

Niedersachsen/Bremen/Hamburg/Ostfriesland Resources

Introduction to Lower Saxony, Bremen & Hamburg

Wikipedia states in regard to the regions of this modern German *Bundesland*: “Lower Saxony has clear regional divisions that manifest themselves both geographically as well as historically and culturally. In the regions that used to be independent, especially the heartlands of the former states of Brunswick, Hanover, Oldenburg and Schaumburg-Lippe, there is a marked local regional awareness. By contrast, the areas surrounding the Hanseatic cities of Bremen and Hamburg are much more oriented towards those centres.”

A number of the Map Guides to German Parish Registers will need to be used to find your town if you are studying this region, among them numbers 4 (Oldenburg), 10 (Hessen-Nassau), 27 (Brunswick), 30-32 (Hannover), 39 (Westphalia & Schaumburg-Lippe)

Online (a sampling)

Niedersächsische Landesarchiv — <http://aidaonline.niedersachsen.de>

Oldenburg emigrants — <http://www.auswanderer-oldenburg.de>

Ahnenforschung.org “Regional Research” — <http://forum.genealogy.net>

Hamburg Gen. Soc. — <http://www.genealogy.net/vereine/GGHH/>

Osnabrück Genealogical Society (German) — <http://www.osfa.de>

Bremen’s “Mouse” Gen. Soc. (German) — <http://www.die-maus-bremen.de/index.php>

Mailing Lists (for all German regions, plus German-speaking areas in Europe)

-- <http://list.genealogy.net/mm/listinfo/>

Periodicals

IGS/German-American Genealogy:

“Niedersachsen Research,” by Eliz. Sharp (1990)

“Niedersächsische Auswanderer in den U.S.A.” (Spr’98)

“Researching Church Records of the Province of Hanover” (Spr’99)

Zeitschrift des historischen Vereins für Niedersachsen (issues of 1915 & 1920)

Zeitschrift für Niederdeutsche Familienkunde (various issues, 1970-1986)

Niedersächsischer Landsverein für Familienkunde Hannover (various, 1974-1986)

Norddeutsche Familienkunde (various issues, 1954 to 1989)

Der Heimatfreund (various issues, 1974-1976)

Hannoversche Geschichtsblätter (issues of 1952, 1955 & 1980)

Sollinger Heimatblätter (various issues, 1985-1999)

Heimatkalender für die Lüneburger Heide (1962-65, 1967-71 & 1973)

plus misc. German publications from ‘80s & ‘90s

Microfilms for Schaumburg-Lippe [see note, Spring 2007 issue of German-Am. Gen.]

Books

Archival reference

Bremen museum guide (in German, 1991)

Publications of the Lower Saxony archival administration:

general guide (German, 1978) & oversight of Wolfenbüttel branch (German, 1977),
with a partial inventory for Wolfenbüttel (1978)

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The Göttingen state archive (German, 1969)

Sources for family/estate res. in the Hannover, Osnabrück & Aurich archives (German)

Atlases

ADAC city and community atlas for Osnabrück (1:20 000)

Hanover Place Name Indexes, by Roger Minert (English)

Handbook of historical places of Germany: Lower Saxony & Bremen (German, 1958)

Historical place index of the Brunswick region, 3 volumes (German, 1968)

Our Lower Saxony place names (German, 1957)

The meaning of place names from the Hameln-Pyrmont district (German, 1929)

Historical community index for the Oldenburg region, 1814-1980 (German, 1981)

Maps of Kreise Schaumburg-Lippe & Grafschaft Schaumburg

Maps — The development of the old Ärzten & Hameln-Pyrmont districts (German, 1969)

Hannover province: 1905 census summary tables for Regierungsbezirk Hannover

Geological maps of Lower Saxony: Nr. 3521 Rehburg, w/ commentary (German, 1979)

Bibliography — Personal history sources & literature to 1874 in Hannover's capital

Biography — Hinrich Rogge (1929-1875), an Oldenburg minister (German, 1973)

