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Online Search in the Frankfurt Civil Status Records using Arcinsys

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The civil status books ("Personenstandsbücher") and earlier civil status registers ("Standesbücher", civil status books prior to 1876) at the Institut für Stadtgeschichte have been digitised; the following years are available online:

Birth registers 1851-1898 / Marriage registers 1849-1928 / Death registers 1851-1965

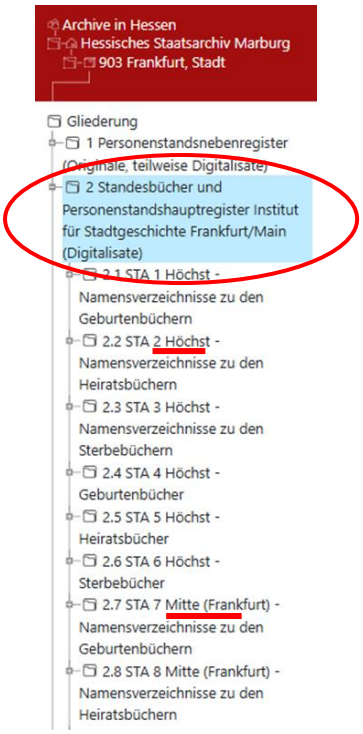
Chronologies may vary regarding former suburbs.

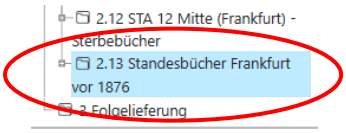
You may research and download the entry you are looking for free of charge at this link: https://arcinsys.hessen.de/arcinsys/start

When the welcome page has loaded, please follow this path: Navigator, Staatsarchive, Hessisches Staatsarchiv Marburg (view content / Inhalt anzeigen), H Personenstandsarchiv Hessen. This way, you will find the collection "HStaM 903 Frankfurt" (view content / Inhalt anzeigen).

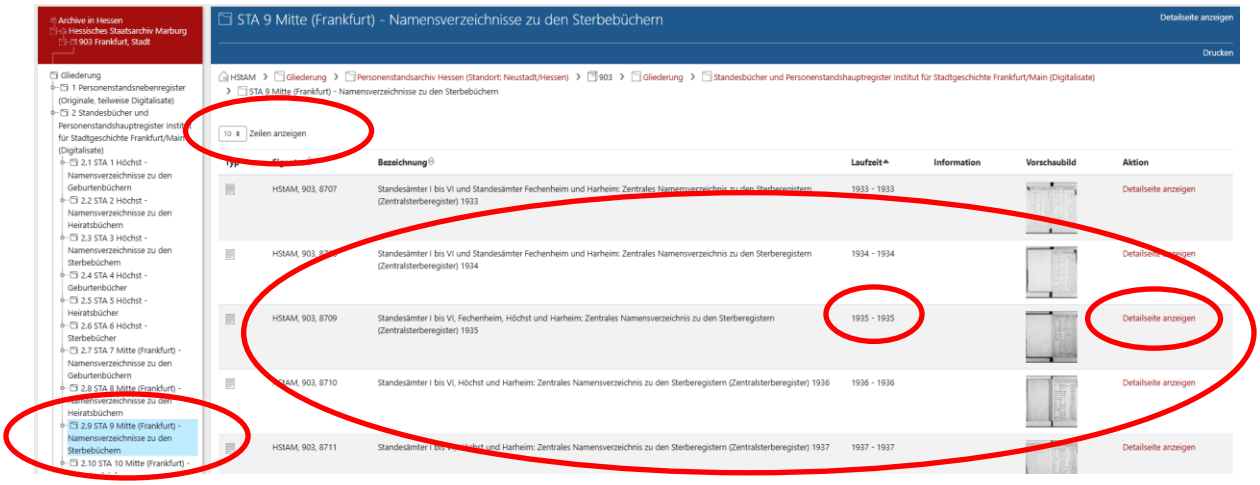
In the following, the search is explained using example screenshots of the death record of Konrad Müller from 1935.

1) Please first select the section concerning the digitised data ("2 Standesbücher und Personenstandshauptregister Institut für Stadtgeschichte Frankfurt/Main"). There you will find the birth, marriage, and death registers with their directories of names, sorted according to the current register office districts ("Standesamtsbezirke") Höchst and Mitte, and the registers prior to 1876 ("2.13 Standesbücher Frankfurt vor 1876").





