



Deutsches Geschlechterbuch

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Lexicon of symbols, abbreviations and terminology



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As of January 2011, 220 volumes of *Deutsches Geschlechterbuch* have been published by C.A. Starke Verlag. Volumes appear as subseries, either as “general“ (*Allgemeines*) or as pertaining to a specific geographic region. The following is a list of volumes in each category (volumes held by the Special Collections Department are printed in **bold** type).

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Family Tree Hierarchy

DGB often uses German words that can only be translated as “branch” to indicate hierarchy within a lineage. The following demonstrates the relationship of these terms.

Haupt- = superior-, main-

Unter- = sub-

Hauptstamm

Stamm

Unterstamm

Hauptast

Ast

Unterast

Hauptzweig

Zweig

Untierzweig

Lexicon of symbols, abbreviations and terminology associated with *Deutsches Geschlechterbuch*

Abbreviations and symbols used in indexes to *Deutsches Geschlechterbuch*

Cumulative index on CD M94

ST	Lineage
BW	Full color depiction of the coat of arms
W	Description of the coat of arms, no illustration
TW	Black and white depiction of the coat of arms
AT	Pedigree chart
E	Addendum; additional information pertaining to a previously published genealogy
B	Errata

Stammfolgen-Verzeichnis (print index) R 943 S783

W	Description of the coat of arms, no illustration
BW	Full color depiction of the coat of arms
TW	Black and white depiction of the coat of arms
Wsgl	Coat of arms used as a seal
Wbf	Coat of arms used as a certificate
AT	Ahnentafel / pedigree chart (found in appendices)
<>	Denotes a complete revision of a lineage published in an earlier volume

Individual volumes

A star (★) indicates the surname is a major lineage.

Key to symbols (Old Series, Vol. 1—119)

★ Born	∞ Married	† Buried
* Baptized	* Died	✕ Killed in battle

Key to symbols (Old Series, beg. Vol. 120)

* Born	∞ Married	□ Buried
~ Baptized	† Died	✕ Killed in battle

Abbreviations and used *Deutsches Geschlechterbuch* in print and on CD

The researcher will find Ernest Thode's *German-English Genealogical Dictionary*, R 929.1 T449G and circulating copy, useful for finding words not listed in this lexicon. A copy is also located behind the reference desk.

a. D.—*außer Dienst* = no longer in military service

A u E—*Ahnen und Enkel* = Ancestors and Descendants, a series published by C.A. Starke Verlag featuring compiled genealogies with both ancestral and descendant lineages.

Abkürzungen und Zeichenerklärungen—abbreviations and key to symbols

Abz.—*Abzeichen* = emblem (heraldry)

ADB—*Allgemeine Deutsche Biographie* = Universal German Biography, a biographical reference series published by the Bavarian Academy of Science between 1875 and 1912 in 56 vols.

Adj—*Adjutant* = a staff or assisting officer (military)

AG—*Aktiengesellschaft* = company (business)

Ahnenreihe—ancestral line

Anhang—appendix

Anmerkung—annotation, remark, note

Art.—*Artillerie* = artillery (military)

Ast—branch. See “Family Tree Hierarchy” below

B.-A.—*Bezirksamt* = district office

Band—volume

Bände—volumes

Batl.—*Bataillon* = battalion (military)

Batt.—*Batterie* = battery (military)

Bd.—*Band / Bände* = volume(s)

Bemerkung(en)—note(s), remark(s)

Berichtigungen—errata, corrections

Bez.—*Bezirk* = district, circuit (government)

D—*Doktor der Theologie* = Doctor of Theology (academic title)

DGB—*Deutsches Geschlechterbuch*

Dipl. Ing.—*Diplom-Ingenieur* = engineering degree (academic degree)

Dr.—*Doktor* = doctor

Dr. jur.—*Doctor juris* = doctor of law (academic degree)