Censuses

Schaumburg-Lippe Directory for the City & County of Stadthagen (German, 1937)

Register of the district court judge of Ilten, 1492-1752 (German, 1970)

Ammerlandish house marks, by the Bad Zwischenahn preservation society (German)

Churches

Church books of the Lutheran state church of Hanover (German, 1960)

typed list of church records for Lower Saxony, by city (no source indicated)

Inventory of the ecclesiastical archive of Lower Saxony, 2 vols. (German, 1957)

Church & Civil Vital Records in Wolfenbüttel State Archive & Brunswick (German, 1939)

Catholic Parish Church Records in the Diocese of Hildesheim (German, 1938)

Directory of Lutheran pastors for the Hannover state church (German, 1972)

On the church history of Göttingen (German, 1929)

Old churches of Göttingen (German, 1953)

Families in Probsthagen (incl. Vornhagen & Habichhorst), 1600-1870 (English)

The funeral sermons of the Brunswick municipal archive (German, 1981)

Beautiful churches in Lower Saxony — a tourist souvenir book (German, 1979)

Marktkirche zum Heiligen Geist [Clausthal], 1642-1992 (German)

700 Jahre St. Michaeliskirche zu Gross Munzel (German, 1954)

Ev.-luth. Kirchengemeinde Wardenburg (German, 1982)

Kirchenlandschaft Harz — various town churches (German, 1993)

Rudiments of pastoral history (in Germany) — a bibliography (German, no date)

plus other items re: Bursfelde, Hatten, Lippoldsberg, Möllenbeck, & the Salzburgers

Emigration

Emigrant Lists from the Former Duchy of Brunswick (ex. Brwk. City & Holzminden)

Emigrants to North America from Bad Lär in Osnabrück

Emigrants from Füchtorf

Emigration & Emigrants from the Former Lingen Districts to North America

Emigrants from Schaumburg, 1820-1914

List of Emigrants from Venne Parish in Hanover to the U.S. after 1830

Overseas Germans from the Weser/Elbe Area

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The First Hamburg Emigrants in California's Gold Lands (with index) (German, 1969)
Emigration from the Osnabrück Region to North America in the 19th c. (bilingual)
Hamburg as an Emigration City (bilingual)
Expulsion of 1733 Salzburgers & Berchtesgardeners & Acceptance in Electoral Hanover
Reproduction of emigrant guide published at Rudolstadt in 1847
Heraldry—two general pamphlets & a guide to coats of arms for Goslar

History

A History of Brunswick...through 1900 (English, 1999)
Brunswick Yearbook 1972 (German)
Landkreis Hannover (re: the countryside surrounding the city) (German, 1981)
Short History of Oldenburg (German, 1965)
Historical Sites in Oldenburg (German, 1984)
On the History of Medicine and Pharmacy in Schaumburg-Lippe (German, 1979)
Germany & Western Territory (Rhineland Region into Low Countries) (German, 1943)
Guide to the Lower Saxony border region (with the DDR) (German, 1980)
Old Farmhouses between the Weser and the Ems (German, 1979)
Harz Journal 1970/71 (German)
Old Folk Almanac of Hanover (German, 1996)

Histories—Towns & Districts

Ammensen, Auetel, Brake, Bremen, Calenberg, Delliehausen, Dinkelhausen, Goslar, Göttingen (2), Großenkneten, Hadeln, Hagenburg, Hahnenklee, Hamburg (8), Holm-Seppensen (2), Hunzen, Kirchhatten, Klein Heidorn, Lippoldsberg, Lüneburg (2), Lüneburger Heide (2), Mandelsloh, Nienover, Northeim (2), Ovelgönne, Rehren, Riepen, Sachsenhagen, Solling, Stadthagen (2), Uslar (9), Vechelade, Wendthagen (& Ehlen), Wildeshausen (2), Wilhelmsburg (2), Wunstorf

How-to—“Atlantic Bridge to Germany,” volumes V (Hamburg/Bremen) and VII (NSA) and World Conf. on Records guides to the area

Indexes

Person and Place Indexes for the Brunswicker Magazine, 1895-1910 (German, 3 parts)
Weser-Ems League of Farmers Index (from 1976 issues of “Genealogie” magazine)
Name Index to the 1st volume of Oldenburgischen Familienkunde, 1959-1963

Marriages — Jürgen Ritter's Calenberger Land registers, Jens Th. Kaufmann's Celler Land registers, and Franz Schubert's registers for Brunswick, Northern Lower Saxony, Southern Lower Saxony (the latter with town index).

