



HARSHMAN

a Report of an American Family Name

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Names come in many forms and spellings. They are not distributed by scientists, but by normal human beings and attempts to put them in a scientific scheme have failed.

They are individual, sometimes unique and they represent you from here to Eternity. Having lost the your ancestors name, your family history is losing its most important part: The explanation what you made what you are.

German names refer to German ethnicity not to geographical Germany; they occur in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Italy, Luxembourg, Switzerland, the Nordic states, and in all of Eastern Europe, included Russia.

German-American family names often have an awkward relation to its native country: They are not German anymore but not American as well.

The phonetic registration of the names of German immigrants by British immigration officials in the 18th century and secondly the shame of bearing a German name during and after World War I and later led to mutilation and disguise many Americans are not aware of their German heritage.

The Historical Glossary, part of this report, let you imagine the hardships endured by the courageous people who built America. It also offer historical events and describes the roll of the early German immigration to America and the important part it played, not shared by any other not English speaking Nation.

This report offers a basis for serious genealogical research and directs the attention of the researcher to the vital importance of the family name in any such research.

This is a History of Names, not of persons. And the following entries in old records will show the development of names till they have reached their final form.

1. Spelling Variations of the Family name:

Names change upon moving into a new linguistic environment, like in case of immigration, and its adoptions in some cases do not remember the original. Also German Immigrants and their descendants found it often desirable to hide the connection to their German Homeland ([check Historical Glossary for further information](#)). The resulting names look completely English and since nothing in the spelling of their names suggests their German origin, their bearers nowadays very often are not aware of their German origins (Dictionary of American Family Names, page IV)

Structure of name information:

- U.S. Name: An American family name in its original form, which appears in the U.S. Census more than hundred times. If the field "U.S. Name" is blank after entering a name, that means this specific name appears less than hundred times in the census.
- U.S. Ranking: Shows the rank of a specific name between 1 and 151,671.
- U.S. Count: Number of persons bearing this name in the United States.
- U.S. White: Percentage of people with this name who are of Caucasian heritage.
- Categories: Classifies names in different ethnic groups.
- Equivalent Name: A name of a foreign ethnicity other than U.S., which could be the same if it was misspelled or translated from its original form.
- German Rank: Shows the rank of a specific name between 1 and 306,001.
- German Count: Number of persons bearing this name in Germany.
- Clustered: Refers to a region or city in Germany where most people with this name lived in 2009
- Location: Link to city or region where name is clustered, (this feature is under construction).

US Name	US Ranking	US Count	US White	Categorie	Surname	German Ranking	German Count	Clustered	Location
HARSHMAN	8263	3688	95.88	German Root	Hirschmann	1274	2291	112	18:16.7
Harsman	150437	99		German Root	Hirschmann	1274	2291	112	18:16.7
Hearsman	150437	99		German Root	Hirschmann	1274	2291	112	18:16.7
HERSHMAN	13573	2052	96.93	German Root	Hirschmann	1274	2291	112	18:16.7
HERSMAN	33563	641	94.54	German Root	Hirschmann	1274	2291	112	18:16.7
Hiersman	150437	99		German Root	Hirschmann	1274	2291	112	18:16.7
HIRSCHMAN	17483	1486	96.1	German Root	Hirschmann	1274	2291	112	18:16.7
HIRSCHMANN	43546	467	95.29	German Root	Hirschmann	1274	2291	112	18:16.7
HIRSHMAN	59769	316	95.57	German Root	Hirschmann	1274	2291	112	18:16.7
Hirzman	150437	99		German Root	Hirschmann	1274	2291	112	18:16.7
Harsman	150437	99		German Root	Harsman	3266	9	0	
HARTZMAN	137816	112	93.75	German Root	Hartzmann	3251	24	2	36:36.3
HERSCHMAN	80502	219	96.35	German Root	Herschman				
HERTZMAN	133114	117	96.58	German Root	Herzmann	3000	275	5	34:28.8
HORSEMAN	30324	728	91.62	German Root	Horsemann				
HORSMAN	18008	1429	94.68	German Root	Horsmann	3209	66	10	18:45.1
HORSMON	150436	100	99	German Root	Horsmann	3209	66	10	18:45.1
HURSHMAN	84968	205	94.15	German Root	Hurschmann	3244	31	0	
HURSMAN	100663	166	95.18	German Root	Hurschmann	3244	31	0	





2. Passengers List

At different periods, various causes and diverse motives induced Germans to abandon their homeland. Since 1606, millions have emigrated. Religious persecution and political oppression drove thousands to Pennsylvania, an asylum for the harassed and depressed sons and daughters of the Reformation. William Penn himself invited the persecuted of every creed and religious opinion to settle. From 1682 to 1776, Pennsylvania was the central point of immigration from Germany, France and Switzerland. Penn's liberal views, and the illiberal course of the government of New York toward Germans, induced many to come to this province. (Rau)

Our passenger lists represent 356 ships, most of which sailed from Rotterdam to Philadelphia. (Check the Historical Glossary for further information.)

