

Family Name History



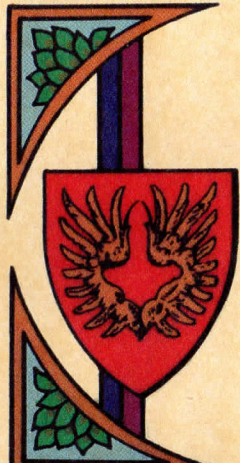
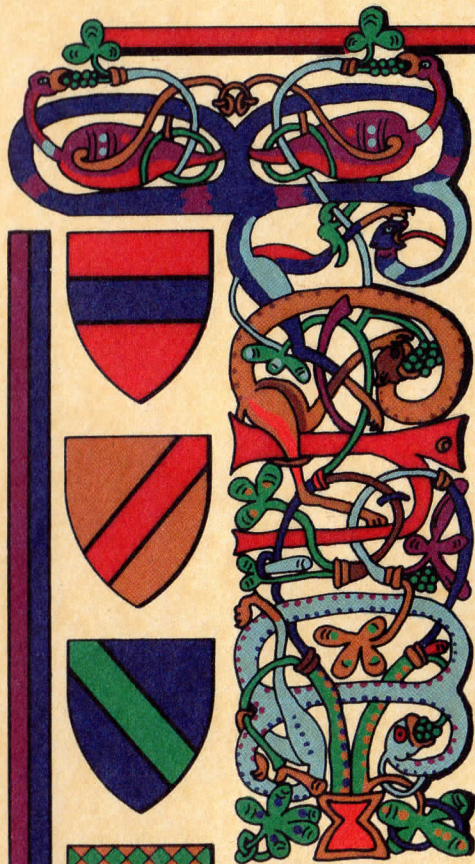
BERGER

The German surname Berger is local in origin being derived from the place where a man once lived or where he once held land. In this case, Berger is linked to the German word 'berg' which means 'mountain'. Therefore, the original bearer of this surname lived near or on such a topographical feature. Variants of this surname are Berg and Perger and all are very numerous and are to be found not just throughout Germany but in other German speaking lands like Austria and Switzerland as well. In the Middle Ages as people began to move from the country to the towns it was common for them to be identified by referring to the place from whence they came.

Early instances of this surname in Germany include one Henne von dem Berge who is recorded as living in Kassel in the year 1418 (Kloster, Stifter und Hospitaller der Stadt Kassel und Kloster Weissenstein) and one Conrad Berger who lived in Heilbronn earlier in 1292 (Zeitschrift für die Geschichte des Oberrheins). The prefix 'von' in the first example means 'from' and emphasizes the local origins of the surname.

A notable bearer of this surname is Victor Louis Berger (1860 -1929), the founder of the American Socialist Party and the first Socialist member of the United States Congress (1911 - 13).

WAPPEN	: Auf Dreiberg ein Bock.
BLAZON OF ARMS	: Sable on a three peaked mount vert a buck or.
TRANSLATION	: Sable (black) denotes Constancy. The mount signifies Stability and is also an example of canting - a charge which acts as a pun on the meaning of the name. The buck denotes Longevity.
HELM	: Der Bock wachsend
CREST	: A buck issuant or.
ORIGIN	: Germany



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