

# PastPorts

NEWS AND TIPS FROM THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

VOL. 7, No. 2—FEBRUARY 2014

## The Underground Railroad

Who, growing up in the United States, hasn't heard of the Underground Railroad? This covert organization helped enslaved people travel out of the South, first to the northern free states, and ultimately, after the passage of the Fugitive Slave Law, all the way to safety and freedom in Canada.

The exact number of people who escaped to freedom on the Underground Railroad is unknown, but the figure may have been as high as 100,000, a small number compared to the overall slave population. The psychological impact on the slave holders was enormous, however. The awareness of a secret escape network fed into a general fear of slave revolt. In this regard, the Underground Railroad's impact was even greater than the numbers of escapees would indicate.

Have you ever wondered if you have ancestors who escaped the bonds of slavery on the Underground Railroad? Were your forbears conductors or station masters helping the enslaved people find freedom? Tracing ancestors who participated in a secret organization may seem like a daunting task, but there are a number of resources in the Special Collections Department that may help.

One of our most significant resources is the Wilbur H. Siebert Collection (the Special Collections Department only has the part of the collection relating to the Underground Railroad). This collection consists of 16 rolls of microfilm separated into three series, specifically:

- 1 Correspondence (Roll 1, Box 1, Folder 1 – Roll 1, Box 1, Folder 11)
- 4 Underground Railroad ( Roll 1, Box 40, Folder 1– Film 16, Box 67, Vol 03 CAN)

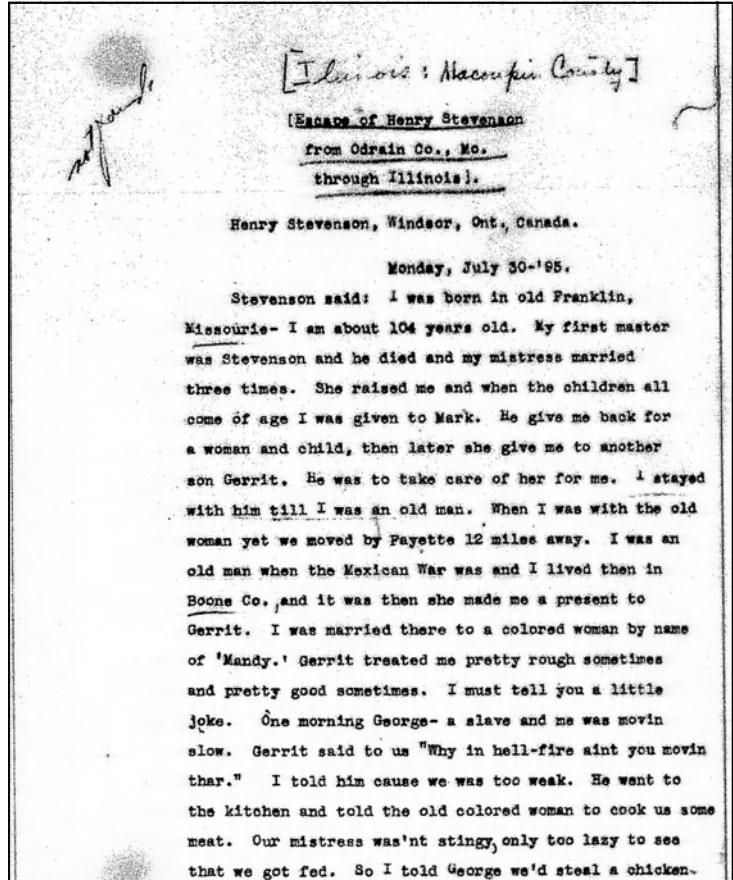


Image from "The Escape of Henry Stevenson from Odrain Co. Mo. Through Illinois" from the Wilbert H. Siebert Collection on microfilm in the Special Collections Department.

- 6 Photographs and Ephemera (Film 16, Box 76, Folder 3 – Film 16, Box 76, Folder 6)

It is not clear how this separation works. Although part 1 only contains correspondence, and part 6 contains many



St. Louis County **Library**

photographs, additional letters and photographs are intermingled in series 4. (It is also unclear why they are numbered 1, 4, and 6.)

The Ohio Historical Society maintains a [searchable online collection guide \(PDF\)](#) <<http://ww2.ohiohistory.org/undergroundrr/siebert.pdf>> that describes items in the collection in the order they appear by roll number, box number, and folder number. The file has been printed and bound as a book in the Special Collections Department, “MIC 192, Wilbur H. Siebert Collection (1840-1954), Microfilm Edition,” call no. R 977.1 S571M.

Unfortunately, the box and folder numbers are not obvious on the film, so you will be forced to follow item by item through the film to find the one you want. To complicate matters further, there is no index of names in the PDF file, so if you are unable to search the online file, your only choice is to look page by page through the book in the hope of finding the name. Even with the difficulties of the index,

searching the series is worth the effort, because the results can be amazing. Consider the following two examples.

“The Escape of Henry Stevenson from Odrain [Audrain] Co. Mo. Through Illinois” is an excellent example. Mr. Stevenson was about 104 years old when he provided information to Dr. Siebert about his experiences on the Underground Railroad. He tells of his first slave owner, his marriage, several incidents in his life and ultimately, his escape to freedom.

Equally interesting is the story “Prof J B Turner Responds to an Appeal and Helps Three Slave Girls.” Professor Turner became a reluctant conductor on the Underground Railroad when he discovered the plight of three young women trying to escape from the horrors of slavery.

The Special Collections Department also has books related to the Underground Railroad. A bibliography follows this article, but a few of them are worth a closer look here.

The first of these is William Still’s “The Underground Railroad.” Mr. Still was the head of the Pennsylvania Anti-Slavery Society, and was active in helping people escape northward out of bondage. He kept notes about the various Underground Railroad Passengers that passed through Philadelphia. He drew extensively on these notes, along with letters from operators, former slaves, newspaper articles and excerpts, reproductions of slave advertisements, legal papers, and the minutes of the Anti-Slavery Society in compiling his book.

