

## Civil Status Records at the Institut für Stadtgeschichte Frankfurt am Main

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As the authorised city archive, the Institut für Stadtgeschichte receives all civil status records from the Registry office (“Standesamt”) after the expiry of the legally prescribed continuation periods (births 110 years, marriages 80 years, deaths 30 years). The records are handed over every two years.

The Institut für Stadtgeschichte currently holds the following civil status records:

- **Birth register entries for the period 1851-1915**
- **Marriage register entries for the period 1849-1945**
- **Death register entries for the period 1851-1995**

The civil status registers of the district **Sindlingen** for the period 1874-1888 are kept in the Hattersheim town archives. The civil status registers of the district **Unterliederbach** for the period 1874-1900 are kept in the Liederbach town hall, and the civil status registers of the district **Zeilsheim** for the period 1874-1907 are kept in the Hofheim town archives.

The majority of the civil status registers have been digitised and may be viewed using the archival information system ARCINSYS (Hessen):

- **Birth registers for the period 1851-1898**
- **Marriage registers for the period 1849-1928**
- **Death registers for the period 1851-1965**

Documents may be downloaded free of charge. Links and search instructions may be found at <http://www.stadtgeschichte-ffm.de/de/archivbesuch/archivnutzung/familienforschung>

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