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IN GERMAN: Youtube videos on Volhynian Germans in other countries

Die Geschichte von Wolhynien Deutsche - Wie 300.000 Deutsche verschwanden? (The history of Volhynian Germans - how did 300,000 Germans disappear?

Podcast: Historische Schatten. Length: 49:05 minutes. Language: German.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PLkPAoLdpc>

The history of Germans in Canada and why over 3 Million Germans in Canada are barely visible. Geschichte der Deutschen in Kanada Warum über drei Millionen Deutsche in Kanada unsichtbar wurden?

Podcast: Historische Wege. Length: 70 minutes. Language: German

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8P4re8Xvo0>

BOOKS:

German Canadians by K. M. McLaughlin (a Canadian Historical Association series publication 1985)

<https://cha-shc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/5c3749072d483.pdf>

The German Canadians, 1750-1937 : immigration, settlement & culture by Gerhard P. Bassler, a translation of a German edition by Heinz Lehmann.

Facts about Germans in Canada published by Der Nordwesten, the longest running German newspaper in Canada ca WWI Copyright expired.

<https://archive.org/details/P003920/page/n1/mode/2up>

For info on Maron, see his bio in Memorable Manitobans.

https://mhs.mb.ca/docs/people/maron_gl.shtml

Flight for survival : a step ahead of the Russians in 1945

published by Edith Riske, was published in The Journal at one time, in 6 parts - 2010- Dec 2011.

Edith had a website and made a number of contributions to SGEE.

She died in 2015 <https://www.memorygarden.com/obituaries/Edith-EdelgardRiske-42588/#!/Obituary>

Nationalsozialistische „Volkstumsarbeit“ und Umsiedlungspolitik by Markus Leniger
(appended)

ARTICLES:**Cast Down, But Not Forsaken The Second World War Experience and Memory of German-Canadian Lutherans in Southwestern Ontario** by Elliot Worsfold

Ontario History, Volume 106, Number 1, Spring 2014 (Ontario Historical Society)

<https://www.erudit.org/en/journals/onhistory/2014-v106-n1-onhistory03916/1050721ar.pdf>

Another link to this same article:

Worsfold, E. (2014). **Cast Down, But Not Forsaken: The Second World War Experience and Memory of German-Canadian Lutherans in Southwestern Ontario**. Ontario History, 106(1), 57–76. <https://doi.org/10.7202/1050721ar>

See also:

The list of Villages in Volhynia that are referenced with stories by residents who submitted to *Wolhynische Hefte*. SGGEE Library has all editions.

LINKS:

Administrative divisions of Poland - historical

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Administrative_divisions_of_Poland#Historical_subdivisions

Information re Digitised EWZ Stammblaetter on Family Search (need to locate EWZ number from Berlin Archives Invenio Catalogue)

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/catalog/252070?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

Prices and wages by decade

<https://libraryguides.missouri.edu/pricesandwages/home>

IMMIGRATION:

Ships Passenger lists:

<https://www.hmy.com/researching-your-familys-history-from-ships-passenger-lists/>

Canada:

Local histories - search by town or region, although it will search all the books:

https://digitalcollections.ucalgary.ca/local-histories?FR_=1&W=1260&H=54

The Railway Agreement of 1925: Immigration to Canada Explained (for those searching for ancestors arriving in the 1920s)

<https://blog.myheritage.com/2025/10/the-railway-agreement-of-1925-immigration-to-canada-explained/>

ONTARIO:

UWaterloo Mennonite Archives - EWZ collection (These onsite only)

<https://uwaterloo.ca/mennonite-archives-ontario/catalogs/archives/einwandererzentralstelle-ewz-collection>

SASKATCHEWAN

Best source: <https://saskgenweb.ca/cansk/Saskatchewan/>

Saskatchewan Archives finding aid for immigration and emigration in certain areas

<https://search.saskarchives.com/records-relating-to-immigration-and-emigration>

<https://search.saskarchives.com/> general sources - homesteads, photos, etc.