The book, vaguely chronological, includes a table of contents but does not have a name index. An interesting read, it tells the stories of a great number of people involved with the railroad. An example is the story, on page 556, of Jerry Mills, his wife and three of their children escaping from slavery in Maryland.

“Reminiscences of Levi Coffin,” is the personal memories of the man sometimes known as the “President of the Underground Railroad.” Many of these reminiscences concern the stories of people escaping from slavery. Others are about individuals helping the escapees in their travels

**PastPorts** is published monthly by the St. Louis County Library Special Collections Department, located on Tier 5 of the Headquarters location.

Current and past issues can be downloaded from the web at <http://www.slcl.org/pastports>.

## Contact the Special Collections Department

Special Collections Department  
St. Louis County Library  
1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd  
St. Louis, MO 63131

Phone: 314-994-3300, ext. 2070  
Email: [scollections@slcl.org](mailto:scollections@slcl.org)  
Website: <http://www.slcl.org>

## Tours

Tours of the Special Collections Department are conducted on the first Wednesday and third Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. No registration is required. Group tours are gladly arranged with advance notice by calling the Special Collections Department at 314-994-3300, ext. 2070.

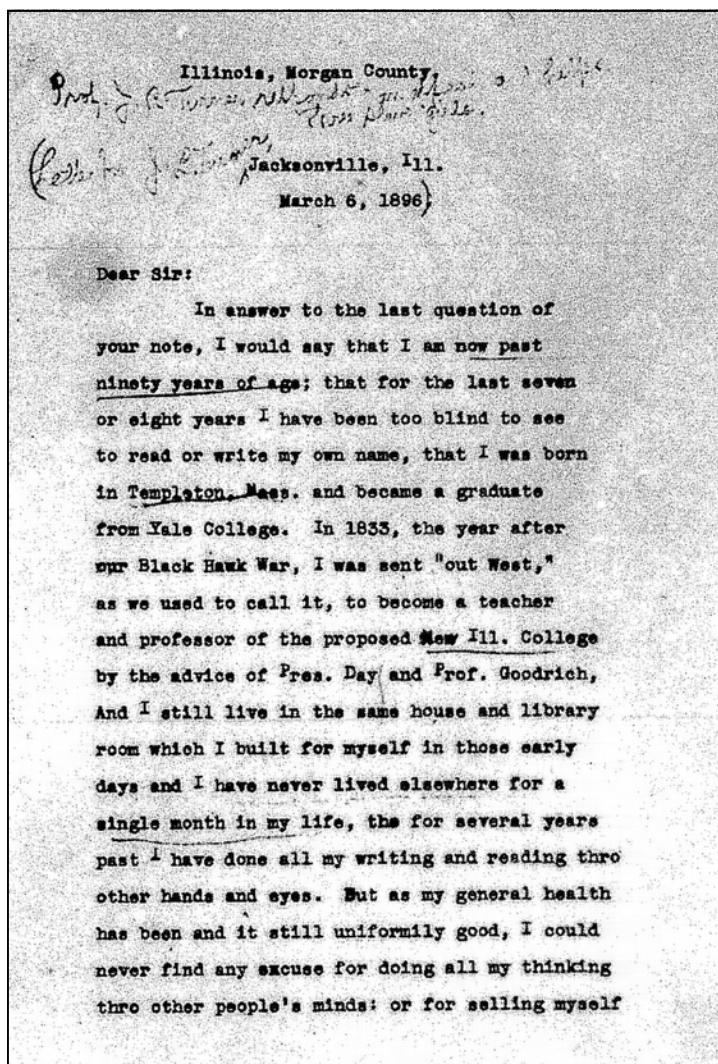


Image from "Prof J B Turner Responds to an Appeal and Helps Three Slave Girls" from the Wilbur H. Siebert Collection

northward. The story of Louisa Picquet is typical of Coffin's accounts. Picquet was born to an enslaved mother in South Carolina, then sold with her mother to a man from Georgia, who then sold the mother and daughter separately, one to New Orleans and the other to Texas. Although there is a table of contents, this book also lacks an index, which makes researching difficult. Fortunately, the stories are sufficiently engrossing that reading all 732 pages would not be too taxing of an undertaking.

"The Long Walk to Freedom," a compilation of first-person accounts of runaway slaves, includes twelve narratives. Many of these had been long out of print before the editors found them and compiled the book. The table of contents lists many of the names. An example from this book, beginning on page 173, is the story of Harriet Jacobs, a woman who hid out in an attic for several years before making her escape with her children.

"Forbidden Fruit" and "Freedom by Any Means" provide historical examples of enslaved people using extraordinary means to escape to freedom. Both books include a table of contents that lists the chapter title, but the titles typically do not name individuals. Neither has a name index. Nevertheless, both books contain engaging stories and make interesting reads.

This article only highlights some of the resources relating to the Underground Railroad in the Special Collections Department. A bibliography of resources follows. Perhaps one of these items will tell the story of your ancestor.

## Bibliography

Titles available in the Special Collections Department

Call numbers beginning with "R" are for in-library use only. Some titles may be available for checkout elsewhere in the library system. Check the library's [online catalog](http://webpac.slcl.org) <http://webpac.slcl.org> for availability and location.

Berry, Bertice. *The Ties That Bind: A Memoir of Race, Memory, and Redemption*. New York: Broadway Books, 2009. R 929.20973 B534T

Blockson, Charles L, *Hippocrene Guide to the Underground Railroad*. New York: Hippocrene Books, 1994. R 917.304 B651H

Bradford, Sarah Hopkins, *Harriet Tubman: the Moses of Her People*. New York: G.R. Lockwood & Sons, 1886; reprint: Mineola, NY: Dover Publications, 2004. R 973.7115 B799H.