Military

Military Hist. Holdings of Hanover State Archive and Gen. Research (German, 1951)
Finding Aid for the Records of the Holy Roman Empire Supreme Ct. to 1806 (German)

Names

Name Book of Hanover (by Hoffmann von Fallersleben) (German, 1852)
Family Names in Ostfalen, (selected names only, but with full intro) (German, 1968)
Genealogy of the Former Dannenberg & Hitzacker Districts (German, 1938 & 1940)
Genealogy of the Former Lüne District (German, 1935)

Nobility—Knightly Registers of the Kingdom of Hanover & Duchy of Brunswick (1974)

Taxes—Earldoms of Oldenburg & Delmenhorst in Tax Assessment of 1744 (German)

Travel

Lower Saxony (German, 1956)

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Between the Elbe and the Weser (German, 1982)

Weser Countryside (German, 1981)

plus pamphlets & books on: Celle, Dinklage, Hamburg (2), Northeim, Stade, Uslar,
& the Weser hill country (2)

Ortssippenbücher (those with an asterisk * are early records only filed as OSB's!)

Brunswick —

* "Die Leichenpredigten des Stadtarchivs Braunschweig" (9 volumes of 10)

* "Die Kopfsteuerbeschreibung der Fürst. Calenberg-Göttingen u. Grubenhagen" (11 v.)

Kreis Braunschweig

Wedtlenstedt

Kreis Holzminden

Kirchbra(a)k (etc.)

Hamburg

Bergedorf

Bergedorf

Hanover

RB Hannover

[West of Hannover]

* "Amtes Blumenau"

[W & SW of Hannover]

* "Amtes Calenberg"

* "Die Kopfsteuerbeschreibung der Fürst. Calenberg-Göttingen u. Grubenhagen" (11 v.)

LK/StadtKr. Hannover

Hannover (8 vol.)

* Langenhagen

Kreis Hameln

Dehmkerbrock

Dehrenberg

LK/StadtKr. Linden

Bredenbeck/Deister

& Evestorf, Holtensen

Kreis Neustadt am Rüb.

* Neustadt

RB Hildesheim

* "Die Kopfsteuerbeschreibung der Fürst. Calenberg-Göttingen u. Grubenhagen" (11 v.)

LK/StadtKr. Göttingen

Gladebeck

Göttingen (6 vol.)

LK/StadtKr. Hildesheim

Hildesheim (4 vol.)

Kreis Marienburg

Gustedt

Kr. Osterode am Harz

Osterode am Harz

Kreis Uslar

Fürstenhagen

RB Lüneburg

LK/StadtKr. Celle

Hambühren

LK/StadtKr. Harburg

Neu Wulmstorf

RB Stade

Kreis Geestemünde

Stotel

Kreis Kehdingen

Krautsand

Kreis Lehe

Debstedt

Flögeln

Misselwarden

Kreis Stade

Mulsum

Hesse-Nassau

Kreis Grafschaft Schaumburg

Apelern

Hattendorf

Hohnhorst (4 vol.)

Nenndorf

Oldenburg

AG Brake

* Schwei

AG Cloppenburg

Essen (etc.)

