

The German-American Genealogical Partnership (GAGP) Questionnaire
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Organizing your research and planning your next steps. Use a separate page (or more) for each surname/family you are researching on.

A. The cascade of information you already have

- 1) what is the specific individual you are researching?
- 2) are you also researching a family or a group of individuals (father, mother, children, relatives)?
- 3) what genealogical data do you have on the individual/s you are researching?
- 4) do you have any information on religion, any hint of professions etc.?
- 5) do you have any information on the ancestral birth place/last residence/place of origin ?
- 6) do you have any (unproven) additional information (rumors, myths)?
- 7) did you find different spellings of the surname (for researched family)?

B. The cascade of questions that need to be asked before you can get further

- 1) what did you already research, how far did you go in your research (be as detailed as possible)?
 - a) what resources did you check?
 - b) what databases did you search, like FamilySearch, Ancestry or any internet research?
 - c) what genealogical literature in the U.S. or Germany?
 - d) what directories or encyclopedias etc.?
 - e) did you limit your research to a specific place or region?
 - f) did you find the researched surname in regions close to the searched place?
 - g) did you find the researched surname elsewhere?
- 2) have you asked for help before?
 - a) is this the first time you asked for help? if not, what was the result?
 - b) have you already contacted societies in U.S, Germany or elsewhere?
 - c) have you ever contacted a professional genealogist?
 - d) what was the result of all of this (be as detailed as possible)?

By completing this GAGP Questionnaire you take the first step towards a structured approach about what you already know in contrast to what you do not know or might suppose.

Your preparation and responses will help when you reach out to the societies and organizations involved in the GAGP for assistance.