Carbado, Devon W., and Weise, Donald, eds. *The Long Walk to Freedom: Runaway Slave Narratives*. Boston, Mass.: Beacon Press, 2012. R 306.362 L848

Clinton, Catherine. *Harriet Tubman: The Road to Freedom*. New York: Little, Brown, 2004. RB T8857C

Coffin, Levi. *Reminiscences of Levi Coffin*. New York: Arno Press, 1968. 973.7115 C675R

DeRamus, Betty. *Forbidden Fruit: Love Stories From the Underground Railroad*. New York: Atria Books, 2005. R 973.7115 D427F

\_\_\_\_\_. *Freedom By Any Means: Con Games, Voodoo Schemes, True Love and Lawsuits on the Underground Railroad*. New York: Atria Books, 2009. R 973.7115 D427F

Frazier, Harriet C. *Runaway and Freed Missouri Slaves and Those Who Helped Them, 1763-1865*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland & Co., 2004. R 973.7115 F848R

## tip!

### Finding good copies of obituaries on bad microfilm

St. Louis Post-Dispatch newspaper microfilm held by the Special Collections Department can vary in legibility depending on the quality of filming, age of the microfilm, and amount of wear and tear. If you discover the date for a newspaper obituary in the [St. Louis Public Library online index](#) <<http://www.slpl.org/slpl/gateways/article240117800.asp>> but find the obituary in the Post-Dispatch microfilm to be unreadable, try the following:

- Look in the Post-Dispatch issue for the next day (or two). If the obituary is published again, the microfilm might be more readable in that section of the microfilm.
- Look in the same date or the next day in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat microfilm, also available in the Special Collections Department.

Hagedorn, Ann. *Beyond the River: The Untold Story of the Heroes of the Underground Railroad*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2002. R 973.7115 H141B

Hodges, Graham Russell. *David Ruggles: A Radical Black Abolitionist and the Underground Railroad in New York City*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2010. RB Ruggles David

Larson, Kate Clifford. *Bound for the Promised Land: Harriet Tubman, Portrait of an American Hero*. New York: Ballantine, 2004. RB T8857L

Lowry, Beverly. *Harriet Tubman: Imagining a Life*. New York: Doubleday, 2007. R 973.7115 L921H

McGowan, James A. *Station Master on the Underground Railroad: The Life and Letters of Thomas Garrett*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland & Co., 2005. R 973.7115 M146S

Morgans, James Patrick. *The Underground Railroad on the Western Frontier: Escapes from Missouri, Arkansas, Iowa and the Territories of Kansas, Nebraska and the Indian Nations, 1840-1865*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland & Co., 2010. R 973.7115 M849U

Muelder, Owen W. *The Underground Railroad in Western Illinois*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland & Co., 2008. R 973.7115 M946U

Ohio Historical Society. *MIC 192, Wilbur H. Siebert Collection (1840-1954), Microfilm Edition*. n.p.: Ohio Historical Society, n.d. R 977.1 S571M

Parker, Margaret. *The Underground Railroad in Meigs County, Ohio*. Pomeroy, Ohio: Meigs County Historical Society, 2007. R 977.199 P242U

Pirtle, Carol. *Escape Betwixt Two Suns: A True Tale of the Underground Railroad in Illinois*. Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2000. R 973.7115 P672E

Sernet, Milton C. *Harriet Tubman: Myth, Memory, and History*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2007.  
R 973.7115 S486H

Siebert, Wilbur Henry. *The Underground Railroad from Slavery to Freedom*. Gloucester, MA: Peter Smith, 1898; reprint 1968. R 973.7115 S571U

Still, William. *The Underground Rail Road: A Record of Facts, Authentic Narratives, Letters, &c. Narrating The Hardships Hair-Breadth Escapes and Death Struggles of the Slaves in Their Efforts for Freedom, as Related by Themselves and Others, or Witnessed by the Author; Together With Sketches of Some of the Largest Stockholders, and Most Liberal Aiders and Advisers of the Road*. 1872; reprint: Chicago: Johnson Pub. Co., 1970. R 973.7115 S857U and circulating copy

Switala, William J. *Underground Railroad in Pennsylvania*. Mechanicsburg, PA: Stackpole Books, 2001.  
R 973.7115 S979U

Tobin, Jacqueline. *From Midnight to Dawn: The Last Tracks of the Underground Railroad*. New York: Doubleday, 2007. R 973.7115 T629F

\_\_\_\_\_. *Hidden in Plain View: The Secret Story of Quilts and the Underground Railroad*. New York, N.Y.: Anchor Books, 2000, 1999. R 973.711 T629H

Turner, Glennette Tilley. *The Underground Railroad in Illinois*. Glen Ellyn, IL: Newman Educational Publishing, 2001. 973.7115 T946U

Whitfield, John H. *Champions of the Exodusters: The Saga of Reverend Moses Dickson, Charlton Hunt Tandy, and the Black Pioneers*. Prattville, AL: Afritel Productions, 2004. R 977.866 W591C

The following titles are not held by the Special Collections Department but are available elsewhere in the St. Louis County Library system. Check the library's [online catalog](#) <<http://webpac.slcl.org>> for availability and location.

Bordewich, Fergus M. *Bound for Canaan: The Underground Railroad and the War for the Soul of America*. New York: Amistad, 2005. 973.7115 B728B

Fradin, Dennis B. *Bound for the North Star: True Stories of Fugitive Slaves*. New York: Clarion Books, 2000.  
QJ 973.7115 7-9

Hendrick, George and Willene, eds. *Fleeing for Freedom: Stories of the Underground Railroad*. Chicago: Ivan R. Dee, 2004. 973.7115 F594

Kallen, Stuart A. *Life on the Underground Railroad*. San Diego, CA: Lucent Books, 2000. J 973.7115 7-9

Landau, Elaine. *Fleeing to Freedom on the Underground Railroad: The Courageous Slaves, Agents, and Conductors*. Minneapolis, Minn.: Twenty-First Century Books, 2006. J 973.7115 7-9

Petry, Ann. *Harriet Tubman, Conductor on the Underground Railroad*. New York: Amistad ; HarperCollins Children's Books, 2011. TEEN BIOGRAPHY  
Tubman Harriet

Sawyer, Kem Knapp. *The Underground Railroad in American History*. Springfield, NJ: Enslow Publishers, 1997.  
J 973.71 7-9

Schraff, Anne E. *Harriet Tubman: Moses of the Underground Railroad*. Berkeley Heights, NJ: Enslow Pub., 2001. JB Tubman Harriet 7-9

Smardz Frost, Karolyn. *I've Got a Home in Glory Land: A Lost Tale of the Underground Railroad*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2007. 306.362 S636I

## LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

■ Presidents' Day | Monday, Feb. 17

# FEBRUARY

## THIS MONTH IN ST. LOUIS HISTORY

### Black History Month

Two noteworthy events relating to St. Louis African American history occurred in the month of February:

- On February 11, 1856 opening arguments of the *Dred Scott Case* began. The ensuing eleven-year law suit ended in failure. The decision read that “no person of African descent could be a citizen of the United States,” and that “slavery could not be kept out of the territories.” The national news had been filled with this lawsuit, and the final decision outraged opponents of slavery, dividing the country further on this issue.
- St. Louis historical records show that African Americans were being taught to read and write as early as 1818, with classes being held mostly in church basements. In 1847, Missouri passed a law prohibiting “Negroes to read and write.” In spite of this law, classes continued secretly. On February 20, 1865, the 1847 law was repealed. In fall 1866, the Board of Education of the City of St. Louis opened the first schools for African Americans.

For more about the history of African Americans in St. Louis, see the following books available in the Special Collections Department.

Dowden-White, Priscilla A. *Groping Toward Democracy: African American Social Welfare Reform in St. Louis, 1910-1949*. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2011. R 977.866 D745G.

Goldman Prince, Vida. *That's the Way it Was: Stories of Struggle, Survival and Self-Respect in Twentieth-Century Black St. Louis*. Charleston : The History Press, 2013. R 977.866 G619T.

Greene, Lorenzo. *Missouri's Black Heritage*. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 1980; revised 1993. R 977.8 G811M.

Hager, Ruth Ann Abels. *Harriet and Dred Scott: Their Family Story*. St. Louis: St. Louis County Library, 2010. R 973.7115 H144D.

Israel, Benjamin. "Putting Black in Blue: The Struggle to Put Uniformed African American Police Officers on the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department." Thesis, University of Missouri, 2008. R 977.866 I85P .  
A name index is available on the library's website <<http://www.slcl.org/content/local-history-indexes-putting-black-blue-african-american-police-officers-st-louis>>

Jack, Bryan. *The St. Louis African American Community and the Exodusters*. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2007. R 977.866 J12S.

Morris, Ann and Henrietta Ambrose. *North Webster: A Photographic History of a Black Community*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1993. R 977.865 M875N. A name index is available on the library's website <<http://www.slcl.org/content/local-history-indexes-webster-groves-missouri-north-webster-photographic-history-black-commu>>

*Negroes: Their Gift to St. Louis*. St. Louis: Employee Loan Company, 1964. R 977.865 N393. A name index is available on the library's website <<http://www.slcl.org/content/local-history-indexes-negroes-their-gift-st-louis>>

Wright, John A. *Discovering African American St. Louis: A Guide to Historic Sites*. St. Louis: Missouri Historical Society, 1994, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2002. R 977.865 W951D.

\_\_\_\_\_. Kinloch: Missouri's First Black City. Chicago: Arcadia, 2001. R 977.865 W951K and circulating copy. A name index is available on the library's website <<http://www.slcl.org/content/local-history-indexes-kinloch-missouri>>

\_\_\_\_\_. *St. Louis Black Heritage Trail*. St. Louis: Ferguson-Florissant School District, 1990. R 977.865 W951S.

Wright, John A. and Sylvia A. Wright. *Extraordinary Black Missourians: Pioneers, Leaders, Performers, Athletes, & Other Notables Who've Made History*. St. Louis: Reedy Press, 2013. R 977.8 W951E

## NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

The following is a selection of new items added to the collection. Additional items may have been received which are not listed here. The Department is grateful to the St. Louis Genealogical Society, the National Genealogical Society, Julius K. Hunter and Friends, and our patrons for their donations. Due to processing and binding requirements, some donated items may not be available in the library or listed in PastPorts until several months after they are received.

### Print

Abbreviated titles unless italicized

#### States and counties

##### ALABAMA

*Records of Walker County, Alabama, Including Inscriptions from Cullman, Fayette, Marion, Winston, Talladega and Tuscaloosa Counties.* 2005.  
R 976.176 B592R

##### ARKANSAS

*Military Service and Civil Records of Confederate and Union Soldiers: Lawrence County, Arkansas...* 2009.  
R 976.725 H481M

##### GEORGIA

*Jackson County, Georgia Newspaper Clippings: The Jackson Herald.* Vol. 3, 1886–1890. [NGS]  
975.8145 P856J  
*McDuffie County, Georgia Newspaper Extracts, 1872–1879.* 2013. [NGS] 975.8632 M174M  
*Oglethorpe County, Georgia Newspaper Clippings.*  
Vols. 7–10, 1884–1888. 2012–2013. [NGS] 975.8175  
K48O

##### KENTUCKY

**Bracken County**  
*Ante-bellum Augusta: The Life and Times of a Kentucky River Town.* 2002. R 976.9325 A396A

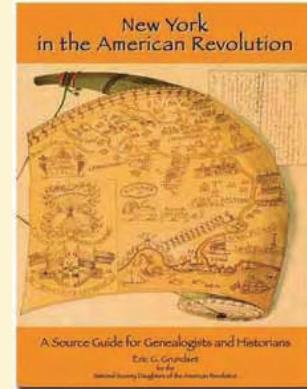
Deed Books A & B. 2005. R 976.9325 P385A  
*History of Bracken County.* 1996. R 976.9325 H673  
Marriages and Bonds, 1797–1859. 2003.