Structure of passenger information:

Num	Ships number in the ships list, reference to details of a certain voyage
Vessel Type	different vessel types, check Historical Glossary , "The voyage" for detailed information
Arrival date	date format: year-month-day
Master	Captain of the vessel
Intinerary	route of the vessel, check Historical Glossary for table (example: R-C-P, Rotterdam-Cowes-Philadelphia)
Total	passengers shipped, the ships gives in some cases a specification for sex and age
Remarks	self explanatory
Nee	maiden name of the wife
Ilit	illiterate, can not read or write
R	indentured servant or redemptioner, check Historical glossary
Source	Rupp, Daniel, A collection of upwards of thirty thousand names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and other immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727-1776, this book is available in our Library for a free down load

Num	Ship Name	Vessel Type	Arrival Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	Master					Itinerary			Total	Remarks	
79	Rob & Alice	Ship	1740-12-03	Walter Goodman					R-C-P			185		
 Ship		Surname	Nee	First Name	Middle Name	Born	Sex	Ilit	R	Speeling Variations	From	To	Notes	
		Hirschmann		Uldrich			M			Hersman			only List A	
173	Duke of Wirtemberg	Ship	1751-10-16	Daniel Montpellier					R-C-P			406		
 Ship		Surname	Nee	First Name	Middle Name	Born	Sex	Ilit	R	Speeling Variations	From	To	Notes	
		Hirschman		Johann	Adam	1734	M				Gemmingen			
		Hirschman		Matheus		1729	M				Gemmingen		born on board	
		Hirschman		Ulrich		1751	M				Gemmingen			
Hirschmann		Andreas		1728	M				Gemmingen					
185	Forest	Ship	1752-10-11	Paterick Ouchterlony					R-P-P			106		
 Ship		Surname	Nee	First Name	Middle Name	Born	Sex	Ilit	R	Speeling Variations	From	To	Notes	
		Hirschman		Johannes			M							
346	Old Berry	Ship	1752-11-27	Henry Brown					Germany - Georgia			126		
 Ship		Surname	Nee	First Name	Middle Name	Born	Sex	Ilit	R	Speeling Variations	From	To	Notes	
		Hirschmann		Johann	Caspar		M				Oberstenfeld		grant Halifax 1752	dd 1760
		Hirschmann		Johann, son	Caspar		M				Oberstenfeld		grant Halifax 1752	killed by runaway slaves
Hirschmann		Barbara, dau			F				Oberstenfeld		grant Halifax 1752			
254	Betsey	Ship	1766-10-13	John Osmond					R-C-P			154		
 Ship		Surname	Nee	First Name	Middle Name	Born	Sex	Ilit	R	Speeling Variations	From	To	Notes	
		Hirschmann		F.	Gr.		M							

284	Recovery	Brigantine	1771-12-01	Andrew Bryson	L-P	38
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Brigantine

Surname	Nee	First Name	Middle Name	Born	Sex	Ilit	R	Speeling Variations	From	To	Notes
Hirschman		Johannes			M			Herschmann			

357	Dummy 18th century	Ship	1799-12-31		Germany - USA	ship not known
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Ship

Surname	Nee	First Name	Middle Name	Born	Sex	Ilit	R	Speeling Variations	From	To	Notes
Hirschmann		Joseph			M				Asperg		1749
Hirschmann		Wilhelm			M				Neulingen		1742



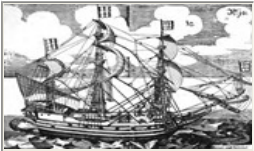
Bilander

A Bilander, also spelled billander or be'landre, was a small European merchant ship with two masts, used in the Netherlands for coast and canal traffic and occasionally seen in the North Sea but more frequently to be seen in the Mediterranean Sea. The mainmast was lateen-rigged with a trapezoidal mainsail, but the foremast carried the conventional square course and square topsail. Displacement was typically under 100 tons. The Bilander was short-lived, being replaced by more efficient designs, and few examples exist today.



Brig

In nautical terms, a brig is a vessel with two square-rigged masts. During the Age of Sail, brigs were seen as fast and maneuverable and were used as both naval war ships and merchant ships. They were especially popular in the 18th and early 19th centuries. Brigs fell out of use with the arrival of the steam ship because they required a relatively large crew for their small size and were difficult to sail into the wind. They are not to be confused with a brigantine which has different.



Galley

The word "schooner" comes since 1419 from German texts. The later meaning galley for a "two-master with high foremast" is not found before 1748 for the Dutch, Danes, Swedes and Germans schooner means a vehicle with a rake and his flat tail, which has a large boom and a small mizzen mast. A distinction is made between Huker Slupgaleasse and, depending on whether the main mast rigged like the Schooner brigg.



Packet

A small tender ship, which normally links two ports.



