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FOREWORD

1. The making of this book

This book owes its existence to a storm. On 18th January 2007, a hurricane by the name Kyrill caused heavy damage in Northern Germany – dropped trees, closed roads, interrupted railroad lines and much more. I had an evening appointment in Offenburg that day and drove there in the morning to avoid being on the road when the storm would hit. So what does a genealogist do with an empty afternoon? He goes to the archives. So did I and started to abstract the emigrants listed in the Offenburg Intelligencer.

Anyway, it took six more years to complete the evaluation of the various newspapers which were issued in the Ortenau region (whose main town is Offenburg). The newspaper published in Offenburg under various titles turned out a real bonanza for finding emigrants from that area. This mass of entries corresponded with the long time needed for a careful evaluation – one day in the library for one newspaper year in the early 1850s. In the 1860s, other newspapers were established in Kehl, Wolfach and Oberkirch, and many court notifications were published in those now. Another intelligencer had been published in Lahr since 1797, in the years 1816 to 1818 covering Offenburg district too. The year 1817 names more than 1000 persons from that region who intended to emigrate to America or elsewhere¹.

At the beginning, the scope and range of this project were intended to reach to the districts of Rastatt and Ettlingen in the north. The amount of data turned out too large for one book, so I divided the stock into two volumes: the Ortenau region in the south and the region around Rastatt, which has no specific name, in the north.

The Ortenau is composed of Offenburg as the central town, the surrounding Rhine Valley Plain and the heights of Black Forest connected at the east; therefore this area reaches from the Rhine in the west to the Kniebis Pass at the narrow eastern border of the former Grandduchy of Baden. This was a largely rural region in 19th century except for a few towns. The inhabitants were predominantly Catholic except for some small Protestant regions such as the Hanau Country (Hanauer Land). Many emigrations occurred as early as in 18th century, mainly to Hungary, but also to America from some of the Protestant villages as well². Except for Hacker's book, names of emigrants from the Ortenau region previously have been published only at the local level³.

The entries of the current book were collected to make use of the intelligencers and newspapers in Baden which are full of official advertisements about emigrants. Such advertisements are hard to find, however, as no indexes exist at all, or partially with just one such index for every year. From the beginning of this project, my intention was to publish the data in order to help those who only knew „Baden“ as a general locale find more precise origins of the emigrants in which they were interested.

All together, the entries in this book mainly should be used as hints as to where something might be found. The actual advertisements might include additional pieces of information and the pertaining archival records – if they still exist – even more.

The following volumes are in print now:

1. The Breisgau region

with the districts of Breisach, Emmendingen, Ettenheim, Freiburg, Hornberg (until 1857)¹, Kenzingen, Staufen, St. Blasien (until 1844), Triberg (until 1858) and Waldkirch.

2. The Odenwald and Bauland regions

with the districts of Adelsheim, Boxberg, Buchen, Eberbach, Gerlachsheim, Krautheim, Mosbach, Tauberbischofshain, Walldürn and Wertheim

3. The Ortenau region

with the districts of Achern (until 1864), Gengenbach, Haslach, Lahr, Oberkirch, Offenburg, Rheinbischofsheim and Wolfach.

4. The area around Rastatt

with the districts of Achern (from 1865), Baden-Baden, Bühl, Ettlingen, Gernsbach and Rastatt.

VORWORT

1. Die Vorgeschichte dieses Buches.

Dieses Buch verdankt sein Zustandekommen einem Sturm. Am 18. Januar 2007 wurden aus der nördlichen Hälfte Deutschlands gewaltige Schäden gemeldet, die der Orkan Kyrill angerichtet hatte – umgestürzte Bäume, gesperrte Straßen, unterbrochene Bahnstrecken und vieles mehr. Ich war an jenem Abend in Offenburg verabredet. Um nicht im Sturm unterwegs sein zu müssen, fuhr ich schon am Vormittag hin. Und was macht der Genealoge mit einem freien Nachmittag? Es geht ins Archiv. Das tat ich denn auch und begann, die im Offenburger Wochenblatt verzeichneten Auswanderer herauszuschreiben.

