

Information on researching historical persons in the Bayreuth City Archive

Some general information on family research:

The City Archive of Bayreuth contains only records relating to the city itself, not documents relating to places in the district of Bayreuth.

If your ancestors came from Bayreuth and you are looking for information and data on people from Bayreuth for your family research, the period of time you are looking for is important.

Information on births, baptisms, marriages and deaths before 1876 can only be found in parish registers. The parish registers are kept in the respective parish offices, in some cases the parish registers are also compiled in central church archives.

Civil registers of births, marriages and deaths kept by a town or municipality, have only been kept here since 1876.

The older civil registers, for which the statutory retention periods have expired, are handed over to the city archive. The retention period is 110 years for birth entries, 30 years for death entries and 80 years for marriage entries.

It therefore depends on the year in question whether the registry office, the city archive or the parish office is the responsible authority.

The Protestant parish registers for Bayreuth (Evang.-Luth. Pfarramt Bayreuth-Stadtkirche and St. Johannis) are located in the Landeskirchliches Archiv der Evangelisch-Lutherischen Kirche in Bayern in Nuremberg (<https://archiv-elkb.de/>). Most of the parish registers of Bayreuth have already been digitized and can be viewed for a fee via the parish register portal Archion (<https://www.archion.de/de/>).

The parish registers of the reformed parish of Bayreuth are located in the parish office there (<https://reformiert-bayreuth.de/>).

The Catholic parish registers of Bayreuth are located in the Archbishop's Archive in Bamberg (<http://archiv.kirche-bamberg.de/>) and in the Catholic Parish Office of Our Dear Lady in Bayreuth (<https://schlosskirche-bayreuth.kirche-bamberg.de/>).

The residents' registration records of the town of Bayreuth were burnt in April 1945 as a result of the war. It is therefore not possible to obtain any information from the registration records in Bayreuth for the period before 1945 (family connections, people moving in and out). The newly created residents' file after 1945 is still held by the Bayreuth Residents' and Electoral Office.

The following finding aids of the city archive are available online for research:

General information

- Finding aids can be found under „[Beständeübersicht](#)“ ("Summary of records") on the homepage of the Bayreuth City Archive especially: [Findbuch „Neuere Akten“](#) ("Recent files")

Specific information

- [Bürgeraufnahmen in der Stadt Bayreuth bis 1828 \(citizenship applications in the city of Bayreuth until 1828\)](#)
- [Bürgerrechtsanträge 1869-1919 \(citizenship applications 1869-1919\)](#)
- [Heimatrechtsanträge 1881-1919 \(right of domicile applications 1881-1919\)](#)
- [Heimatrechtsangelegenheiten 1812-1927 \(right of domicile matters 1812-1927\)](#)

- [Verehelichungsprotokolle 1875-1915 \(marriage records 1875-1915\)](#), with gaps
- [Zunftbuch des Weberhandwerks \(Lehrlinge, Gesellen, Meister\) 17. und 18. Jahrhundert \(guild book of the weaving trade \(apprentices, journeymen, masters\) 17th and 18th century\)](#)
- [Mitglieder Bayreuther Zünfte 17. bis 19. Jahrhundert \(members of Bayreuth guilds 17th to 19th century\)](#)
- [Aufdingen von Handwerkslehrlingen in Bayreuth 1. Hälfte 19. Jahrhundert \(acceptances of apprentices in Bayreuth 1st half of the 19th century\)](#)

House number, address and population registers of the town of Bayreuth

The registers initially only contain details of house owners, but from 1881 onwards the heads of households were also included.

The address books from 1807 - 1937 are available online on the University Library's homepage:

https://epub.uni-bayreuth.de/view/divisions/500000.html#group_2007

or

<https://epub.uni-bayreuth.de> > Serviceeinrichtungen (Service facilities) > 2007

Residents' registers from 1950 to 1992 are available for consultation in the reading room of the city archive; no further editions have been published.

Registers of births, marriages and deaths of Bayreuth and the incorporated villages

The following registers of the Bayreuth registry office are currently held in the town archive:

Birth registers	1876 – 1913
Marriage registers	1876 – 1943
Death registers	1876 – 1993 <i>with death notifications from 1945 onwards</i>

Every year, more recent volumes are handed over in accordance with the terms of the Civil Status Act.

The following registers of the registry offices of the incorporated villages are also currently held in the town archive:

Aichig	Marriage registers	1907 – 05.03.1938
	Death registers	1907 – 1972
Laineck	Birth registers	1876 – 1913
	Marriage registers	1876 – 04.06.1938
	Death registers	1876 – 1972
Meyernberg	Marriage registers	1876 – 1938
	Death registers	1876 – 1939
Oberkonnersreuth	Birth registers	1876 – 1909
	Marriage registers	1876 – 04.06.1938
	Death registers	1876 – 1971
Oberpreuschwitz	Birth registers	1876 – 1901
	Marriage registers	1876 – 11.06.1938
	Death registers	1876 – 1976
St. Johannis	Birth registers	1876 – 1904
	Marriage registers	1876 – 1904
	Death registers	1876 – 1939

Seulbitz	Marriage registers	1876 – 12.02.1938
	Death registers	1876 – 1973
Thiergarten	Marriage registers	1876 – 14.05.1938
	Death registers	1876 – 1976

Further key sources for researching persons in the Bayreuth City Archive

Esp.

- Index of persons in the reading room of the city archive (pre-Bavarian/Bavarian period)
- Necropsy certificates A-Z, January 1891 to December 1906
- Military documents, cf. especially the „*Bände*“ ("Volumes") finding aid
- Vaccination lists 1814 – 1914
First vaccination in the year of birth, revaccination at the age of 12 (with date of birth, father's name, occupation, address, school details for revaccination)
Only the years 1814-1820 are recorded in the index of persons.
- Business records
Registrations and deregistrations 1868 - ca. 1940, trade register ca. 1826 - ca. 1907 (cf. Findbuch "*Bände*" ("Volumes"))
- Crosses of honor awarded to participants in the 1st World War (*Bände* (Volumes), B 2870)
- Passport applications, see „*Bände*“ ("Volumes") finding aid
- Lists of houses, civil status and business registration from 10.10.1938 (by street), cf. finding aid „*Akten 19. und erste Hälfte 20. Jahrhundert*“ ("Files 19th and first half of 20th century")