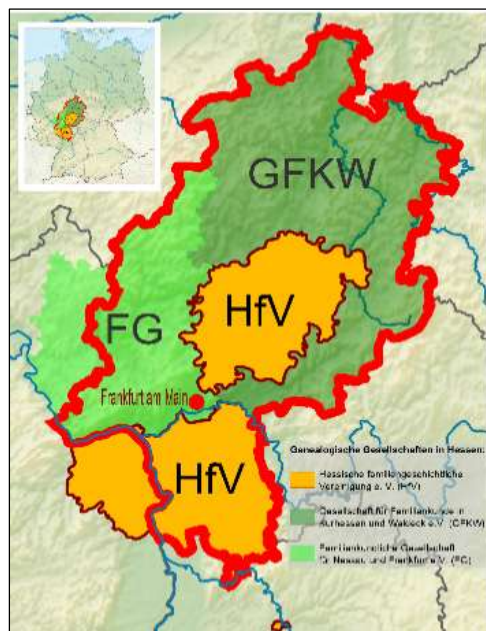


„Those who know the present can recognize the past. Those who recognize the past can see the future.”

from ‘Spring and Autumn’ of *Lü Buwei (chinese merchant, politician and philosopher)*

Our society set oneself to support the family research in the provinces **Oberhessen**, **Rheinhessen** and **Starkenburg** of the former Grand Duchy Hesse and the later People’s State of Hesse.



The groups in the districts and the regulars’ tables organize local events. The meetings will be announced on our website.

Civil registers were introduced in the German Empire in 1876. The older of these documents are collected centrally by the state of Hesse, scanned and gradually published on the Internet after the data protection periods have expired.

From 1808 on the parishes in **Oberhessen** and **Starkenburg** (today's southern Hesse) had to hand over copies of their books to the government in Darmstadt.

With the French occupation of the left bank of the Rhine in the 1790s, civil registers began to be kept there. In **Rheinhessen** this continued until 1875.



We scan the documents from the 19th century and post them in our **members' area**. There are more than 1 million digital copies (= pages) available.

Members have started to transcribe book entries so that the data can be searched and easily used even by inexperienced readers.

In the course of time more than 80 researchers left their legacies to us.

Several **card files** with personal data were included. We have digitized and indexed more than 500 000 record cards. The stock is available in the member area.

The research recordings (130,000 pages) are published as „**Lose Ahnenlisten**“ in the members area.

An **Ortsfamilienbuch (OFB)** is an evaluation of available sources of a community. It lists the elementary families and ascendants resp. descendants.

In our office we have a library of about 5 000 OFBs, other **books** and also **newspapers**.

We started to describe all of them in GenWiki in order to facilitate searches by Google, Bing etc.

Our **Hessian Genealogy Database (HGD)** contains information on more than 3 million individuals and over 1 million families in approximately 300 family trees. The database ranges in size from individual families of around 50 people to OFB registers with 10,000 individuals and genealogical database estates with more than 50,000 individuals.

News are published on our homepage, Facebook and Mastodon.

Every month we inform our members about current topics with our **newsletter** by email.



We publish the magazine **“Hessische Genealogie”** quarterly together with two other Hessian associations.



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