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**Verein für
Computergenealogie**

Who we are

On October 26, 1989, the “Verein zur Förderung EDV-gestützter familienkundlicher Forschungen” (Society for the Promotion of Computer-Assisted Genealogical Research), was founded in Dortmund, Germany as a nationally active, non-profit genealogical society. Ten years later, in 1999, many members of the independent "genealogy.net Team" joined the society, leading to its involvement in a variety of Internet-based research projects. It was from these beginnings that today's "Verein für Computergenealogie e. V.“ (Computer Genealogy Society) was born. With more than 4,000 members, we are the largest registered genealogical society in Germany. The purpose of our society is to: "Promote scholarship and research in genealogy and family history, including the related fields of heraldry, sigillography, and onomastics.”

What we do

- Publish scholarly journals, sponsor events, and coordinate IT-supported research projects
- Index, transcribe, and publish genealogical records
- Offer mutual support to members doing family history research
- Establish and maintain scientific bodies for IT-based collection of genealogical records
- Collaborate and partner with other societies and institutions having the same objectives, in particular provide expert advice to societies and work-groups for their IT-based projects
- Support online communication among members, provide an Internet platform for members to publish their own research findings, as well as the society's collected genealogical records, and enable the online exchange of genealogy research ideas and information

As our name implies, we focus mainly on the use of the latest IT methods to support family history researchers in collecting, processing and publishing their research findings. We operate multiple Internet servers on which genealogists will find both data rich content and, most importantly, interesting research projects in which to participate. Direct access to all services and projects is available over our website.

Our Magazines

Computergenealogie

Our society has published the 36-page journal “Computergenealogie” since 2001. Each quarterly issue covers current topics of interest to family historians and genealogists, with particular focus on the Internet and computer-specific projects. In addition, each issue features in-depth reporting on a topic of special interest (e.g. emigration, DNA-genealogy, digital image processing, etc.).



Familienforschung

(Family History Research)

Genealogy made easy - Computer Genealogy for everyone - that's what our magazine “Familienforschung” offers. Published every 3 years, this 200-page magazine offers comprehensive information about family history research. Content is suited for the beginner and advanced researcher alike, and the pages are packed full of practical “how-to” research tips. A CD with free trial versions of genealogy software, tools and pedigree templates is also included with each issue.



Member Benefits include:

- Access to the society's members-only mailing list
- The opportunity to participate in interesting research projects
- Quarterly 36-page “Computergenealogie” journal
- “Familienforschung” magazine



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We run these German genealogy websites
www.genealogienetz.de - www.genealogy.net

Our Projects

The main activity of the Verein für Computergenealogie e. V. is making available and providing support for a variety of online genealogy projects.

GenWiki (wiki-de.genealogy.net)

The genealogical Wiki is an encyclopedia by genealogists, for genealogists. GenWiki now has more than 140,000 pages of genealogical knowledge and is based on the principle of give-and-take.

Over time, genealogists develop highly specialized and specific knowledge about their field of research. GenWiki depends on the willingness of its authors to share their knowledge with others in the genealogy community in a simple manner. By collaborating and sharing knowledge, everyone benefits.

Historic city directories (adressbuecher.genealogy.net)

Historical city address books, directories, and citizen lists are important sources for historians pursuing many fields of research, as well as for family historians. That's why the Verein für Computergenealogie aims to collect as many address books as possible and make them searchable for genealogists. The extracted information is compiled and can be queried in the Address Book Database within GenWiki.

Tombstones (grabsteine.genealogy.net)

From a cultural and historical point of view, the collection of tombstone images is quite significant; documentation makes it possible to view and compare changes in the style of grave stone monuments over time. Today's tombstones are much simpler in design than in the past, often bearing only the deceased's surname and no additional personal data.

This project archives and preserves part of today's funeral culture for future generations. The tombstone project is a recognized resource not only among genealogists, local historians, and lineage book authors - but is also often used by surviving family members from far and wide.

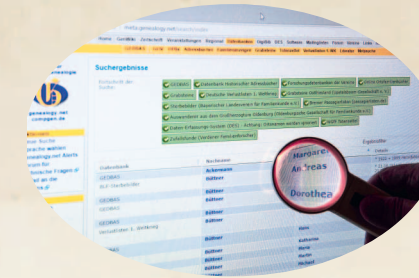
Metasearch (meta.genealogy.net)

The genealogy.net Metasearch feature enables users to search for data in several databases at once. Metasearch is the central starting point for searching both the databases on genealogy.net and several externally connected databases.



Forum and Mailing lists
forum.genealogy.net list.genealogy.net

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DES-Data-Entry-System
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Historical geo information system
gov.genealogy.net

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Local Heritage Books
ofb.genealogy.net

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DES - Data-Entry System (des.genealogy.net)

The DES data-entry system strengthens the society's commitment to the principles of providing free access to records and collaboration through crowdsourcing. DES makes it possible to index digital records and make them available to the public in a searchable online database. So far, volunteers have used DES to index more than 10 million records. Participation is very easy and requires no previous knowledge or special software.

GEDBAS (gedbas.genealogy.net)

Family historians can submit their research as a GEDCOM file to the Internet database GEDBAS. The purpose of GEDBAS is both to facilitate contact between researchers and to provide backup and storage for research findings. Currently, more than 13.2 million records can be searched in GEDBAS.

GOV - Historical geo information system (gov.genealogy.net)

Unique place identification is an essential tool for genealogists. The GOV project was created to make managing location data easier and to provide high quality place information for everyone. Especially important for family historians is the GOV's data about the geographical location of a place, key properties such as the postal code, previous or other names, and past administrative, legal, and religious affiliations. Among other things, the GOV contains information about churches, parishes, towns, counties, and regions.

Local Heritage Books (ofb.genealogy.net)

More than 500 fully searchable village lineage books are already available in the society's online database. Free server space is available to authors of village lineage books. Because the Internet database can be queried (but not downloaded), the author's life's work is available to a wider audience and receives more recognition.

Digital Library (digibib.genealogy.net)

The Digital Library (known as DigiBib) collects and digitizes relevant genealogy and local history books that are out of copyright. This makes these often difficult to find resources available to a large circle of readers free of charge and ad-free. Digital text indexing also enables full-text searching within these books.