Pink

In the Atlantic Ocean the word pink was used to describe any small ship with a narrow stern, having derived from the Dutch word pincke. They had a large cargo capacity, and were generally square rigged. Their flat bottoms (and resulting shallow draught) made them more useful in shallow waters than some similar classes of ship. They were most often used for short-range missions in protected channels, as both merchantmen and warships. A number saw service in the English Navy during the second half of the 17th Century Galley:



Ship

Full rigged ships: The masts of a full rigged ship, from bow to stern, are: • Foremast, which is the second tallest mast • Mainmast, the tallest • Mizzenmast, the third tallest • Jiggermast, which may not be present but will be fourth tallest if so If the masts are of wood, each mast is in three or more pieces. The lowest piece is called the mast or the lower. Above it, the pieces in order are • Topmast • Topgallant mast • Royal mast, if fitted .Most Immigrants arrived with this type



Snow

A snow (pronounced "snoo") or snaw, is a sailing vessel[1]. A type of brig (snows are often-referred to as "snow-brigs"), snows were primarily used as merchant ships, but saw war service as well. The twin brigs Lawrence and Niagara, American warships of the Battle of Lake Erie, were both snows. Snows carried square sails on both masts, but had a small trysail mast, sometimes called a snow mast, stepped immediately abaft the mainmast. This mast could carry a trysail with a boom, with the luff of the trysail hooped to it. Sometimes, instead of a trysail mast, snows carried a horse on the mainmast, with the luff of the trysail attached to it by rings.

4. Land Deeds of West Virginia

List of land deeds claimed and registered by authorities in the 18th and 19th century in West Virginia. The registration was made by year of entry, Volume and page

Structure of land deeds of West Virginia:

Reference	Reference Number
Name of grantee	Family name
Additional info	like & co, and company, a number reference in this column means joint ownership with this number
Number	possibly volume, no information available
Page	page number
Source	Dyer's Land Grants in West Virginia, volume 1 & 2 .These books are available in our Library section for a free download.



Name of grantee	FirstName	Additional info	State	County	Acres	Location	Year	Number	Page
Hersman	Casper		West Virginia	Hampshire County	248	Bever run	1777	2	57
Hersman	Jacob		West Virginia	Hampshire County	121	waters Pattersons cr	1777	2	58
Hersman	Mathias		West Virginia	Hampshire County	68	Patterson's creek	1778	2	143
Hersman	Christopher		West Virginia	Hampshire County	32	Patterson's creek	1789	3	310
Hersman	Casper		West Virginia	Hampshire County	287	Reaver run	1789	3	445
Hersman	George		West Virginia	Hampshire County	50	adj his own land	1794	4	374
Hersman	Jacob		West Virginia	Hampshire County	100	adj his own land	1794	4	376
Hersman	Casper		West Virginia	Hampshire County	150	adj Adam Hall	1799	5	200
Horseman	William	&c	West Virginia	Hardy County	18	iSorth river	1840		42
Hersman	James		West Virginia	Preston County	200	Middle fork Sandy	1838		265
Hersman	Mark C		West Virginia	Preston County	80	Big Sandy creek	1838		288

5. Settler Lists in the 18th century

Shows where settlers lived, based on the U.S. Census of 1790, church books and other publications. The interested genealogist can trace and crosscheck persons of his interest with the entries above

State		Country					Town	
Maryland		Baltimore-city					Unknown	
Surname	Speeling Variations	First Name	Middle Name	Born	Year	Profession	Address	Notes
Harshman	Hirschmann	Henry			1790			
Horseman		John			1790			
Maryland		Frederick					Unknown	
Surname	Speeling Variations	First Name	Middle Name	Born	Year	Profession	Address	Notes
Harshman	Hirschmann	Christian			1790			
Harshman	Hirschmann	William			1790			
New York		City					Out ward	
Surname	Speeling Variations	First Name	Middle Name	Born	Year	Profession	Address	Notes
Horsman		Nicholas			1790			
Pennsylvania		Dauphin					Unknown	
Surname	Speeling Variations	First Name	Middle Name	Born	Year	Profession	Address	Notes
Hershman	Herschmann	David			1790			
Pennsylvania		Lancaster					Unknown	
Surname	Speeling Variations	First Name	Middle Name	Born	Year	Profession	Address	Notes
Hershman	Herschmann	unreadable			1790			Widow
Pennsylvania		Philadelphia					City	
Surname	Speeling Variations	First Name	Middle Name	Born	Year	Profession	Address	Notes
Hersman	Hirschmann	John			1790	Brick Layer	Race Street, South to Ninth Street	
Virginia		Fairfax Co					Unknown	
Surname	Speeling Variations	First Name	Middle Name	Born	Year	Profession	Address	Notes
Horseman		John			1790			
Horseman		William			1790			
Virginia		Hampshire Cty					Unknown	
Surname	Speeling Variations	First Name	Middle Name	Born	Year	Profession	Address	Notes
Harsman		Jacob			1784			
Hearsman		Philip			1784			
Hiersman		Christian			1782			
Hiersman		George			1782			
Hiersman		Mathias			1782			
Hirsman		Caspar			1782			

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