- Druck, drucken**—print
- Druckbereich**—print options (computer terminology)
- E. h.**—*Ehrenhalber* = honorary
- E. K.**—*Eisernes Kreuz* = Iron Cross (military honor)
- E. K. 1.**—*Eisernes Kreuz erste Klasse* = Iron Cross, First Class
- E.-M.**—*Kaiser Wilhelm-Erinnerungs-Medaille* = Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Medal
- ebd.**—*ebenda* = at the same place
- Ehrenblatt**—Pages in memory of members killed in battle
- Ehrenblätter für gefallenen Mitglieder**—Pages in memory of members killed in battle
- Eigenschaften**—properties (computer terminology)
- Einsender**—contributor(s)
- Erganzung**—addendum
- Erläuterung**—explanation
- Err.**—*errechnet* = calculated
- ev.**—*evangelisch* = Protestant
- evang.**—*evangelisch* = Protestant
- Familie(n)**—family
- Familienhistorie**—family history
- Familienliste**—list of families or lineages
- Familienregister**—list of families or lineages
- Farbige Wappendarstellung**—color illustration of crest
- Freiherr**—German minor nobility equal in stature to that of a baron
- geadelt**—elevated to nobility
- Gesamtnamenregister**—cumulative index of names
- Gesamtverzeichnis**—cumulative index
- Gschlect(er)**—Lineag(s)
- GHdA**—*Genealogisches Handbuch des Adels* = Genealogical Handbuch of Nobility, a series published by C.A. Starke Verlag featuring lineages of noble families.
- GmbH**—*Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung* = Corporation, LLC (business)
- Graf**—count (nobility)
- Grossen Namenverzeichnis**—Cumulative index
- Grosses Namenregister**—Cumulative index
- h. c.**—*honoris causa* = honorary degree (academic title)
- Haupt-** = superior-, main-
- Hauptast**—branch. See “Family Tree Hierarchy” below
- Hauptmenü**—main menu (computer terminology)
- Hauptstamm**—branch. See “Family Tree Hierarchy” below
- Hauptzweig**—branch. See “Family Tree Hierarchy” below
- Hilfe**—help (computer terminology)
- i. R.**—*im Ruhestand* = in retirement
- Inf.**—*Infanterie* = infantry (military)
- Inh.**—*Inhaber* = proprietor (business)
- J. U. D.**—*Juris utriusque Dr.* = doctor of both civil and canon (ecclesiastical) law
- K.**—*Kind(er)* = child(ren)
- kath.**—*katolisch* = Catholic
- Kav.**—*Kavallerie* = cavalry (military)
- KB**—*Kirchenbuch* = church record book
- Kdo**—*Kommando* = commando (military)
- KG**—*Kommandit-Gesellschaft* = company, limited partnership (business)
- Kgl.**—*Königlich* = royal
- Kl.**—*Klasse* = class (military)
- Kmdr**—*Kommandeur* = commander (military)
- Kmdt**—*Kommendant* = commendant (military)
- Komp.**—*Kompanie* = company (military)
- Kr.**—*Kreis* = county, district, also *Kreuz* = cross
- L.-D. 2.**—*Landwehr-Dienstauszeichnung zweite Klasse* = military honor, 2nd class
- l. p. m. s.**—*legitimates per matrimonium subsequena* = legitimated by subsequent marriage
- leg.**—see *l.p.m.s.* above.
- Legende**—Key, legend
- Legende der Merkmale**—key to the notes
- löschen**—clear a search box (computer terminology)
- luth.**—*lutherisch* = Lutheran
- Mag.**—*Magister* = master, master’s degree
- Med.**—*Medaille* = medal (military honor)
- menn.**—*mennonitisch* = Mennonite
- Merkmale**—Notes

Name(n)—name(s)
Namenregister—name index
Nachtrag (Nachträge) —addition(s)
Nr. —*Nummer* = number
O. —*Orden* = military decoration, fraternity, religious order
OA—*Oberamt* = district office
PfA—*Pfarramt* = parish, parish office, rectory
Portrait—Portraits, photographs
Prof. —Professor
Rath. —*Rathaus* = city hall
ref. —*reformiert* = Reformed Protestant
Res. —*Reserve* = reserves (military)
Rgt—*Regiment*
Ri. —*Rietstap Wappenbuch* = Rietstap’s Book of Heraldry, a catalogue of Heraldry published by J.B. Rietstap under the title, *Armorial général précédé d’un dictionnaire des termes du blazon*, which focused on French Heraldry.
Rr—*Ritter* = knight
s. —*siehe* = see
S.—*Seite(n)* = page(s)
S. v. —*Sohn von* = son of
Schließen—close
Seitenansicht—page view (computer terminology)
Siebm. —*Siebmachers Wappenbuch* = Siebmacher’s Book of Heraldry, a standard guide to Germanic heraldry published in two multi-volume sets: *Altes Siebmachers Wappenbuch*, 1605-1806 and *Neuer Siebmacher, Siebmachers großes und allgemeines Wappenbuch*, 1854 – 1967.
StA—*Standesamt* = civil registry office
Stamm—Branch. See “Family Tree Hierarchy” below
StArch—*Staatsarchiv* = state archives
Stadt-Arch—*Stadtarchiv* = city archives
Stammbaum—family tree
Stammfolge—line of descent
suche—search (computer terminology)
Suchergebnisse—search results (computer terminology)
T. v. —*Tochter von* = daughter of
Textwappen schwarz-weiß—crest in black and white
Titelseite(n)—title page(s)
u. s. G. —*und seiner Gattin* = and his wife

Unter- = sub-
Unterast—Branch. See “Family Tree Hierarchy” below
Unterstamm—Branch. See “Family Tree Hierarchy” below
Unterzweig—Branch. See “Family Tree Hierarchy” below
unverm. —*unvermählt* = unmarried
v. —*von* = of or from; when abbreviated in the DGB, it refers to the name prefix as in the example, “von Buhlow.”
V.D.M. —*Verbi Divini Minister* = Minister of the Gospel, clergyman
vgl. —*vergleiche* = compare
Verzeichnis—index, list
Verzeichnis der geadelten Geschlechtern—Index of lineages that have been elevated to nobility
Verzeichnis der Geschlechtern—Index of lineages
von—of or from; when spelled out in the DGB, it is used in the genealogical sense.
Vorwort—foreword
Wappen—coat of arms
Werbung—advertisement
Wwe—*Witwe* = widow
Wwr—*Witwer* = widower
z. D. —*zur Disposition* = available
z. V. —*zur Verwendung* = for use with
Zeichen und Abkürzungen—symbols and abbreviations
Zur Nachricht—for your information
Zusatz—addendum; in this case, a word, such as “von,” “zu,” etc. appearing in front of a surname, or an additional name that is identified with the family in question, such as hyphenated names or a name the family formerly went by.
Zweig—branch (see “Family Tree Hierarchy” below)