

COMMON GERMAN SURNAMES

Most surnames in Germany are based on the profession and native places of people.

Abel

noble one

Bach

someone who lived by a water body

Esther

people from Ester in Bavaria, Germany

Nacht

occupational name for a night watchman

Zeiger

occupational name for a sign-maker

Schaeffer

refers to a shepherd

Ulrich

prosperity and power

Walberg

people who live around the mountain

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