

Search Diary
(Karina Georgi)

A. Persons:

1. Meyer, Wilhelm
2. Herding, Wilhelm
3. Breiter, Theodor
4. Friedrich, Wilhelm
5. Lommatzsch, Ernst

B. Resources:

- i. Virtual International Authority File:
<http://viaf.org/>
- ii. GND (Gemeinsame Normdatei)
http://www.dnb.de/DE/Kataloge/kataloge_node.html
- iii. Munzinger biographical database (Famous Persons):
http://rzblx10.uni-regensburg.de/dbinfo/detail.php?bib_id=ubhub&colors=&ocolors=&lett=k&tid=0&titel_id=2109
<http://www.munzinger.de/search/query?query.id=query-00>
- iv. Kürschners Deutscher Gelehrten-Kalende
early editions only in print
- v. Deutsche Biographie:
<http://www.deutsche-biographie.de/index.html>
- vi. Database in “Akademie der Künste”:
<http://www.adk.de/de/akademie/mitglieder/mitglieder-datenbank.htm>
- vii. WATCH (Writers, Artists and their Copyright Holders)
<http://norman.hrc.utexas.edu/watch/>
- viii. Kössler Personenlexikon:
<http://geb.uni-giessen.de/geb/volltexte/2008/6106/>
- ix. Deutsches Literaturarchiv Marbach:
http://www.dla-marbach.de/opac_kallias/namen/index.html
- x. Google:
<https://www.google.de/>

C. Results:

Resource/Person	1	2	3	4	5
i	1845 - 1917	Name available, but no life dates	Name available, but no life dates	1840 - 1898	1871 - 1949

ii	1845 - 1917	Name available, but no life dates	1824 - 1908	1840 - 1898	1871 - 1949
iii	-	-	-	-	-
iv	-	-	-	-	-
v	1845 - 1917	-	-	-	-
vi	-	-	-	-	-
vii	-	-	-	-	-
viii	-	-	1824 - 1908	1840 - 1898	-
ix	1854 - 1917	-	-	-	-
x	1854 - 1917	1836 - 1903	-	-	-

Notes:

Most authors/publishers were available in VIAF or the GND. Still it was helpful to compare the results from the different national libraries with each other. Especially SUDOC proved a reliable source, because most titles published by the author were listed in their files. The GND on the other hand often didn't have all the authors/publishers titles linked with the personal data.

The Munzinger database, the German PEN Yearbooks, proved to be of no use, because they only list very famous or recent persons in their databases.

Unfortunately I made no research in Kürschners Deutscher Gelehrten-Kalender or Who's Who. Kösslers Personenlexikon von Lehrern des 19. Jahrhunderts proved to be of great value when it came to former teachers.

Academy of Art's database of members had no results but could be of help for other resources.

Another interesting, but not that fruitful resource proved the university's Open Access Repositories. Often they had a list of former students, professors and the university's publications, like dissertations, state doctorate, etc.

Herding, Wilhelm:

- no life dates in VIAF and GND, but additional book titles

→ most of these books were published in Erlangen

- no result in Kössler

- Google search with the terms "Wilhelm Herding Erlangen"

→ Result in Wikipedia: Wilhelm Herding was the name of a grammar school's headmaster (1892 – 1898) in Erlangen (found on the page about the "Marie-Therese-Gymnasium Erlangen")

- contact e-mail send to grammar school, but no reply

- contact mail to Erlangen's registration office (Einwohnermeldeamt)

→ there are 3 people registered under the name during this time period, most likely:

*4.9.1836 – †24.8.1903

→ the other two are born 1876 and 1879, therefore they can't be involved in the publication of the book in search

Friedrich, Wilhelm:

- proofed to quite hard, because Friedrich Wilhelm was quite a popular and famous name between 1600 and 1900
- first thought: because the main author is called “Carl Friedrich Wilhelm Müller” it could just be a part of his name
 - search in Kössler: additional publications and life dates found

Legend:

GND = Database: National Library of Germany

LoC NA = Library of Congress Authority File

BnF = Database: National Library of France

KBN = Database: National Library of the Netherlands

VL = Vatican Library

SUDOC = University Documentary System (France)