R 976.9325 P385B  
Marriages and Bonds, 1860–1900. Vols. 1–2. 2000.  
R 976.9325 P385B

#### Other Kentucky titles

*Adair County, Kentucky History...* Vols. 1–2. 2001–2008.  
R 976.9675 W341A  
*Deed Books A & B1...* 1789–1795 [Mason County].  
Vols. 1–2. 2005. R 976.9323 P385A  
*Land Grant Process in Kentucky and Land Grant Related Transactions in Bracken County, KY and Mason County, KY...* 2007. R 976.9325 L572  
We Must Remember: The Vietnam War Service of Men from Nelson County, Kentucky. 2012.  
R 976.9495 S734W

## FEATURED ACQUISITION



#### New York in the American Revolution by Eric C. Grundset

National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, 2012

"New York in the American Revolution: A Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians" provides detailed information on the availability of manuscript and archival material that exists for New York State for the period of the Revolutionary War along with listings of historical and genealogical studies that have been published and which supplement the original sources. It is the most extensive gathering of such information ever published, and researchers will find it an essential resource with which to identify materials and studies located in many scattered libraries and archives.—from the publisher

## NEW IN THE SPECIAL COL-

### LOUISIANA

*Sketches, Historical and Descriptive of Louisiana.* 1812; reprint, 2011. R 976.3 S867S

*South Louisiana Vital Family Records.* Vols. 15–16. 2013. R 976.3 S726

Winston de Ville: An Annotated Bibliography of Genealogical and Other Writings, 1959–2012. 2013. R 976.3 W783

### MISSISSIPPI

Plantation World of Wilkinson County, Mississippi, 1792–2012. 2013. R 976.225 P692P

### MISSOURI

#### Franklin County

*Gleanings from the Past.* Vol. 1, 1991–1996. 2013. R 977.863 B647G

*Where Dead Men Still Fight: A History of Stanton, Missouri...* 2009. R 977.863 B647W

#### Other Missouri titles

*Cinders and Silence: A Chronicle of Missouri's Burnt District.* 2013. R 977.842 R138C

*Missourians in the Civil War.* Vols. 4–6. 2013. R 977.8 W362M

### NORTH CAROLINA

*Crafting Lives: African American Artisans in New Bern, North Carolina, 1770–1900.* 2013. R 975.6192 B622C

*North Carolina Spectator and Western Advertiser (1830–1835)... Abstracts [Rutherford County].* 1982. R 975.6913 L926N

*Tyrrell Times [Tyrell County].* Vols. 2–14. 1996–2012. R 975.6172 T993

### OHIO

#### Columbiana County

*Abstracts of the Weekly Crisis Newspaper, East Liverpool, Ohio, September 11, 1902–September 24, 1903: Births,*

*Committals, Deaths, Marriage Licences [sic] & Weddings.* 2006. R 977.163 W131A

*Highlandtown United Methodist Church Cemetery.* 2005. R 977.163 H638

*Interments in Yellow Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Madison Township...* 1999. R 977.163 I61

*Memories: Some Events and Persons Connected with the First Methodist Episcopal Church of East Liverpool, Ohio.* 1999. R 977.163 M588M

*Naturalization Records Index...* 1994. R 977.163 P822N

*Red Book Company's East Liverpool, Ohio Biennial Directory, 1891–'92.* 1892; reprint, 1996. R 977.163 R312

*Salineville Record Newspaper Abstracts, October 25, 1888 –October 17, 1889.* 2000. R 977.163 H716S

*Wiggins & McKillop's Columbiana Co. Directory for 1877...* 1877. R 977.163 W655

#### Preble County

*Abstracts from Preble County, Ohio Newspaper Obituaries.* Book 6, 1911–1914. 1998. R 977.171 G464A

*Twin Valley Tidbits.* [extracts from Preble County newspapers]. Vols. 1 and 9, 1995 and 2002. R 977.171 G464T

#### Warren County

*Researching in Warren County, Ohio: A Guide to Genealogical Resources.* 2013. R 977.1763 P173R

Warren County, Ohio, Funeral Record Index. Vol. 4. 2013. R 977.1763 W286

### OKLAHOMA

Family Maps, Harper County, Oklahoma. 2006.

R 976.6153 B789F. [A surname index is available on the Arphax Publishing website](#)  
<<http://www.arphax.com>>.

### PENNSYLVANIA

#### Beaver County

*1917 Beaver County Farm Directory.* 1984. R 974.892 N714

## NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

### EVENTS

Events are sponsored by St. Louis County Library and are free and open to the public.

#### FEBRUARY

##### **St. Louis Genealogical Society General Meeting**

Saturday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m.

Headquarters Auditorium

Bridging the Generations

Speaker: Peggy Greenwood

##### **StLGS German Special Interest Group**

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m.

Headquarters Auditorium

19th Century German Immigration

Speaker: Dan Vornberg

##### **StLGS Jewish Special Interest Group**

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m.

Headquarters East Room

Researching in Jewish Cemeteries

Speaker: Stanley Citerman

#### MARCH

##### **St. Louis Genealogical Society General Meeting**

Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m.

Headquarters Auditorium

Missouri Penitentiary Records at St. Louis County

Library

Speaker: Ruth Ann Hager

*1940–1941 Rural Directory for Beaver County, PA.* 1967.

R 974.892 N714

*Scottsville Cemetery Located in Hopewell Township... adjacent to Ohio United Presbyterian Church.* 1995.

R 974.892 S431

*Service United Presbyterian Church Cemetery... Raccoon Township.* 1999.

R 974.892 S491

#### Other Pennsylvania titles

*Early African American Deaths in the Pittsburgh Courier.* Books 9–10, 1931–1932. 2013.

R 974.886 B821E

*Wiggins & McKillop's Steubenville City & Business Directory... for 1877...* 1877.

R 977.169 W655

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

*Anderson County South Carolina Heritage,* 2007. 2007.

R 975.752 A545

#### VIRGINIA

*Class Book for the Birch Class, Webster Circuit, M. E. Church South.* 1997.

R 975.5 B813C

*Justices of the Peace of Colonial Virginia, 1757–1775.* 1922; reprint, 2011.

R 975.5 J96

*Revolutionary War Records...[Mecklenburg County].* 1964; reprint, 1983.

R 975.5645 E46R

#### WEST VIRGINIA

##### Calhoun County

*Hardesty's History of Calhoun County, West Virginia.* 2013.

R 975.429 H219

*Revolutionary Soldiers with Descendants Living in Calhoun County, West Virginia, 1775–1781.* 2013.

R 975.429 R454

##### Clay County

*Index for Clay County Marriage Records, 1858–1958.* 1994.

R 975.467 M822C

Marriage Records, 1858–1958. 1991.

R 975.467 M822C

##### Fayette County

*American Legion 1942 Fayette County Veteran Burial Records.* 2009.

