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**Germany Place Styles:**

**Problem:**

1. 19th Century when majority of Germans immigrated to U.S. was changing from multiple independent state/countries. Some states had already allied with Prussia and standardized their administrations, adding a 6th possible administration level. Others remained independent.
2. Differing administration in each State before 1871 unification results in 3-6 administrative levels as well as differing names for each level of administration.
3. Some German-speaking ancestors immigrated from Switzerland, France, Austrian Empire, or other countries. France also had 6 administrative levels.



**Solution for TMG Place Styles:**

1. Represent all possible German administrations and adapt to Swiss, French, Austrian Empire.
2. To avoid adding to TMG editing—sentences and other output. Instead use existing TMG fields: city, county, state, country—by combining extra German fields together and listing independent country/states as States, not countries.



**Learn More about German Places over time:**

* Family Search, German Wiki page:

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Germany_Genealogy>

* Compgen’s GenWiki GOV: <http://gov.genealogy.net/search/index>
* Meyers Gazetteer: <https://www.meyersgaz.org/>