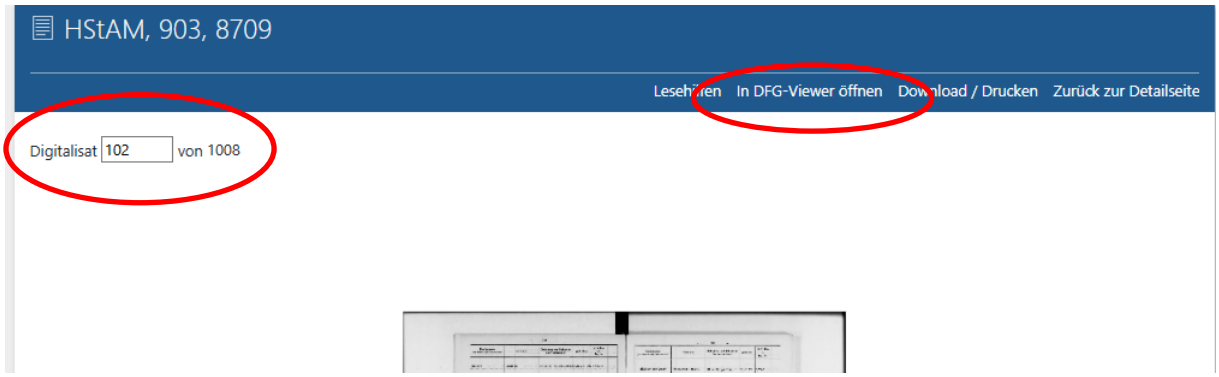
2) To find an entry, please first search for the entry number and the register office (“Standesamt”) in the directories of names (“Namensverzeichnisse”) organised by year (period). If you do not know the register office district, please search for the person in all the directories of names listed for a particular year. It is recommended to begin the search with the register office Mitte or register office I. Otherwise you may also select the register office district (either Roman numerals or names of city district). To open the digital record, please first click “Show details page” (“Detailseite anzeigen”) and then “Show digital copies” (“Digitalisate öffnen”) on the website which opens.

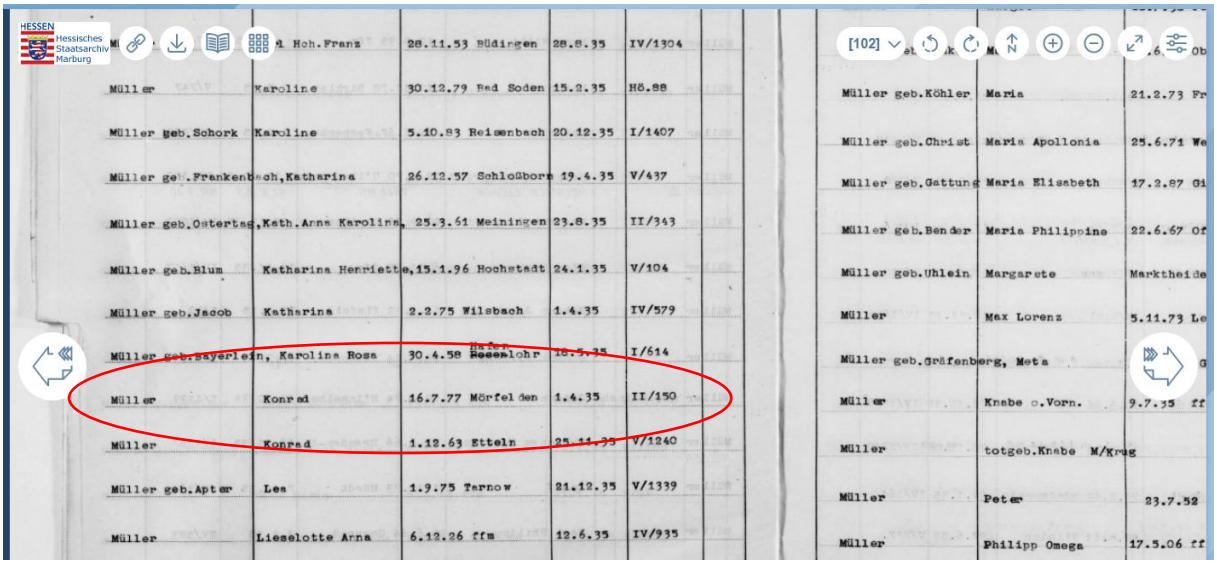




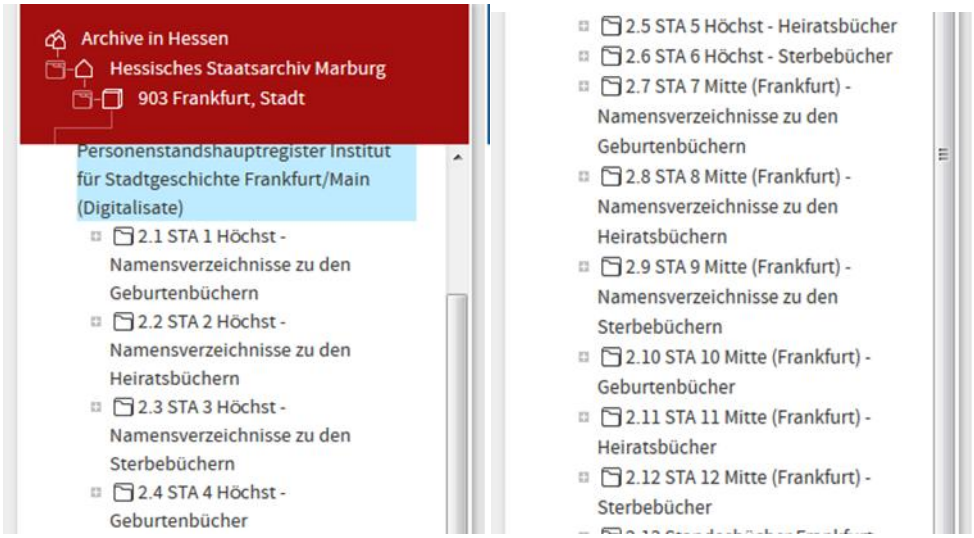
3) Now, you may find the requested information – register office district number and entry number – in the alphabetical directory of names. For better legibility, click on “Open in DFG Viewer” (“In DFG-Viewer öffnen”) to view the record in a higher resolution.
Especially regarding the older registers, you will need the register’s volume and page number instead of the entry number for your search. Some name directories comprise two directories from A to Z – one for Register Office I, another for Register Office II. If necessary, please check both directories. Particularly in the case of a register of the former suburbs, name directories were not kept in separate books, so that they are added to the entries, i.e. they appear in the