R 975.471 A512

## NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

*History of Kanawha Falls...* 1990. R 975.471 L424H

*History of Sewell Mountain... Early Settlers, Last Confederate Reunion in Beckley...* 1989.

R 975.471 L424H

*Record of the Early Settlement of Lower Loup Creek...* 1798–1865. 1933; reprint, 1998. R 975.471 D221R

### Gilmer County

*Census of Cemeteries, Center District...* 2006.

R 975.427 R124C

*Census of Cemeteries, DeKalb District...* 2003.

R 975.427 R124C

*Census of Cemeteries, Glenville District...* 2003.

R 975.427 R124C

*Census of Cemeteries, Troy District...* 2005.

R 975.427 R124C

Deaths, 1932–2006. 2007. R 975.427 W179G

*Musings of an Oldtimer.* 2007. R 975.427 S347M

### Greenbrier County

*History of Old Stone Presbyterian Church, 1783–1983.* 1983. R 975.488 M787H

*Life in the Irish Corner District during the Civil War from the Life of Mark Crayon.* 2001. R 975.488 L722

### Hancock County

*Cemeteries of New Manchester...* 2002. R 975.412 C394

*History of Chester: The Gateway to the West.* 2000.

R 975.412 C338H

*History of Newell and Vicinity.* 1995. R 975.412 H673

*Locust Hill Cemetery...* 2001. R 975.412 L819

Marriages, 1880–1912. 1995. R 975.412 H234

Probate Records Extracts, Wills, Estates & Inventories, 1848–1899. 1997. R 975.412 W145H

*Rock Springs Park, 1901, Chester, W. V.* 2008.

R 975.412 R682

*Shadow Lawn Memory Gardens Interments...* 1993; reprint 2006. R 975.412 W727S

*Up High and Down Main in Pughtown, W. Va.* 1981.

R 975.412 H889U

*Windows on Hancock County, West Virginia...* 1850–2000. Rev. ed. 2000. R 975.412 W765

### Jefferson County

*Harpers Ferry Floods!* 1985. R 975.499 J35H

*Housewifery 1837: Sheetz Tavern and Gunshop, Shepherdstown, West Virginia.* 1975. R 975.499 H842

### Kanawha County

Births, 1853–1878. 2003–2005. R 975.437 T461K

*Cemeteries Updated Book.* Books 1–4. 2003–2010.

R 975.437 W516

Death Records, 1853–1900. Vol. 1–2, A–Z. 2007.

R 975.437 K16

Death Records. Vol. 1, 1935–1937. 2001. R 975.437 K16

*Elk Hills Memorial Park, Big Chimney, WV.* 1999.

R 975.437 E43

*Kanawha Co., WV Cemeteries.* Books 1–6. 1999–2006.

R 975.437 K16

Marriages, 1788–1898. 4 vols. 1986–1987.

R 975.437 L513K

### Lewis County

*1906 Registered Voters... Hacker's Creek & Freeman's Creek Districts.* 1997. R 975.461 C799N

*At Home in Freemansburg, West Virginia.* 2007.

R 975.461 S714A

Birth Records. 6 vols., 1853–1929. 1995–2001.

R 975.461 S895L

*Broad Run Baptist Church Bicentennial Anniversary, 1804–2004: Sowing Seeds for 200 Years.* 2004.

R 975.461 B863

Deed Books A, B & C (1817–1827). 1999.

R 975.461 B866A

*Gleanings from Lewis County, West Virginia, Chancery Records.* Vol. 1. 1999. R 975.461 J13G

*Lewis County.* 2010. R 975.461 G467L

*Lewis County in the Civil War, 1861–1865.* 2000.

R 975.461 C771L

*Lewis County Recorder's Office, 1863–1872.* 2001.

R 975.461 C799L

*Lewis County Recorder's Office: County Supervisors' Meetings, February 1864–April 1868.* 2001.

R 975.461 C799L

*Marriage Bonds and Marriage Records, 1816–1865...* 1991. R 975.461 S658M

Obituaries, 1846–1939. 1996. R 975.461 N551L

## NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

- Obituaries, Marriages and Births from the Weston Independent and/or Weston Democrat.* [1939–1945; 1948–1949; 1951; 1958–1959; 1962]. 1994–1996. R 975.461 M458O
- Oliver Letters: Early Recollections of the Town of Weston...* 1844... 2001. R 975.461 O48O
- Ordered & Resolved or Board of Directors' Minutes during the Construction of the Asylum at Weston (1858–1881).* 2009. R 975.461 G467O
- Original Press Manuscript of Historical Serial Collins Settlement of Old: The Weston Independent, 1921–2.* 2001. R 975.461 O69

## CLASSES

Classes are free and open to the public, but registration is required. ☎ Call (314) 994-3300 to register. Space is limited.

### ☎ Genealogical research: getting the most out of the Special Collections Department

Wednesday, March 5, 2 p.m.  
Headquarters East Room  
Larry Franke, instructor  
Registration begins Feb. 5.

### ☎ Introduction to Fold3 and HeritageQuest

Tuesday, March 18, 2 p.m.  
Headquarters Computer Lab  
Larry Franke, instructor  
Registration begins Feb. 18.

### ☎ Newspapers in history and genealogy

Wednesday, March 26, 2 p.m.  
Headquarters Computer Lab  
Larry Franke, instructor  
Registration begins Feb. 26.

