving, moving, moving! Migration Patterns within Germany (Intermediate)**

*Despite their reputation for being rooted to their localities, Germans do have a history of migration within their own country, especially after the onset of industrialization in the mid-19th century. In this presentation, we will explore the various patterns of internal migration and offer guidance on how to navigate these movements to aid in your search for ancestors.*

## **11. Labor Related Migration within Europe Germany (Beginners)**

*During the late 19th century, a growing number of people migrated across Europe in search of work opportunities. This movement was driven by various push and pull factors, including the rising demand for factory workers in urban centers and the declining need for rural labor due to agricultural mechanization. Many migrants also originated from*



*economically underdeveloped regions in Eastern Europe, seeking better prospects in the wealthier industrialized areas of the West.*

*This presentation will discuss the typical experiences of migrants as they settled into large urban areas, exploring the challenges they faced and the opportunities they pursued.*

## **12. Finding Your Ancestors in German Directories (Beginners)**

*In Germany, more and more directories are online, some of them even are indexed. This presentation will tell you where to find them, show how to work with them and how to interpret the information typical for German directories.*

## **13. Introduction to Historical Germany - From the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation to the German Reich (Beginners)**

*Did you know that the German Reich was first established in 1871? This presentation will explore what was referred to as "Germany" before that time. I will uncover the rich history of the region from the Holy Roman Empire to the German Confederation, and what it meant for your ancestors.*

## **14. 19<sup>th</sup> Century German History for Genealogists (Beginners)**

*The 19th century was a time of extraordinary transformation. Rapid political, social, and technological change reshaped the German landscape and altered everyday life. Every ordinary German experienced the impact of these revolutions in some way. In this presentation, we will explore the major historical developments of this fascinating era and examine how they affected the lives of our ancestors.*

## **15. Church History – Why You Need to Remember What Happened in 1555 (Beginners)**

*Faith has always played a central role in German history. An understanding of church history is crucial for any researcher. Explore significant historical events, their lasting impact on ordinary people, and how they have shaped society up to the present day.*



## **16. The History of Industrialization (Beginners)**

*The invention of the steam engine revolutionized industry and transportation across Western Europe. This presentation will examine the course of industrialization in German states during the 19<sup>th</sup> century, focusing on the expansion of railways, innovations in textile and steel industries, and the rise of urban industrial centers.*

*Germany's transition from an agrarian society to an industrial powerhouse gave rise to a substantial wage-earning labor class, driving profound social and political changes that shaped the nation by the dawn of the 20th century.*

## **17. Family Law According to the Prussian Civil Code (1794-1899) (Beginners)**

*The Prussian Civil Code (Allgemeines Landrecht für die Preußischen Staaten) regulates marriage, the rights and duties of the spouses, the distribution of property in marriage, divorce, and the relationship of parents to their legitimate and illegitimate children.*

*This family code not only explains the strict morals and hierarchical system of Prussia, but it also clarifies entries in many church and civil records and facilitates further research. Above all, however, it paints a picture of the lives of our ancestors and also gives an idea of many Prussians leaving their homeland not only for economic reasons but also to escape these restrictions.*

## **18. Locating Church Records for Genealogical Research (Beginners)**

*Researching church records is essential for genealogical research. But how do you find them? In this presentation, we will explore the structure of the modern Protestant and Catholic churches, which is necessary to locate the correct church archive. We will then look at the leading resources for online research in these church records.*

## **19. Combining FamilySearch, Ancestry, Archion and Matricula – Make the Best of All the Databases! (Beginners/Intermediate)**

*In this presentation, we'll explore how to effectively combine FamilySearch, Ancestry, Archion, and Matricula to maximize your research success. You'll learn strategies for integrating these diverse databases, leveraging their unique strengths to uncover a more comprehensive and detailed family history. By the end, you'll be equipped with the skills to seamlessly navigate and utilize these resources for the best possible genealogical outcomes.*



## Bio

**Ursula C. Krause** is a highly respected German genealogist known for both her research skills and her engaging presentation style. With over 15 years of experience, she specializes in German family history across the centuries, with a particular focus on the often-challenging 20th century.

After working for several years as a Senior Genealogist with *AncestryProGenealogists*, Ursula founded *My German Family* in 2023 to offer expert-level research and education to an international audience. Her background in law adds depth to her work, especially in complex cases involving privacy laws, emigration, and modern-era research.

Ursula's research has been featured on internationally acclaimed programs such as *Finding Your Roots*, *Who Do You Think You Are*, and *Every Family Has a Secret*, as well as the award-winning documentary *The Upside Down Book*. In Germany, she is regularly interviewed on national television and in the press.

A dynamic and in-demand speaker, Ursula has presented for *Legacy Family Tree Webinars*, *German Genealogy Headquarters*, *RootsTech*, and the *International German Genealogy Partnership Conference*. Her clear, insightful, and often entertaining presentations have attracted more than **8,000 viewers and attendees** worldwide.

## Testimonials

*"Excellent webinar - easy to listen to her voice, loved to be able to hear the correct German pronunciation as well. Fabulous handout. She provided excellent organized information in the handout as well, with links. Superb."*

*"Fantastic webinar. Ursula was so knowledgeable and so enthusiastic about providing the information needed to break down stonewalls. Please invite her back again."*

*"Outstanding presentation and syllabus! Best I have ever seen done on the subject!"*

*„This was a beautifully presented lecture, very encouraging for beginners. I had already taken similar lectures from other researchers and took Ursula's lecture as a refresher on the topic. I'm very glad I did because she gave links to resources in the handout that I was not aware of. I'd be very happy to take more classes from her -- she's a wonderful presenter."*



*„Really great to have an extremely knowledgeable speaker from Germany giving the talk about research in Germany. She was very well rehearsed and the handout is magnificent!“*

*“Excellent and very interesting!! The hour just flew by!”*

*„Wunderbar!!!“*

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