AG Delmenhorst

Heiligenloh

AG Oldenburg

* Oldenburg

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Schaumburg-Lippe		AG Bückeberg AG Stadthagen	Bückeberg Heuerssen Lauenhagen Lindhorst Probsthagen (2) Stadthagen (2) Bergkirchen
Westphalia	RB Minden	Kreis Minden	

Vertical Files for Niedersachsen, Bremen & Hamburg

There are too many items to mention all, but see in particular:

- “Der Landkreis Holzminden” (German, 1951)
- “Emigrants from Duderstadt, Germany, to North America, 1863-1897 (TAG)
- Niedersachsen families from Bremer & Butler Counties in Iowa
- Ken Craft’s notes on Schönhagen, near Uslar
- Dr. & Mrs. J.S. Poetker’s notes on immigrants from Grönenberg/Melle
- city guide for Hamburg-Altona-Wandsbek (German)
- Elisabeth Meiger’s article on Bremen in German Gen. Digest for Fall 1999
- pamphlet on “Old Hamburg Emigration Trails (bilingual)
- index to Hannover family names found in Deutsches Geschlechterbücher
- Palatine Immigrant article on early emigration from Landdrostei, Osnabrück

Introduction to East Frisia

The Map Guide to German Parish Registers that is needed for Ostfriesland is Vol. 32, for Regierungsbezirk Aurich covering:

Aurich, Emden, Leer, Norden, Weener and Wittmund.

Online (a sampling)

- Ostfriesen Genealogical Society of America — <http://www.ogsa.us>
- Ostfriesland Ancestors — <http://www.alaska.net/~dsewell/>
- Ortssippenbücher list of Tazewell County, IL society — <http://www.tcghs.org/OSB.htm>
- Ostfriesland on Genealogie-Forum — <http://www.genealogie-forum.de/ostfrld/index.htm>
- Ostfriesische Landschaft Aurich — <http://www.ostfriesischelandschaft.de>
- Upstalsboom-Gesellschaft — <http://www.genealogy.net/vereine/UG/index.html>
- Ostfriesland DNA Project — <http://www.worldfamilies.net/geo/ostfriesland>

Books

- Atlas — East Frisian Plant and Animal Life (German)
- Census — The Book of Freeman from Faldern, near Emden (German)
- Directory — Members of the East Frisian Soc. for Gen. & Heraldry in the Aurich region
- Emigration
 - “The East Frisians in America” [regarding German Valley, Illinois]
 - “East Frisian Roots” [extractions from a Breda, Iowa newspaper]
- Histories
 - Jewels of Cultural History (German)
 - East Frisian Calendar 1986 (German)
- Names — book on Early Call-Names & a guide to surnames in 5 Ostfriesen DGBs

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Periodicals

- “Quellen und Forschungen zur Ostfriesischen Familien- und Wappen-Kunde”:
bound 1977 & 1978 issues, and loose issues for 1973 & 1976 to 1985
Ahnenlisten for 3.-8. Bande (1974-1985)
- “Frisian Roundtable for Preservation of the Frisian Legacy,” 1984-1986
- “The Windmill: Ostfriesen Family History” Spring’93-Winter’94 + Fall/Winter’95
- newsletter & pedigree charts, Ostfriesian Gen. Soc. [George, Iowa], 1988-90

Publications — book on East Frisian sources for the Aurich region (German)

Taxes — tax lists for 1639 and 1710, various locations

Ortssippenbücher (Regierungsbezirk Aurich)

Kreis Aurich	Aurich-Oldendorf Barstede Engerhufe Ochtelbur Strackholt
Land- u. Stadtkreis Emden	Canhusen (Kanhusen) Canum (Kanum) Freepsum Groß Midlum Larrelt Logumer Vorwerk & Nesserland Loppersum Wirdum Woltzeten Wybelsum
Kreis Leer	Ba(c)kemoor Breinermoor Filsum Hesel Leerort Loga Logabirum Potshausen Steenfelde
Kreis Norden	Westerende
Kreis Weener	Ditzumerverlaat
Kreis Wittmund	Leerhufe Reepsholt (3 volumes) Werdum (2 volumes)

Vertical Files for Ostfriesland

See in particular:

- general article on the region (English)
- Genealogical Helper and Heritage Quest articles on research in Ostfriesland
- names of towns in Ostfriesland, 1964/72 and 1980 (Postleitzahl comparison)