- Pioneers: Sketches.* 1996. R 975.461 H177P
- Road Precinct Book, December 1865–December 1872.* 1997. R 975.461 C799L
- Short History of Weston Hospital (Trans-Allegheny Asylum for the Insane) (Weston State Hospital)*... 2007. R 975.461 G467S
- Weston Building Association and Savings Institution Minutes, 1872–1876.* 2000. R 975.461 L429W
- Yesteryears: Accounts of Historical Events of Lewis Co. as Published in Early Weston Democrat Newspapers.* 11 vols. 1982–2010. R 975.461 A237Y
- Logan County**
- Genealogical Section of History of Logan County.* 1896; reprint, 1978. R 975.444 R143G
- He & She: Logan Co. Vital Statistics in Richmond, Va., 1853–1860.* 1999. R 975.444 O42H
- Marriages, 1872–1892 with Genealogical Annotations. 1994. R 975.444 L831
- Marion County**
- Death Records. Vol. 5. 1989. R 975.454 B674M
- Maple Grove Cemetery, East Fairmont*... 2011. R 975.454 B959M
- Monroe County**
- Diary of Susan Gordon Waddell, Covering the Period between 1863–1867.* 2002. R 975.478 G493D
- Gap Mills & Zenith Valley, WV with Index.* 2002. R 975.478 G211
- History of Greenville.* 2000. R 975.478 H673
- History of Sinks Grove, WV with Index.* 2002. R 975.478 H673
- Index to History of Monroe County, West Virginia.* 2000. R 975.478 H891H
- Miscellaneous Information: Monroe County in the War Between the States.* 2001. R 975.478 M678
- Monroe County, West Virginia, in the Civil War.* 2001. R 975.478 L987M
- News Items from Monroe Border Watchman. 3 vols., 1872–1883. 2000. R 975.478 H141N
- Random Recollections.* 2009. R 975.478 R194
- Slaves of Monroe County, Virginia.* 2013. R 975.478 W588S

## NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Tax List, 1813. 2000. R 975.478 H141M

*Veterans Graves Registration of Monroe County.* 2 vols. 2000. R 975.478 H141V

Wills, 1799–1879. 2000. R 975.478 H141M

### Morgan County

Births, 1865–1904. 2005. R 975.496 T954M

Death Records, 1865–1903. 2009. R 975.496 D262M

*Graveyard History of Morgan County (Va.) W. Va.* 1980. R 975.496 G775

*History of the Ancestral Homes in the Town of Bath and Morgan County.* 2009. R 975.496 H813H

*History of the Town of Bath.* 2003. R 975.496 H813H

*Information about West Virginia Foundation for Crippled Children at "The Pines."* 1935; reprint, 2003. R 975.496 I43

*Magnolia Story.* 1999. R 975.496 D262M

Marriage Records, 1820–1865. 1997; reprint 2008. R 975.496 M847

Marriage Records, 1865–1903. 1998; reprint, 2007. R 975.496 T954M

*Morgan County during the Civil War and "Stonewall Jackson's Bath Campaign, January 1862.* 2006. R 975.496 D783M

*Morgan County School History.* 1987. R 975.496 M847

*Morgan County, West Virginia Obituaries.* [By cemetery]. 1995. R 975.496 M847

Obituaries, 1936–1967. 1998; reprint, 2005. R 975.496 M847

Obituaries, 1968–1979. 1998. R 975.496 M847

Obituaries, 1980–2012. 5 vols. 2001–2013. R 975.496 M847

### Raleigh County

*Old Soldiers of Raleigh Co.* 2000. R 975.473 H141O

*Raleigh County's Early Voters, 1852–1860.* 2000. R 975.473 H141R

*Shady Spring District Cemeteries...* 2000. R 975.473 H141S

*Slab Fork District Cemeteries...* 2000. R 975.473 H141S

*Town District Cemeteries.* 2000. R 975.473 H141T

*Trap Hill District Cemeteries.* 2000. R 975.473 H141T

### Randolph County

Cemetery Pictures. Vols. 2–6. 2004–2005. R 975.485 S628R

*Historic Beverly: A Guide Book.* Expanded and revised ed. 1993. R 975.485 R495H

### Upshur County

*At Every Crossroad: A Study of Upshur County Communities.* 1996. R 975.462 T299A

Births, 1897–1906. 2006. R 975.462 K53U

*Buckhannon-Upshur High School Football History, 1909–1992.* 1993. R 975.462 G478B

*Buckhannon and Warren District Cemetery Readings.* Rev. ed. 1998. R 975.462 B922

*Heartland of the Middle Fork Revisited.* 1988; reprint, 2000. R 975.462 G723H

*History of Atlas, West Virginia, and Vicinity... 1700s to 1984.* 1984. R 975.462 P558H

*History of the Mt. Union United Methodist Church, 1851–1993.* 1993. R 975.462 T299H

*Index to Cemetery Readings of Upshur County...* 2003. R 975.462 C536I

*Kesling School History.* 1999. R 975.462 K42

*Meade District Cemetery Readings.* 1994. R 975.462 M481

*Memories of a Barefooted Boy: Buckhannon from the Years 1865 to 1870 and Later.* 1998. R 975.462 H442M

Obituaries and News Items. Vols. 2–5, 1902–1924. 1994–2010. R 975.462 W853U

*One Hundred Years of Service to God & Man: Tallmansville Baptist Church, 1892–1992...* 1992. R 975.462 T299O

*Tennerton: A Village and Its Glass.* 2003. R 975.462 C617T

*Union District Cemeteries.* 1991. R 975.462 U58

*Upshur County.* 2001. R 975.462 U69

*Upshur County Sesqui-news 2001, Historically Speaking...* 2004. R 975.462 U69

*Washington District Cemetery Readings.* 1998. R 975.462 W317

### Webster County

Births, 1888–1908. 1999. R 975.465 G823W

## NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

*Webster Springs Hotel and Historic Springs, WV: The Summer Resort Center.* 2007. R 975.465 R759W

### Other West Virginia titles

*150 Years of Progress, 1809–1959: Cabell County Cavalcade Sesquicentennial.* 1959; reprint, 2013. R 975.442 O58

*Abstracts of Early Monongalia County, West Virginia Newspapers, 1816–1842.* 1997. R 975.452 G467A  
Braxton County Births, 1853–1899. 1998–2003. R 975.466 G823B

*Central West Virginia Veterans.* Vols. 1–2. 2007–2010. R 975.4 C397

Death Records, 1853–1916 [Mason County]. 3 vols. 1997. R 975.433 M398

*Defend the Railroad: The Battle of Giles Court House and Pigeon Roost Ridge* [Mercer County]. 2010. R 975.474 S659D

*Early Cheat Mountain Iron Works...* 1940; reprint, 1992. R 975.452 M839E

*Forts of West Virginia...* 1999. R 975.4 C156F

*Four Years along the Tilhance: The Private Diary of Elisha Manor* [Berkeley County]. 2004. R 975.497 M285F

