

German Research: Family Books in Württemberg

Germany “How to” Guide, Intermediate Level: Answer Key

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1. Locate the family book record for Catholic residents of the town of Laimnau.

<p>Where is the Catholic parish for the town of Laimnau located?</p> <p>Hint: Use www.Meyersgaz.org</p>	<p>Laimnau.</p>
<p>How many collections containing family books are there in this parish on FamilySearch?</p>	<p>Two.</p> <p>Note: In the FamilySearch Catalog, type “Laimnau” in the Place search box and select the correct location from the dropdown box. Select “Church records” and click on the collection name, “Kirchenbuch, 1627-1900.”</p>
<p>Pick the first <i>Familienregister</i> collection. Scrolling through the images, on what image does the first family book start?</p> <p>Hint: Look for book covers. There are three family books in this collection.</p>	<p>Image 115.</p>
<p>In which of the three family books is Martin Köberle’s name found in the index, and on which image number?</p> <p>Hint: Each of the three family books in this collection have a surname index.</p>	<p>The second family book. Image number 356.</p> <p>Note: Martin Köberle’s name is fifth from the bottom. Next to his name is his occupation, Bäker [Bäcker], “baker.”</p>
<p>What page number and what image number is Martin Köberle’s family book record on?</p>	<p>Page number 37b. Image number 410.</p> <p>Note: The page number is from the index.</p>

2. Locate the family book for the Protestant parish of Dürnau in Göppingen, Württemberg.

<p>Which microfilm number is the family book for this town’s Protestant parish found on?</p>	<p>1056864.</p>
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<p>Where on this microfilm is the family book index located, relative to other records on the same microfilm?</p>	<p>Last.</p> <p>The family book is preceded by baptism, marriage, confirmation, and death records and is followed by the family book index.</p>
<p>Locate Johannes Boezel's family book record. What was his mother's name?</p> <p>Hint: Johannes Boezel is on image 1440 of the index. But the index is confusing and the records in this book are listed alphabetically by husband's surname, so it may be easier to browse through the records.</p>	<p>Eva Rosine Braun. (See p. 130 [image 1101].)</p>
<p>According to his family record, how many children did Matthäus Vetter have?</p> <p>Hint: Matthäus Vetter is on image 1443 of the index. He is listed as Vetter, Zimmerm[ann]. (i.e., his occupation, "carpenter," is listed instead of his first name).</p>	<p>Eight: three with his first wife and five with his second wife. (See p. 806 [image 1379].)</p> <p>An additional child at the bottom of his family record is listed as "deren Spurius," meaning either "her illegitimate son" or "their illegitimate son" ("spuria" would be female). The symbol acting as an asterisk in front of the child's name is the same as the symbol after the first wife's name, Elisabetha; thus, it is her illegitimate child, and not Matthäus's.</p> <p>Sometimes illegitimate children listed are not offspring of the housefather or housemother (or both), but of one of their children, so the location of the asterisk is important to note.</p>
<p>According to his family record, how many of Johann Ferdinand Hausch's children died before the age of 5?</p>	<p>Five (out of six):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) "ein gähgetauftes Mädgl[ein]" (an infant girl who received an emergency baptism), (2) Magdalena, (3) "ein todtgeb[orenes] Knäblein" (an infant male, stillborn; note that "stillborn" in many countries includes children who died shortly after birth), (4) Maria Barbara, and (5) Johann Georg. <p>Johannes Ferdinand is the only child who survived to adulthood (his confirmation date is listed, and his marriage has a page reference). (See p. 329 [image 1166].)</p>

<p>According to his family record, how many children did Georg Friderich Kaiser have, and what are their names?</p>	<p>Seven: Marx, Andreas, Angelica, Anonymus, Georg Friderich, Johann Ulrich, and Maria Juditha. (See p. 426 [image 1212].)</p> <p>Note: "Anonymus" indicates a male child who was not given a name, having died before or soon after birth. ("Anonyma" would indicate a female child who died.)</p>
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3. Locate the Protestant parish of Fachsenfeld (family books are on microfilm 1346036, Items 1–5).

<p>How many months elapsed between the death of Gottlieb Ernst Stiefel's first wife and his marriage to his second wife? How many months were between his second wife's death and his marriage to his third wife?</p>	<p>Eight months and seven months, respectively.</p> <p>Catharina died in May 1811, and Gottlieb Ernst married Susanna in January 1812. Susanna died in September 1822, and he married Eva Margretha in April 1823. (See p. 174 [image 295].)</p> <p>People generally remarried quickly for familial or financial security.</p>
<p>What are the names of Melchior Ulmer's parents?</p> <p>Hint: See image 316.</p>	<p>Matthäus Ulmer and Maria Ulmer.</p> <p>Two ways to locate this information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Look at the family book record on p. 193 (the page number is listed where Melchior's parents' names ought to be written). 2) Look up Melchior's baptism record (his birth date is in his family record, and since no place is listed, he was likely born in the same parish). Search or browse the parish collection containing the correct year; his birth record is on image 699.
<p>Christian Bernhard Weidmann is on index image 564. What image is his record on?</p>	<p>Image 500 (page 370).</p>

4. Look at the [birth record of M. Agatha Majer](#) (born on 20 June 1861) in the Catholic parish of Fulgenstadt.

On what microfilm is her mother found on a family book record?	1046971.
What page number of what volume is her mother, Josepha Majer, listed as a child in a family book record? Hint: Volume B starts on image 409 of the same microfilm and ends on image 571.	Page 80 of volume B. (See the far right of the birth record.) Note: In the index for surnames with the initial letter M (image 418), Josepha Majer is not listed; only male names are indexed. Josepha's father is listed, however, under the name Josef Meyer (a variant of Majer).
On what image is Josef Meyer's family book record (on which both Josepha and her illegitimate daughter M. Agatha are listed)?	Image number 503 (page 80).
When was Josepha Majer (the mother of M. Agatha Majer) born?	9 January 1836. Note: Josepha is child number 4 in the second marriage. Next to her name is a double #. The same symbol is on the previous page (still image 503); it is followed by 3 children (Josepha's illegitimate children), the third of which is M. Agatha born in 1861.

5. Locate the Protestant parish of Ravensburg in Württemberg.

Which microfilms (and item numbers) are this parish's family books found on?	1195640; 1195641, Items 1–4 (item 1, called Band 1 in this collection, starts on image 884). Searching the catalog for microfilm 1195641 shows that Items 1–4 contain records for Ravensburg parish, Item 5 for Alttann, and Item 6 for Atzenweiler—so there are records after the Ravensburg family books.
What is the name of the couple in the seventh family record on microfilm 1195641, and how many children do they have?	Georg Julius Spohn and Auguste Wilhelmine Heiß; eight. (See p. 205 [image 14].) Note that these are two-page family records.