

Finding Places in Former German Areas of Poland Using the Online Gazetteer Kartenmeister.com

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CLASS OBJECTIVES

- Patrons will be able to find German, Polish, Russian, or Lithuanian names for the same locality.
- Patrons will learn to find all the villages listed within a *Kreis* (or county).
- Patrons will be able to find others researching the same localities.

PRUSSIAN AREAS INCLUDED ON THE WEBSITE

The former Prussian areas included in the Kartenmeister.com website are:

- Brandenburg.
- Ostpreußen (East Prussia).
- Pommern (Pommerania).
- Posen.
- Schlesien (Silesia).
- Westpreußen (West Prussia).

SEARCHING

Type the URL <http://kartenmeister.com> in your web browser. Complete instructions on how to use the site are on the first page. To search the site, you must scroll down past the instructions to the bottom of the page.

In the search fields, you can search for a location by typing the name of the location in one of the first three fields.

1. If you need to know the current Polish, Russian, or Lithuanian place-name, then type the German place-name in the first search field.
2. Or to find the former German name, type the Polish city name in the second field.
3. In the third field, you may type the name of the county to find all locations within a *Kreis*, or county.
4. Then click **Submit**. The results page will then appear.

The search screen:

German City Name/Ortsname:	Tost
Polish City Name/Ortsname:	
County/Kreis:	
German Province/Provinz:	
Polish Province/Provinz:	
Closest German City/Ort:	
Closest Polish City/Ort:	
Family Name:	
How Many Results Per Page?:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 10 <input type="radio"/> 20 <input type="radio"/> 50 <input type="radio"/> 100

The results screen:

German Name	Tost
Alternate Name 1:	Toste 1561
Polish/Russian Name	Toszek
Kreis/County	Tost - Gleiwitz
Residents of Jewish Faith	91
German Province	Schlesien
Today's Province	Slaskie
Location	East 18°31' North 50°27'
Google Map	Google Maps (Tost)
Map Number	118
Location Description	This village/town is located 21.7 km and 330 degrees from Gleiwitz, which is known today as Gliwice
Lutheran Parish	Tost-Peiskretscham 1905
Catholic Parish	Tost 1905
Standesamt/Civil Registry	Tost 1905
Gemeindelexikon/Town Index	VI-68-3
Population By Year/Einwohner	1840: 1483 1843: 1598 1905: 2205
Remarks	Shows in 1840 124 Häuser. Knie Page 939.

On the right side of the above results screen, you will see a hyperlink to Google maps. If you click this link, the location will be shown for you on a modern map.

Note that the Lutheran and Catholic parish locations are given in the results screen. These parish locations are very important for researchers to know when doing German or Polish research.

You can also do a wildcard search using one to three question marks to replace letters which are unknown or illegible or also to replace German diacritical marks (ä, ü, ö, ß). Using more question marks will result in more results to choose from.

In the screen below, you may submit your email address and family names. (Place a comma between each name.) You may also look to see who is working on the same families as you are and find their email addresses for collaboration.

City	Wischnitz
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Family Names	<input type="text"/>

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