*History of Forest Hill Community* [Summers County]. 2000. R 975.476 C849H

*History of the Early Settlement and Indian Wars of Western Virginia...* 1851; reprint, 2011. R 975.4 D322H

*Part of Summersville Past* [Nicholas County]. Vol. 1. 2004. R 975.469 B433P

Preston County Births, 1853–1959, marriages, 1853–1860 (1859 missing), deaths, 1853–1859. 1998. R 975.482 L816P

Ritchie County Assessor's Records: Ledger, 1863. 2002. R 975.424 O54R

*Sketches of Wood County...* 1878; reprint, 2002. R 975.422 S536S

*Stories of a West Virginia Doctor.* 2 vols. 1997. R 975.4 A452S

*Stories of a West Virginia Doctor's Son.* 2012. R 975.4 A452S

*Tucker County.* 2005. R 975.483 P558T

*West Virginia: A History.* 2001. R 975.4 W724W

*West Virginia Cemeteries.* Books 1–2. 2000–2004.

R 975.4 W516

*Written on the Land.* [Civilian Conservation Corps]. 2002. R 975.4 A549W

### Scottish genealogy

*People of Edinburgh, 1725–1775.* 2012. R 941.34 D635P

*People of Glasgow, 1725–1775.* 2012. R 941.1 D635P

*Scots in Southern Europe, 1600–1900.* 2013. R 941.1 D635S

*Scottish Catholics at Home and Abroad, 1680–1780.* 2010. R 941.1 D635S

### Family histories

*Barnhysle/Barnhisel and Hisle/Hysell Families of Virginia.* Parts 1 and 2. 1997. R 929.2 B262B

*Beckners in America: The First 250 Years.* 1996. [NGS] 929.2 B397B

*Boyer Ancestors & Collaterals.* Vols. 1–4. 1994; reprint, 2002. R 929.2 B791B

*Boyer Family in Maryland, Ohio, Indiana.* 1994. R 929.2 B791B

*Elmwood Letters* [Caperton Family]. 2002. R 929.2 C249

*Historical and Genealogical Letters of Dr. Earle A. Brooks.* 1996. R 929.2 B873B

*History and Genealogy of Peter Montague of Jamestowne, Virginia, 1603–2003.* 2013. [NGS] 929.2 M759M

*Life of Captain Jeremy Clarke, a Founder of Newport, Rhode Island, 1605–1652.* 2013. [NGS] 929.2 C597D

*Notebook of A. N. (Nannie) Campbell.* 2002. R 929.2 C187C

*Some Cripe Lines: From Immigrant Jacob Cripe through His Son Samuel, also, Smith Lines of Pennsylvania and Indiana.* 2000. R 929.2 C931B

*Woodson Collection.* 2001. R 929.2 W898P

### Other new titles

*Battle of Rich Mountain.* 1971; reprint, 1992. R 973.731 Z78B

## NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

*C & O Canal: An Illustrated History.* 1981.

R 386.48 H148C

*Civil War Letters and Diary of Joshua Winters, A Private in the Union Army Company G, First Western Virginia Volunteer Infantry.* 1991; reprint, 1996.

R 973.781 W788C

*Civil War Records: Missouri Volunteer Union Officers.*

Vol. 1. 2013. R 973.7478 W362C

*Come Hell or High Water: A Lively History of Steamboating on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.* 2001.

R 386.3 G478C

*Comics' 2<sup>nd</sup> City: The Gateway History of the American Comic Book.* 2012. R 741.59 P574C

*Dictionnaire des noms de famille du Canada français : anthroponymie et généalogie.* [Dictionary of Family Names of French Canada]. 2010. R 971 P586D

*Finding Your Roots: Easy-to-do Genealogy and Family History.* 2013. R 929.1 S387F

*Funerals to Die For: The Craziest, Creepiest, and Most Bizarre Funeral Traditions and Practices Ever.* 2013.

R 393.3 B468F

*Guide to Welsh Place-names.* 1994. R 942.9 L693G

*Irish Vital Records from the Scots Magazine, 1739–1826.* 2013. R 941.5 D635I

*Jackson and the Preachers.* 1982. RB Jackson Stonewall

*North of Slavery: The Negro in the Free States, 1790–1860.* 1961; reprint, 2007. R 301.451 L782N

*Ohio Valley in Colonial Days.* 1890; reprint, 2013.

R 977.1 F366O

*One of Lincoln's Best.* [General Joseph J. A. J. Lightburn]. 2007. RB Lightburn Joseph A.

*Particles of Glass: Birth Dates of Members of the Window Glass Cutters League of America as Recorded by the League on May 19, 1941.* 1999. R 666.152 G467P

*Selected Obituaries of the Tri-state Area: Ohio Pa. W.Va.* [taken from the East Liverpool Tribune, 1880–1920]. 1997. R 977.1 B985S

*Shenandoah Valley Memories of the War Between the States.* 1992. R 975.59 H735S

*That Dark and Bloody River: Chronicles of the Ohio River Valley.* 1995; reprint, 1996. R 977 E19T

*Tracing Your West Country Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians.* [England]. 2013. R 942.3 G779T

### Electronic databases

Ancestry Library Edition can be used for free at any St. Louis County Library location. Fold3 can also be used remotely with a valid St. Louis County Library card (some restrictions apply).

### NEW AT ANCESTRY

Select births, baptisms, marriages and deaths for various European, Central and South American countries and the Caribbean. Dates vary by location.

Germany: Warsaw Jews Who Survived WWII, 1948

India: Select Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, dates vary by topic

Philippines: Select Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, 1726–1957

Romania: Bucharest Jewish Students, 1943

Samoa: Select Baptisms, 1805–1910 and Burials, 1895–1970

### NEW AT FOLD3

Casualties from Iraq and Afghanistan Conflicts

Contributed Military Group Records: 63rd Infantry Division Records, 70th Infantry Division Records, 500th Bomb Group Records, Spirit of '45 , USS Wakefield Records; WWII Servicemen Photos (Mullally Collection)