

The Family Search Wiki page “Germany Handwriting” has vocabulary lists by topic
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany_Handwriting

See your name in Sütterlin
<http://www.suetterlinschrift.de/Englisch/Sutterlin.htm>

Vocabulary List
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/German_Genealogical_Word_List

“A Guide to Writing the Old German ‘Kurrent’ Script” by Margarete Mücke
Teaches letters and how they connect. Does not teach vocabulary.
<http://www.kurrent-lernen-muecke.de/pdf/Schreiblehrgang%20Kurrentschrift%20%202016-english.pdf>

The LACA approach to reading German documents. Perform this analysis before reading a document, so you know that you are ready to look for the correct information or abandon ship if you are looking in the wrong place. (Dr. Roger P. Minert)

- L- language (German? Latin? French?)
- A- alphabet (Fraktur, Deutsche Schrift, Latin, Other?)
- C- content (Birth or Christening, Confirmation, Marriage, Death or Burial, Other?)
- A- author (Church, Government, Other?)

Basic Vocabulary in the Old German Handwriting

BEGINNING of LIFE

- baptism = **Taufe** *Taufe*
- baptized = getauft *getauft*
- to baptize = taufen lassen *taufen lassen* or *tauffen lassen*
- birth = Geburt *Geburt*
- born = geboren *geboren*

MIDDLE

- marriage = **Ehe**, Hochzeit, Hierat, Trauung, Copulierung *Eh, Hochzeit, Hierat, Trauung, Copulierung*
- married = verheiratet, verehelicht, vertraut, copuliert *verheiratet, verehelicht, vertraut, copuliert*

END

- death = **Tod, Sterbfälle** *Tod, Sterbfälle*
- died = starb, ist gestorben *starb, ist gestorben*
- burial = Beerdigung *Beerdigung*
- laid to rest = zur Ruhe gestattet *zur Ruhe gestattet*

RELATIONSHIP VOCABULARY

- Father = Vater *Vater*
- Mother= Mutter *Mutter*
- Sister = Schwester *Schwester*
- Brother = Bruder *Bruder*

DATES

- Many abbreviations involved
- den (before number of month)
- Days of the month can be written in numerals or letters
- Months have many abbreviations, including numbered months
- Take clues from section headings and nearby entries if you don't see a date

EXAMPLES

den 25. Dezember 1865

d funfundzwanzigsten Dezember achtzehnhundertfunfundsechzig

d. 25 X^{ber} 1865

25 Dez. achtzehnhundertfunfundsechzig

SPELLING VARIATIONS: Letters produced in similar ways can be easily switched. Don't rule out a spelling variation immediately

A a	<i>Œ œ</i>	K k	<i>Ɔ Ɔ</i>	Sch	<i>Œ Œ</i>
B b	<i>L l</i>	L l	<i>L l</i>	ß	<i>ß</i>
C c	<i>L r</i>	M m	<i>Œ m</i>	T t	<i>Œ t</i>
Ch	<i>L r</i>	N n	<i>Œ n</i>	tz	<i>Œ z</i>
D d	<i>Œ d</i>	O o	<i>O o</i>	U u	<i>Œ u</i>
E e	<i>Œ e</i>	P p	<i>Œ p</i>	V v	<i>Œ v</i>
F f	<i>Œ f</i>	Q q	<i>Œ q</i>	W w	<i>Œ w</i>
G g	<i>Œ g</i>	R r	<i>Œ r</i>	X x	<i>Œ x</i>
H h	<i>Œ h</i>	S s	<i>Œ s</i>	Y y	<i>Œ y</i>
I i	<i>Œ i</i>	St	<i>Œ st</i>	Z z	<i>Œ z</i>
J j	<i>Œ j</i>	st	<i>Œ st</i>		