GENEALOGY websites

Bug Hollaender in Poland <http://holland.org.pl/>

Bug Hollaender in Poland <https://www.bugholendry.de/>

Baden-Wuerttemberg Archives includes lists of emigrants from Baden-Wuerttemberg

<https://www.leo-bw.de/en-GB/web/guest/about>

Germans to America database <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/collection/2110801>

<https://www.germanroots.com/emigration.html>

Dokumentationszentrum Flucht, Vertreibung, Versöhnung (Documentation Centre for Displacement, Expulsion, Reconciliation) is located in Berlin they collect stories but have other resources - in English as well. <https://www.flucht-vertreibung-versoehnung.de/>
<https://www.flucht-vertreibung-versoehnung.de/en/library-testimony-archive/testimony-archive/stories-of-displacement>

Canadian resources

Webinar and transcript: **Canadian Lutheran World Relief and the Lutheran Immigration Board of Canada**

<https://scholars.wlu.ca/consensus/vol44/iss2/13/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMS38eckGGA>

Canadian Lutheran World Relief fonds at Library and Archives Canada and Heritage Canadiana; Digitised microfilm of CLWF fonds

https://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac_mikan_100878

(correspondence, documents, financial records of emigrants and some partial ships' manifests but no complete manifests of immigrants arriving between 1947-1957 although I have been sporadically working through the 22 films. Unfortunately they are NOT in order and there is some duplication.)

WEBINARS

Lutheran Immigration Board of Canada: a Forerunner of CLWR

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMS38eckGGA>

THESIS

Deutschtum on the prairies, 1914-1918 : a study of prairie German-Canadian newspapers during the First World War by Maureen Elisabeth Brandstaetter in 1986

<https://ucalgary.scholaris.ca/items/276699a2-85cf-4b70-bdc7-6c52d4b37466>

Submerged identities : German Canadian immigrants (1945-1960) by Jeannette Katherine Paul
2005 <https://open.library.ubc.ca/soa/cIRcle/collections/ubctheses/831/items/1.0092139>

The following 9 theses: Eight deal with Canada and #9 with the Polish borderlands of Volhynia - mostly Ukrainian Volhynia in the Soviet period. This is a professor and published her thesis with amendments as a book as well.

1) **A study of the German Lutheran and Catholic immigrants in Canada, formerly residing in Tzarist and Soviet Russia** by Edmund Heier

<https://open.library.ubc.ca/soa/cIRcle/collections/ubctheses/831/items/1.0106339>

2) **German Lutherans in the prairie provinces before the First World War : their church background, emigration and new beginning in Canada** by John M. Cobb

<https://mspace.lib.umanitoba.ca/items/450799ab-5445-4d33-aa26-3b874f147bc2/full>

3) **Deutschtum on the prairies, 1914-1918: a study of prairie German-Canadian newspapers during the First World War** by A. E. Brandstaetter

<https://ucalgary.scholaris.ca/items/276699a2-85cf-4b70-bdc7-6c52d4b37466>

4) **Former enemies come to Canada : Ottawa and the postwar German immigration boom, 1951-1957** by Ronald Schmalz

<https://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/obj/s4/f2/dsk2/ftp03/NQ57065.pdf>

5) **Submerged identities : German Canadian immigrants (1945-1960)** by Jeanette Katharine Paul

<https://open.library.ubc.ca/soa/cIRcle/collections/ubctheses/831/items/1.0092139>

6) **The Germans in Canada : occupational and social adjustment of German immigrants in Canada.** by Albert Moellmann

<https://escholarship.mcgill.ca/concern/theses/f7623g431?locale=en>

7) **Germans in Western Canada a vanishing people** by A Becker, M.D.

<https://cchahistory.ca/journal/CCHA1975/Becker.pdf>

8) **RELATIVES AND STRANGERS: THE IDENTITY OF POST WORLD WAR II ETHNIC GERMAN IMMIGRANTS** by Hans P. Werner

https://winnspace.uwinnipeg.ca/bitstream/handle/10680/36/Werner_Hans_Thesis.pdf?sequence=3&isAllowed=y

9) **POLAND'S WILD EAST: IMAGINED LANDSCAPES AND EVERYDAY LIFE IN THE VOLHYNIAN BORDERLANDS, 1918-1939** by Kathryn Clare Ciancia

<https://stacks.stanford.edu/file/druid:sz204nw1638/Ciancia%20Dissertation%20August%2019-augmented.pdf>