

Sources Consulted at the ABR

One of the requirements in the agreement for the use of documents from the ABR is an identification of the documents. The identification system involves many digits and letters -- see the examples below -- and given the large number of documents involved, both in this book and on the accompanying DVD, the use of this format for each and every document would result in a huge and incomprehensible set of data. Thus in the interest of satisfying the requirement, and at the same time providing a clearer picture of what was consulted, I will present here a step by step procedure for *precisely identifying* the source of each and every document used:

Consider the first document that appears in the section on Gottschau Weiller, which has the title:

1861.12.11, AM: Signatures of Caroline Mandel & Gottschau Weiller.

Right above this we read, concerning this couple:

Marriage: 1861.12.11, Dauendorf [AM].

From this we learn that we are dealing with an AM that took place in Dauendorf on 1861.12.11. We thus have all the information that we need to retrieve and identify the document, viz. the town, the type of document and the date of the document. The next step is to consult the following web page:

[http://archives.bas-rhin.fr/registres-paroissiaux-et-!\[\]\(003082e50e3009141f59bd5df831749f_img.jpg\)documents-d-etat-civil/](http://archives.bas-rhin.fr/registres-paroissiaux-et-documents-d-etat-civil/)

1. In the box that appears we type “Dauendorf” and click on *rechercher*.
2. At the bottom of the screen there are three choices of which only the second and third are of interest to us:

The *Tables décennales* are used to locate documents. Images in this book that are taken from a TD are identified as such by [TD].

In our particular example it is a document that interests us and so we click on *Registres d'état civil*,
3. A set of virtual books appears and we use the slider to go to the virtual book with *M[ariages] 1861* on the binding.
4. We click on the book and the agreement page opens and then we click on *accepter*.

One only has to do this once for a session, no matter how many towns and documents are consulted.
5. The screen now goes to the AM for 1861 and as a check we read:

“Dauendorf - Etat civil - Registre de mariages 1861 - Original en mairie”
written at the top of the page.
6. If, while still on the first page, we now look at the address bar of the browser we will see the identification of this page:

[http://archives.bas-rhin.fr/detail-document/ETAT-CIVIL-!\[\]\(49aa2e1da5fe39294864e9598c593810_img.jpg\)C87-P1-R39188#visio/page:ETAT-CIVIL-C87-P1-R39188-268240](http://archives.bas-rhin.fr/detail-document/ETAT-CIVIL-C87-P1-R39188#visio/page:ETAT-CIVIL-C87-P1-R39188-268240)
7. The desired AM is found on page 4 and 268240 is now replaced by 268243. This is the desired identification number for the document that we were looking for.

This completes the procedure and provides the precise identification of the page on which the document is found.