**Kolping Genealogy Google Maps & Google Earth**

We will meet Sunday, November 17 at 2:00 pm for an hour to review the updates and power of using maps in your family’s research. The first part of the meeting will focus on *Maps* and then using Google *Earth* in your genealogical research. As time allows, the rest of the time is spent working with each other on capturing our information and expanding our skill sets.

You must learn the location of your “home village” in order to facilitate most German research. So a subtopic will be “Finding your Heimat” using this technology. We will compare Google *Maps* to Google *Earth* (using the two villages of my Weber family as an example) and learn to search “Germany” using both apps to find your ancestors’ homes.

Reference: *https://gisgeography.com/google-earth-vs-google-maps/* Review the *comparison table* before attending our session. Both Google Maps and Google Earth are free.

* Google *Maps* gives us distances to walk, bike, or drive.
* Google *Earth*: armed with the address and village, you can “pin” these locations and share with others.

You can login with your own laptop to view digital maps and research Germany’s geography. Load both to your computer (and/or smartphone) before attending so that you can enjoy your own personal searches.

A review of basic geography will cover the present-day German States and look back into historical regions and administrative divisions. We will whet your appetite for “mapping” by looking at a few of the many online gazetteers and some of the best online historical maps, but not in detail as these map sites are a whole different topic to separately review. Maps are fun to view and give us a perspective most useful in our research. Our forefathers would be amazed to see “Street View” of the old home place.

“Live” in the Clubhouse at 2:00 (bring your laptop, notepad, maps, and research) or you may follow this **Zoom** link and “visit” from your favorite chair with a cold drink in your hand, but note this link is only active on November 17th: Join Zoom Meeting
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82740259421?pwd=AQChieszOxaazoxPQ8ixlYEgp6k2Cs.1](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82740259421?pwd%3DAQChieszOxaazoxPQ8ixlYEgp6k2Cs.1&sa=D&source=calendar&usd=2&usg=AOvVaw1-2q3LXyO3-MeISdSH64mj)

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