

Net Notes

DONAUSCHWABEN VILLAGES HELPING HANDS (DVHH)

www.dvh.org/contact/index.htm

THE MISSION OF THIS project is to collect and provide historical and genealogical information for the former Danube Swabian (DS) villages situated in the seven regions which were part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire until 1918: Banat, Batschka, Slavonia, Syrmia, Swabian Turkey, Hungarian Highlands and Sathmar.

If you are researching ancestors from Danube

Swabian, you will find the website chock full of information and data. It has an extensive history section and an overview for researching ancestors from this region. Additionally, each of the six regions listed has a dedicated page focusing on the history and resources for that specific region.

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THE CANADIAN LETTERS & IMAGES PROJECT

www.canadianletters.ca/index.php

THIS IS AN ONLINE archive of the Canadian war experience, from any war, as told through the letters and images of Canadians themselves. There is a short video about the project on YouTube, www.youtube.com/CdnLetters.

You can browse the collection based on time period or you can do a keyword search. The project

is always seeking financial and material contributions. For the latter, only previously unpublished correspondence, letters or postcards are accepted. The project holds no original materials and the full details on how you can contribute are available on the website.

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DAYTON, OH RARE PHOTOS

www.daytonhistory.org/archive-research.htm

12,000 PREVIOUSLY UNSEEN photographs from the NCR Archive (which features about 1.3 million images, including some 100,000 glass-plate negatives and 70,000 magic lantern slides) are available online at Dayton History. The photographs date from 1885 to the mid-1960s, and range in subject from the 1913 Dayton flood to baseball legend Babe Ruth at an NCR Corp. sales office in Tokyo.

As stated on the website, "John H. Patterson, who founded NCR in 1884, was a man who was interested in improving not only his company, but also his community and the world. Looking for an efficient way to communicate his ideas on business and social reform, Patterson quickly seized on photo-

tography as the most effective method of presenting his ideas. Using one of the earliest corporate photography departments in the country, Patterson documented all aspects of his company, including employees and the factory, sales conventions and other company events, and even the cash registers and their users. These photographs were used internally to educate the factory workers and sales agents about each other's work, and were used externally in the multitude of advertising publications designed to increase cash register sales."

Whether or not your ancestor worked for NCR, or lived in Dayton, this is a fun website to visit!

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BRITISH WORKHOUSE RECORDS

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/workhouse.asp

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES (UK) has made available a collection of 19th Century Poor Law Union and Workhouse Records. The Poor Law Amendment Act was introduced in 1834, centralizing the poor relief administrative system and grouping parishes into "unions". Previously, poor relief had largely been the responsibility of the parish. Expenditures rose during the Napoleonic Wars and local rate payers and authorities decided that looking after paupers was too costly.

You can search the available records by name, place name, occupation and keywords. The records for 23 Poor Law Unions are available via the website.

Be sure to check out the in-depth guides on the poor and related laws at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/research-guides/poor-laws.htm and www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/research-guides/poor-law-records.htm.

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