Online Ortsfamilienbücher at Genealogy.net

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This class will show you how Ortsfamilienbücher [Village lineage books] can help you find information about your ancestors and organize them into families. These books can speed up your research time so that you have all the data you need and then can easily find them in German church books.

CLASS OBJECTIVES
1. Learn where to locate online village lineage books
2. Learn which books are available at genealogie.net
3. Learn how to connect families using online village lineage books

STEPS
1. Type in the URL www.genealogy.net or www.compgen.de . Both will take you to the same site
2. Notice the yellow toolbar on the home page of the site. Look for the term, OFBs and click there. It is in the red box as shown below:

   ![](image)

   3. Choose your region or village from the list shown. You can search by region or use the alphabetical listing of locality names shown on the left side of this page:
4. Choose your village and your language choice. The language choices are in the red box on the lower left of the following screen.

5. The search options are in the green box. You can choose
   a. All family names
   b. Birthplaces of those from other localities
   c. Death places of persons who have moved away

6. Choose the family name and click on it.
7. Click on the individuals that are of interest to you. Then you will have the dates of births, marriages, and deaths and other pertinent information.

8. Now you can organize them into families and put them in your genealogy database. If the records are available it is always a good idea to check for actual documents in case of human transcription errors. They do occur even with the best editing.

9. You can also check for birthplaces of persons from other areas. These are listed by town.
10. You can also search for death places of those that moved away from this village:
11. After you have located all the information about your family, record it in your database and check to see if the names of the wife’s family can also be found, then continue as far back as you can.