Es dauerte aber noch sechs weitere Jahre, bis die Auswertung der verschiedenen in der Ortenau erschienenen Zeitungen beendet war. Die in Offenburg unter wechselnden Titeln erschienene Zeitung erwies sich als Fundgrube für die Ermittlung von Auswanderern aus diesem Gebiet. Entsprechend zeitraubend war dann auch die Auswertung – ein Arbeitstag pro Jahrgang in den frühen 1850er Jahren. In den 1860er Jahren wurden in Kehl, Wolfach und Oberkirch eigene Zeitungen gegründet, und viele Bekanntmachungen gingen dorthin über. Daneben wurde in Lahr schon ab 1797 ein Wochenblatt herausgegeben, in den Jahren 1816 bis 1818 gemeinsam für Offenburg und Lahr. Hier finden sich im Jahr 1817 über 1000 Personen aus jener Region, die die Absicht hatten, nach Amerika und anderswohin auszuwandern¹⁰.

Ursprünglich sollte das Erfassungsgebiet bis zu den Ämtern Rastatt und Ettlingen reichen. Da der Umfang der Daten für einen Band zu groß wurde, habe ich den Bestand auf zwei Bände aufgeteilt: im Süden die Ortenau und im Norden die Gegend um Rastatt, für die es keinen eigenen Landschaftsnamen gibt.

Die Ortenau ist geprägt durch den Zentralort Offenburg, die umliegende Rheinebene und die östlich anschließenden Höhen des Schwarzwaldes. Der Bereich reicht somit vom Rhein bis zum Kniebis als östlicher Grenze des an dieser Stelle eher schmalen früheren Großherzogtums Baden. Im 19. Jhd. war dies eine weitgehend ländliche Gegend mit Ausnahme einiger Städte. Die Einwohner sind zumeist katholisch, doch gibt es auch protestantische Regionen wie zum Beispiel das Hanauer Land. Bereits im 18. Jhd. sind zahlreiche Auswanderungen nachweisbar, zumeist nach Ungarn, aus protestantischen Orten auch nach Amerika¹¹. Außer der Arbeit von Hacker wurden Namen von Auswanderern bisher nur auf örtlicher Ebene veröffentlicht¹².

Grundidee für das Sammeln der hier vorgelegten Einträge war der Umstand, daß die badischen Amtsblätter und Zeitungen voll von amtlichen Bekanntmachungen über Auswanderer sind. Solche Anzeigen sind allerdings schwer zu finden, weil es teils gar keine, teils nur jährliche Register gibt. Die Erfassung der Daten erfolgte von vornherein mit der Absicht einer Veröffentlichung. Diese soll es ermöglichen, die Herkunftsorte von Auswanderern zu ermitteln, von denen bislang nur bekannt war, daß sie aus Baden stammten.

Insgesamt sollen die hier veröffentlichten Listen aber nur als Hinweise verstanden werden, an welcher Stelle etwas zu finden ist. Die eigentlichen Anzeigen können durchaus noch weitere Angaben enthalten und die zugehörigen Akten – falls sie noch existieren – erst recht.

Folgende Bände über badische Auswanderer sind nun erhältlich:

1. Der Breisgau mit den Amtsbezirken Breisach, Emmendingen, Ettenheim, Freiburg, Hornberg (bis 1857), Kenzingen, Staufen, St. Blasien (bis 1844), Triberg (bis 1858) und Waldkirch.
2. Odenwald und Bauland mit den Amtsbezirken Adelsheim, Boxberg, Buchen, Eberbach, Gerlachsheim, Krautheim, Mosbach, Tauberbischofsheim, Walldürn und Wertheim
3. Die Ortenau mit den Amtsbezirken Achern (bis 1864), Gengenbach, Haslach, Lahr, Oberkirch, Offenburg, Rheinbischofsheim und Wolfach.
4. Die Gegend um Rastatt mit den Amtsbezirken Achern (ab 1865), Baden-Baden, Bühl, Ettlingen, Gernsbach und Rastatt.

Ausgewertet wurden jeweils die noch existierenden Zeitungen von deren Beginn bis zum Ende des Jahres 1871. Das Reichsgesetz vom 1. Juni 1870 über den Erwerb und den Verlust der Bundes- und Staatsangehörigkeit ließ nur noch militärische Hindernisse gegen eine Auswanderung zu, die Vornahme einer Schuldenliquidation und deren öffentliche Ankündigung mußten deswegen unterbleiben, da sie fortan als unzulässige Behinderung eines Wegzugs galten. Die noch verbleibenden Bekanntmachungen (Erbaufrufe, Fahndung nach Wehrpflichtigen und anderes) dürften ab 1872 großenteils in der Karlsruher Zeitung zu finden sein.

Die Listen erscheinen ganz bewußt in englischer Sprache, weil diese von der Mehrzahl der Leser verstanden wird, jedenfalls eher als deutsch. Außerdem können deutsche Interessenten die Anzeigen ja im Original nachlesen.

