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**Genealogical research**

**Research guide to Familysearch and Arcynsis**

**Familysearch**

The Frankfurt church records (baptismal records 1533-1850, marriage records 1533-1848 and death records 1565-1850) can be viewed online via Familysearch by creating a free user account. (<https://www.familysearch.org/de/>).

After registration and an initial login, first click on "Search" and then on "Catalogue".

Enter the search term "Frankfurt" in the "Place" search field and then click on "Germany, Prussia, Hessen-Nassau, Frankfurt, Frankfurt", then on "Search".

**[Bürgerbücher / citizen registers:]**

In the list, click on the ninth line from the bottom:

„Germany, Preußen, Hessen-Nassau, Frankfurt – Naturalization and citizenship (3)“

Then click on:

„Germany, Preußen, Hessen-Nassau, Frankfurt, Bürgerbücher, 1311-1868“

Then find the desired book and open it by clicking on the camera icon at the end of the line.

**[Nachlassakten / Estate files:]**

Click on the penultimate line from the bottom in the list:

„Germany, Preußen, Hessen-Nassau, Frankfurt – Probate records (4)“

Then click on:

„Germany, Preußen, Hessen-Nassau, Frankfurt, Nachlaßakten, 1813-1912“

Then find the desired file and open it by clicking on the camera symbol at the end of the line.

Note:

The call number consists of a year and a number (e.g. 1813-1). The files in Familysearch are not arranged chronologically throughout. Some volumes are located between later volumes!

**[Kirchenbücher / Church registers:]**

In the list, click on the ninth line from the top:

„Germany, Preußen, Hessen-Nassau, Frankfurt – Civil registration (14)“.

Then select the desired church book (marriage books, baptism books, death books, proclamation books).

Then select the desired book and open it by clicking on the camera symbol at the end of the line (under the word "Format"). Now all scans of the volume are displayed in an overview.At the end of each volume (civil records, church records) there is an index of persons (in the case of marriage records by the name of the husband and in the case of baptismal records by the name of the father) which refers to the page number of the entry. If one is looking for a specific page number, one has to enter it in the search field "Record" in the upper left corner and confirm with the Enter key. This will take you to the scan with the specified number, which you can then open by double-clicking. Since the cover and blank or later inserted leaves were also scanned, the page number does not always match the number of the scan. In the case of sheet numbers (instead of page numbers) in the register, one has to double the number given to get to the desired scan, as two scans (front and back) are required for each sheet.

**Arcynsis**

The more recent civil registers since 1851 (or 1849 in the case of the marriage registers) can be found in the Hessian archive database Arcynsis (<https://arcinsys.hessen.de/arcinsys/start.action?oldNodeid>=)

Click here first on "Staatsarchive“ (State archives),

then on „Hessisches Staatsarchiv Marburg/Navigator“,

then on „H Personenstandsarchiv Hessen (Standort: Neustadt/Hessen)“,

then on „HStAM, 903 Frankfurt, Stadt/Navigator“,

then on „2 Standesbücher und Personenstandshauptregister Institut für Stadtgeschichte Frankfurt/Main (Digitalisate)“

Under "2.13 Standesbücher Frankfurt vor 1876" can be found:

2.13.4 Geburtenbücher (birth register) 1851-1875 (1851-1866 with name register)

2.13.5 Heiratsbücher (marriage register) 1849-1875 (1849-1868 with name register)

2.13.6 Sterbebücher (death register) 1851-1875 (1851-1864 with name register)

2.13.1 Namensverzeichnisse zu den Geburtenbüchern (name registers to the birth registers) 1867-1875

2.13.2 Namensverzeichnisse zu den Heiratsbüchern (name registers to the marriage registers) 1869-1875

2.13.3 Namensverzeichnisse zu den Sterbebüchern (name registers to the death registers) 1865-1875