Matricula
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1. https://data.matricula-online.eu/en/
• Welcome to Matricula!
• Here you can find church registers (mostly books of birth, marriage and death) from various European countries (currently Austria, Germany, Poland, Serbia and Slovenia).
• Started by ICARUS (International Center For Archival Research) an Austrian based group.

2. ICARUS Today includes over 200 archives in 30 countries.

3. ICARUS Online Portals
• The ICARUS network is steadily expanding and advancing towards greater international cooperation and involvement in more projects.
• "Our online platforms, which greatly benefit the community, are the result of our joint forces. All of the platforms are content creating works in progress that make accessible to the general public digitized and indexed archival documents."
• Monasterium
• Matricula
• Topotheque
• ArchivNet

4. ICARUS Online Portals
• Monasterium
• Monasterium.Net is Europe's virtual charters archive. This online portal with more than 650,000 medieval and early modern charters provided by more than 200 institutions from 15 European countries makes research independent of time and place — research ranging
from indexing of charters to using the provided information in educational environments.

• For more information continue to the website: www.Monasterium.net

• Matricula
• Clearly, the church registers of the individual religious communities are among the most used and also best explored historical sources that exist. This portal opens an innovative and service-oriented way for accessing those invaluable historical sources on a crossborder and interdenominational basis.
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5. ICARUS Online Portals
• Topotheque https://www.topothek.at/de/
• The ambition of the Topotheque is to make historic heritage available via the Internet and App including all the advantages offered by an up-to-date database indexation: search options for key words, dates and location. This way, it is just as easy to answer the question "What did the house on street xy in our village look like 30 years ago" or to search for "Dirndl 1955 – 1960 near Vienna".
• ArchivNet (Being Updated January 2024 – December 2024)
• ArchivNet is a consortium of Austrian archives that aim to connect their inventories and make the data accessible worldwide. This is done through the provision and maintenance of the necessary technical, legal and administrative infrastructure. ArchivNet is open to all
archival information systems and also enables archives, which lack their own infrastructure to share their data online.

6. Started in 2002 in Austria

7. https://www.monasterium.net

8. Topotheque
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9. Time to concentrate on Matricula.
• The purpose of this presentation is to discuss and research Matricula
• We will look at church documents in Europe.
• The quality of the images are superior to many of those seen on FamilySearch.org
• https://data.matricula-online.eu/en/

10. Here are the numbers for Matricula
• 8,200 Parishes
• 50,000 Books
• 56,000,000 Digital Images
• More than 15,000 Users each day
• Germany: 4,771 Parishes & Archives
• Austria: 2,758 Parishes & Archives
• Other Countries: 914 Parishes & Archives

11. Digital Scanning vs 35mm Microfilming
• Digital Scanning can capture the image in color.
• 35mm Microfilming generally only captures the image in Black & White.
• The original document usually yellows with age.

12. This adds character to the document.

13. Matricula: The Starting Page

14. Search Symbols in Matricula
• Resources Map Location Search

15. What on earth are Fonds?
• In Archival science, it is a group of documents that share a common origin and are a natural result of an agency, individual, or organization's daily operations.

• In an archive's hierarchical description system, Fonds are at the top level, with subsequent levels becoming more descriptive and narrower.

16. FONDS (Archive Places)

17. MAP: Each number is the number of archives or parishes.

18. Search for Olfen, Germany

19. Olfen, Germany 1650-1934

20. Right click and select "Translate to English"

21. St. Vitas, Olfen, Germany

22. Olfen, St. Vitas Index for Christenings: Richter and Hennigfeld

23. 1804 Marriage of William Henningfeldt & Maria Catharine Struman at Olfen.
Matricula LDS Microfilm

24. 17 October 1778 christening of Maria Catharina Struman.
Matricula LDS Microfilm

25. Olfen, St. Vitus Church: 1816 Christening of my Great-Great Grandmother

26. Olfen, St. Vitus Church: 1810 Christening of my Great-Great Grandfather

27. 1728 Christening of Alexander Joseph Henningfeldt.

28. 1739 Marriage Document: Henrichenburg
L-R: Matricula vs LDS Microfilm

29. Geithe, St. Antonius v. Padua

30. Hint: Right click and select "Translate to English".

31. Marriage Index of my Great-Great Grandparents at Geithe, Germany 1846

32. View of Geithe and St. Antonius Church

33. St. Antonius Church built in 1771

34. St. Antonius Church and surrounding Village of Geithe, Hamm, Germany.

35. #3. Marriage of Anton Stratmann to Anna Maria Elizabeth Guthoff 1846.

36. Close-up of left side of page…

37. …Close-up of right side of page

38. #18 Death of Anton Stratmann age 44

39. Cemetery at Geithe, Hamm, Germany

40. Member: Debbie Verburgt's search for Johann Falkner in Kollerschlag, Austria 23 Oct 1824. Found him 23 Dec 1824.

41. Kollerschlag, 1821 marriage of Lorenz Falkner to Anna Maria
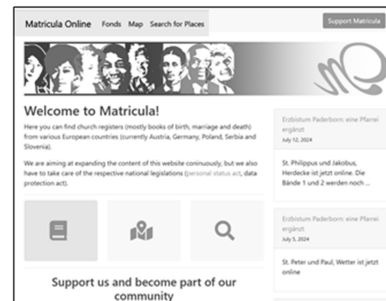
42. Enlarged view of Groom and Bride

43. Conclusions
• Matricula is a great website.
• The clarity of the church records is sharp, in focus, and often in natural color.
• The site is constantly expanding.
• Matricula is easy to use but is not searchable by your ancestors name.

• The site is strong in Austria, Germany, Slovania, and Luxembourg.

44. Are There Any Questions?

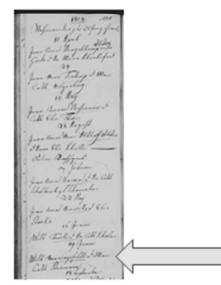

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