ABSTRACTS OF THE ENTRIES / *Regesten der Einträge*

A

Name or event, respectively Name bzw. Sachverhalt	Place of origin Herkunftsstadt	Office Amt	Type of ad Anzeigetyp	Source Quelle
ABBATH Theodor, formerly a clerk in Wolfach, has failed to appear.	Durmersheim	WOLF	ERK	OG 15.06.1855
ABEL Friedrich, unmarried, intends to go to America.	Rheinbischofsheim	RBIS	SCH	OG 27.07.1852
ABELE Ludwig, train conductor, has failed to appear and is expatriated. Balthasar, widower, intends to go to America with his children Adelgunde, Thomas, Helena, Karolina, Katharina and Hermann.	Kehl-Stadt Gamshurst	KORK ACHE	B SCH	OG 29.01.1850 OG 16.06.1854
ABERLE Johann Abraham and his wife Charlotte Arnold, intend to emigrate. Christian, tailor, intends to emigrate. Abraham, beer brewer, has failed to appear and is declared legally deceased. See also 13868 (Schneider).	Schiltach	WOLF	G G VS	OG 25.01.1853 OG 25.01.1853 OG 21.05.1861
ABRIEDER Lorenz, intends to emigrate.	Ringsheim	ETTE	SCH	LA 23.04.1817
ACCUNCIUS Mathias, went to North America in 1830. See also 42 (Akuntius).	Lichtenau	RBIS	SCH	OG 10.07.1846
ACKERMANN Isidor, intends to go to America. See also 41 (Akermann).	Oberschopfheim	LAHR	SCH	LA 14.02.1838
ADAM Matern, intends to go to Bavaria. Michael, administrator, is absent. Magdalene (19), insane, absconded on 11.02.1829. Franz Joseph, weaver, and his wife Wallburga Merz, intend to go to North America. Michael (46), unmarried, has absconded. Theobald, intends to go to America with his family. Joseph, has emigrated to America with his wife Walburga Merz. Karl and his wife, intend to emigrate. Bernhard, tailor, intends to emigrate. Maria Anna, unmarried, intends to go to America. Maria Anna, intends to go to America with her son Mathias. Brigitta, intends to go to America with her children Maria Anna and Wilhelm. August, conscript, has been sentenced as an absent draftee. See also 10605 (Merz), 12302 (Rinkel), 12984 (Schäfer), 14653 (Siefermann).	Altenheim Offenburg Altenheim Seelbach Sand Altenheim Seelbach Freistett Sasbachried Appenweier Sasbachried Sasbachried Sasbachried	MAHL OFFE LAHR SCH OFFE OFFE LAHR ERB RBIS ACHE OFFE ACHE ACHE ACHE	SCH AUK F SCH B G OG 04.09.1835 LA 13.07.1836 OG 17.10.1845 OG 18.09.1846 OG 23.12.1853 OG 17.10.1854 OG 17.10.1854 OG 14.02.1862	LA 13.02.1805 OG 05.04.1823 LA 18.02.1829 LA 30.03.1833 OG 28.08.1835 OG 04.09.1835 LA 13.07.1836 OG 17.10.1845 OG 18.09.1846 OG 23.12.1853 OG 17.10.1854 OG 17.10.1854 OG 14.02.1862
ADLER Johannes, intends to emigrate with his family. Sebastian, soldier, is summonsed to present himself. Ferdinand, conscript of 1852, has failed to appear. Johann and his wife, intend to go to America. Ferdinand, conscript, has been sentenced as an absent draftee. Franz Emil, conscript of 1853, has failed to appear. Franz Emil, conscript, has been sentenced as an absent draftee. Heinrich, intends to go to America. See also 14698 (Siegwart), 15117 (Stehle).	Willstätt Marlen-Kittersburg Marlen Marlen Marlen Oberachern Oberachern Marlen-Kittersburg	KORK OFFE OFFE OFFE OFFE ACHE ACHE OFFE	SCH VOR K G K A STR G	OG 29.05.1846 OG 29.03.1850 OG 02.01.1852 OG 13.01.1852 OG 20.03.1852 OG 14.01.1853 OG 25.03.1853 OG 26.09.1854
ADOLFI Andreas, draftee, has failed to appear. Andreas, and is sentenced as an absent draftee. Andreas and his wife, intend to go to America. Magdalena, unmarried, went to America some years ago. Maria Magdalena, has failed to appear and is declared legally deceased.	Dinglingen	LAHR	VOR STR SCH ERB VS	LA 16.02.1833 LA 04.05.1833 LA 31.05.1837 LA 12.11.1859 LA 31.05.1862
ADOLPH Johannes, intends to emigrate with his family. David Johann, conscript of age group 1845, has failed to appear. Georg (12), absconded from home on 26.07.1858.	Hesselhurst	KORK	SCH	OG 03.10.1845
AEBY Johann Baptist (28), has been on the run since 27.03.1866.	Switzerland	OFFE	F	OG 31.03.1866
AKERMANN Johannes, intends to go to North America.	Oberschopfheim	LAHR	SCH	LA 19.04.1817
AKUNTIUS Mathias, absconded some years ago. See also 9 (Accuncius).	Lichtenau	RBIS	A	OG 07.11.1845
ALBERT Matthias, has failed to appear and is declared legally deceased.	Kuhbach	LAHR	VS	LA 02.04.1842
ALBLINGER Katharina, unmarried, intends to go to North America.	Schuttern	LAHR	SCH	LA 19.04.1817
Alexander, intends to go to America.	Schuttern	LAHR	SCH	LA 29.12.1852
Benedikt, intends to go to America.	Schuttern	LAHR	SCH	LA 25.02.1854
Karl, is in America.	Schuttern	LAHR	SCH	LA 30.01.1858
Paul, intends to go to America with his family.	Schuttern	LAHR	(AUS)	LA 08.07.1865
Joseph, intends to go to America with his family.	Schuttern	LAHR	SCH	LA 30.09.1865
Paul, farmer, intends to go to America with his family.	Schuttern	LAHR	(AUS)	LA 21.03.1868
ALBRECHT Jakob, conscript of age group 1845, has failed to appear.	Kork	KORK	A	OG 19.01.1849

