

Map Guide to German Parish Registers

Germany “How to” Guide, Intermediate Level: Activity

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1. Answer the following questions for Scheppach, Württemberg:

In which “Map Guide” volume is Scheppach, Württemberg?	
To which Lutheran parish does Scheppach belong?	
According to the “Map Guide,” which towns are in this parish?	
List all FHL microfilm numbers for this parish.	

2. Answer the following questions on “Piskowitz bei Taubenheim” in Saxony, using only the Map Guides:

Is this town in the Kingdom or Province of Saxony?	
In which “Map Guide” volume is it found?	
Were residents of this town more likely Lutheran or Catholic? Answer the rest of the questions based on this answer.	
What is the name of the parish?	
List all adjacent parishes.	

3. Carl Schmidt was born in Rohrbach in the Palatinate, and he was definitely NOT Catholic. His great great grandson cannot find his baptism in the Lutheran church books. Why? Provide an explanation using the hints below:

Hint 1: His death record, found in the church records of St. James United Church of Christ in Cincinnati, says that he was born in “Rohrbach, Bergzabern, Pfalz-Bayern.”	
Hint 2: You only need the “Map Guide” to answer this question.	

4. A library guest has a Lutheran ancestor born in Kattbek, Schleswig-Holstein, in 1781.
Answer the following questions using the “Map Guide”:

Does the FHL have records that will help this guest?	
Explain your reasoning for the answer above.	

5. The same guest has a family line in Rheide, Kreis Schleswig, Schleswig-Holstein.
Answer the following questions using the “Map Guide”:

Does the FHL have records that will help this guest?	
Explain your reasoning for the answer above.	

[Click here](#) to check your work against the Answer Key. Remember, this will let you know you’ve mastered the Guide!