actual birth, marriage, or death registers. So, if you are unable to locate a name directory for the respective year and suburb, please promptly consult the relevant book.

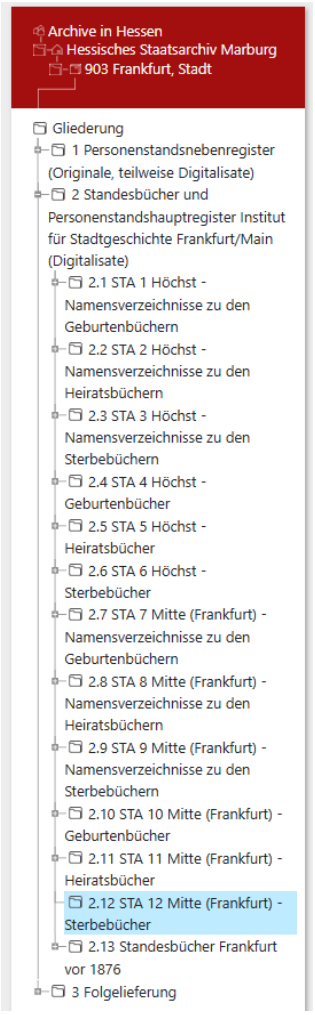


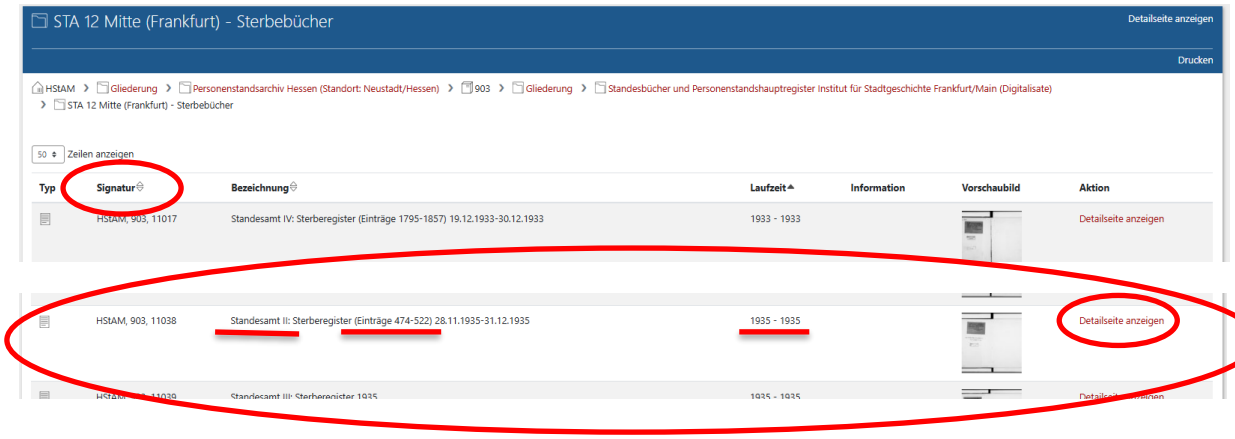


4) Now, please return to the previous website and search for the entry in the actual birth, marriage, and death registers.



5) Using the register office district and the entry number, you may now select the respective volume from the list.
   The search is a bit more complex if you only know the volume number and page number instead of the entry number. As the volume numbers are not stated in the title record, you must deduce the volume numbers from the entries (e.g. entries 1-600 = volume 1; entries 600-1200 = volume 2; etc.). In these cases, it is best to sort the entries according to the reference number to see a list of all volumes from a particular register office and a particular year.





6) To pull up the digitised media, please first click “Show details page” (“Detailseite anzeigen”) and then “Open digital record” (as explained under 2 above), followed by “Open DFG Viewer” (“DFG-Viewer öffnen”) (see point 3).

7) The entry may now be viewed using the DFG Viewer. To save and print the entry, please first download the individual page. To do so, click the download symbol in the top menu ribbon. On the downloaded page, you may now right-click to save the image, and then print it.