Name or event, respectively	Place of origin Herkunftsort	Office Amt	Type of ad Anzeigetyp	Source Quelle
Name bzw. Sachverhalt				
David, is in North America.	Kork	KORK	AUK	OG 09.07.1850
Rudolf, absconded on 09.04.1841.	Steinach	HASK	A	OG 03.06.1851
Rudolph, has failed to appear and is expatriated.	Steinach	HASK	STR	OG 22.07.1851
Friedrich; his widow Christina Fritsch, intends to go to North America with three daughters.	Kork	KORK	SCH	OG 25.01.1853
ALGARDI				56
Eduard, formerly an author of memorials (Schriftverfasser) in Gengenbach, last an attorney-at-law in Mannheim, is missing.	Mannheim	GENG	SCH	OG 17.12.1841
ALLGAIER				57 – 70
Anton and his wife, intend to go to Hungary.	Gamshurst	ACHE	SCH	KA 02.10.1819
Simon, intends to go to Hungary with his family.	Mösbach	OKIR	G	OG 26.04.1839
Lorenz, intends to emigrate.	Fautenbach	ACHE	SCH	OG 03.03.1843
Magdalena (25), unmarried, is searched as a witness.	Lauterbach/Obern-dorf	GENG	A/NF	OG 11.12.1849
Karl Quirin, went away some years ago, presumably to North America.	Oberkirch	OKIR	ERB	OG 24.09.1850
Blasius, conscript, has failed to appear.	Hofstetten	HASK	A	OG 20.12.1853
Blasius, has been sentenced as an absent draftee.	Hofstetten	HASK	STR	OG 17.03.1854
Anton; his widow Maria Anna Meier, intends to go to America with her children Konrad, Aurelia, Sophia and Josepha.	Gamshurst	ACHE	SCH	OG 16.06.1854
Aurelia (daughter of Maria Anna Allgaier née Maier), intends to go to America with her child Karl.	Gamshurst	ACHE	SCH	OG 16.06.1854
Josepha (daughter of Maria Anna Allgaier née Maier), intends to go to America with her child Hermann.	Gamshurst	ACHE	SCH	OG 16.06.1854
Franz Anton, is wanted.	Moos	BÜHL	F	OG 03.02.1857
Franziska, unmarried, intends to go to America.	Fischerbach	WOLF	SCH	OG 22.06.1860
Florian, soldier on leave, absconded, presumably to North America.	Hofstetten	WOLF	DES	KI 10.12.1867
Florian, grenadier, is charged with desertion.	Hofstetten	HASK	(A)	KI 01.02.1868
See also 8500 (Koch), 16232 (Volz).				
ALLGAYER				71
Simon, intends to emigrate.	Mösbach	OKIR	SCH	LA 23.04.1817
ALLGEIER				72 – 87
Basil, last put out to board with his son-in-law Constantin Beck in Wagshurst, has absconded.	Gamshurst	ACHE	F	OG 16.10.1849
Bernhard, soldier, is summonsed to present himself.	Gamshurst	ACHE	VOR	OG 26.03.1850
Leonhard, soldier, has failed to present himself and is sentenced as a deserter.	Gamshurst	ACHE	(ERK)	OG 28.05.1850
Julius, conscript of age group 1829, has failed to appear.	Haslach	HASK	A	OG 29.11.1850
Rosa, is to respond for unpermitted absence.	Steinach	HASK	A	OG 25.07.1851
Therese, is to respond for unpermitted absence.	Steinach	HASK	A	OG 25.07.1851
Rosa, has failed to appear and is expatriated.	Steinach	HASK	STR	OG 19.09.1851
Theresia, has failed to appear and is expatriated.	Steinach	HASK	STR	OG 19.09.1851
Nikolaus and his wife Katharina Hurst, intend to go to America.	Wagshurst	ACHE	G	OG 02.01.1852
Klemenz, tailor, went to America in 1852.	Gamshurst	ACHE	G	OG 25.01.1853
Octavian, intends to go to America with his wife Victoria Schuh and their children Ignaz and Nikolaus.	Gamshurst	ACHE	G	OG 07.02.1854
Ignaz; his widow Magdalena Volz, intends to go to America.	Gamshurst	ACHE	G	OG 07.02.1854
Joseph V., intends to go to America with his wife Sybilla Strasburger and their children.	Gamshurst	ACHE	SCH	OG 16.06.1854
Balbina, Ludwig, Karoline, Sophia, Theresia, Franz, Xaver, Ignaz, Anton and Leopold, intend to go to America with their father Joseph V. Allgeier.	Gamshurst	ACHE	SCH	OG 16.06.1854
Nikolaus, widower, intends to go to America with his children Wilhelm, Valentin, Antonia, Anastasia, Michael and Katharina.	Gamshurst	ACHE	SCH	OG 16.06.1854
Florian, has failed to present himself and is sentenced as a deserter.	Hofstetten	HASK	(U)	KI 03.03.1868
See also 14179 (Schuh).				
ALLGEYER				88 – 89
Maria Anna, widow, intends to emigrate.	Mösbach	OKIR	SCH	LA 12.04.1817
Mrs., has just arrived in New York.	Oberkirch	NYOR	(DA)	OG 15.02.1856
ALLMANN				90
Leopold, unmarried, intends to go to North America.	Friesenheim	LAHR	SCH	LA 03.04.1833
AMAN				91
Joseph, may be among those who intend to emigrate.	Wallburg	ETTE	SCH	LA 16.04.1817
AMANN				92 – 93
Georg, intends to go to North America with his family.	Wallburg	ETTE	SCH	LA 19.03.1834
Katharina, intends to emigrate.	Oberkirch	OKIR	SCH	OG 02.05.1845
AMBS				94
Rudolf (24), intends to go to North America.	Welschensteinach	WOLF	AUS	KI 15.07.1871
See also 102 (Ams).				
AMMAN				95
Mathias, departed for New Orleans on 23.03.1853.	Wallburg	HAVR	DA	LA 09.04.1853
See also 91 (Aman).				
AMMANN				96
Amalia, departed for New Orleans on 23.03.1853.	Wallburg	HAVR	DA	LA 09.04.1853
AMMEL				97
Theobald and his wife, intend to go to America.	Meißenheim	LAHR	SCH	LA 22.10.1851
AMREIN				98 – 99
Cäcilie, is wanted.	Oppenau	HASK	A/F	OG 17.12.1852
Kaspar, is absent.	Schwaibach	GENG	(ERK)	OG 21.11.1865
AMRHEIN				100 – 101
Joseph, unmarried blacksmith, intends to go to North America.	Oppenau	OKIR	SCH	OG 01.09.1866
Joseph, mason, intends to go to America with his family.	Oppenau	OKIR	B	OG 07.09.1867
AMS				102
Mathäus (22), waiter, who also calls himself Friedrich Ganther, is on the run.	Vöhrenbach	WOLF	F	OG 08.11.1844
ANDERER				103
Leopold, unmarried factory worker, is searched as a witness.	Busenbach	OFFE	A	OG 24.05.1865
ANDLAUER				104
Maria Eva, arrived in New York on 16.03.1867.	(not indicated)	NYOR	DA	OG 23.04.1867
ANDRÄ				105
Fr. and his family (passengers of the City of Antwerpen), arrived in New York on 03.10.1867.	(not indicated)	NYOR	ZEU	OG 23.08.1868