

FOR THE RECORDS

African American migration patterns can help reveal family origins

Ancestors of most African Americans were among the earliest arrivals into the New World. Kidnapped from the coastal areas of Africa, they endured a shipboard journey chained together across the Atlantic Ocean. Many died during this Middle Passage. Those who did survive would face a lifetime of servitude, strangers in a strange land, forever cut off from families and friends from their old life. We in the twenty-first century cannot truly imagine the horrors they must have experienced.

Understanding migration is important, because a family's journey did not happen in a vacuum. People relocated for valid rea-

sons. If we understand the reasons and know where to look, we can more easily trace the family back through time and discover their history.

African American migrations

The Middle Passage was but the first of six major migrations experienced by many African American families: two of them forced and four voluntary. Although many families and individuals did not participate in all the subsequent five migrations, they almost certainly participated in more than one of them. [CONTINUED ON PAGE 3.](#)

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	Name:	Gus Small
	Birth Date:	abt 1892
	Birth Place:	MS
	Death Date:	2 Sep 1940
	Death Place:	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
	Burial Date:	6 Sep 1940
	Burial Place:	Frierspoint, Mississippi
	Cemetery Name:	Loacl
	Death Age:	48
	Race:	Black
	Marital Status:	M
	Gender:	Male
	Father Name:	Pambert Small
	Father Birth Place:	LA
	Mother Name:	Alice Brown
Mother Birth Place:	MO	
Spouse Name:	Rachel	
FHL Film Number:	1953582	

Name:	Gus Small
Gender:	Male
Race:	Black
Birth Date:	15 Jul 1892
Birth Place:	Frarspoint C, Mississippi
Father:	Pompey Small
Mother:	Alice Brown
SSN:	708185174
Notes:	Mar 1937: Name listed as GUS SMALL

Figure 1 (left) | Entry for Gus Small in the Illinois Death and Stillbirth Index, 1916–1947.

Figure 2 (above) | Entry in the U.S. Social Security Application and Claims Index, 1936–2007.

Source: Ancestry.com

When wealthy slave-owning patriarchs died, they typically left their plantations to the eldest son but their enslaved African Americans were split among all children. These children often headed west to Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, and Arkansas, or South to Florida, to find land to start their own plantations. This of course, resulted in family separations and untold misery among the African American population.

Likewise, as the fertile areas in the Deep South, such as the Mississippi River Delta, opened up to cotton and sugar crops, there was a huge demand for enslaved African Americans to work the land. Slave owners in the northern slave-holding states, such as Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, and Kentucky, could make a lot of money selling their enslaved people south and west. This is the era of the familiar image of family separation on the auction block in their place of origin or in huge slave markets in places like New Orleans.

These two event combined are known as the Second Middle Passage. Like the original middle passage from Africa, it was a forced migration that resulted in the suffering of enslaved African Americans.

The third migration occurred in the period immediately following the Civil War and was the first voluntary migration of African Americans. A voluntary migration involves two factors, a push and a pull. In this case, the pull was attempted family reunification and the possibility of better opportunities elsewhere. The push was probably a desire to get away from the place of enslavement. Not everyone moved, and typically they did not go far—maybe a few counties away or to a nearby city such as St. Louis, Memphis, Baltimore, Cincinnati, or New Orleans. The Exodusters headed west during this period to start new lives on homesteads on the Kansas and Nebraska prairies.

The Great Migration (1916–1930) saw 1.6 million African Americans leave the south for northern industrial cities such as Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Philadelphia, and New York. The pull was jobs and opportunities in the northern industrial cities. The push was a combination of the Boll Weevil infestation and Jim Crow laws.

During the Great Migration, people generally moved due north. If they started out in the Mississippi Delta, they went to St. Louis or Chicago. If they originated in Alabama, they probably went to Chicago, Detroit, or Cleveland. If they started in Virginia, the Carolinas, or Georgia, the most like-

3021	3050	3800	Small, Gus	Head	0	M	reg	37	M	21	no	yes	Mississippi	United States	United States	
			Small, Rachel	wife	4	F	reg	37	M	21	no	yes	Mississippi	United States	United States	
			Small, Pompey	brother	5	M	reg	41	M	30	no	yes	Mississippi	United States	United States	
			Small, Frances	sister-in-law	5	F	reg	36	M	24	no	yes	Mississippi	United States	United States	
			Miller, George	bro in law		V	M	reg	35	M	25	no	yes	Mississippi	United States	United States
			Miller, Albert	bro in law		V	M	reg	35	M	25	no	yes	Mississippi	United States	United States
			Small, Frances	sister-in-law		V	F	reg	33	M	22	no	yes	Mississippi	United States	United States
			Miller, Pearl	sister-in-law		V	F	reg	30	M	16	no	yes	Mexico	United States	Mexico
			Miller, Roberta	sister-in-law		V	F	reg	27	M	17	no	yes	Alabama	United States	United States

Small, Gus	Head	0	8000.		no	M	reg	37	M	21	no	yes	Mississippi	United States	United States
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Small, Frances	sister-in-law				V	F	reg	33	M	22	no	yes	Mississippi	United States	United States
Miller, Pearl	sister-in-law				V	F	reg	30	M	16	no	yes	Mexico	United States	Mexico
Miller, Roberta	sister-in-law				V	F	reg	27	M	17	no	yes	Alabama	United States	United States

Small, Gus	Head	0	8000.		no	M	reg	37	M	21	no	yes	Mississippi	United States	United States
Small, Rachel	wife	4			V	F	reg	37	M	21	no	yes	Mississippi	United States	United States

Figures 3-5 | The Gus Small family as enumerated in the 1940 and 1930 U.S. Census in Chicago (top and middle) and in the 1920 census for Cuahoma County, Mississippi. Source: Ancestry.com

ly destinations would have been Philadelphia or New York. Although migrants did not find hearty welcomes when they arrived, they still tended to find opportunities and acceptance that did not exist in the rural south.

A Second Great Migration occurred between 1940 and 1970. Over five million African Americans left the south for opportunities in the North and in the West. The pull was once again jobs, especially in the defense industries established by World War II and the Cold War. Another pull factor was to join family members who had moved north in one of the earlier migrations. The push, as in the past, was racism, Jim Crow, and a general lack of opportunity.

The New Great Migration began in 1970 and continues to the present time. In this migration, we find African American families returning to the South. Not to rural Alabama, Mississippi, or Arkansas, but to booming cities such as Atlanta, Charlotte, Jacksonville, Dallas, and Houston. The availability of jobs and opportunities in these growing cities coupled with the

civil rights laws passed in the 1960s make these places attractive in a way they would not have been in the 1940s and 50s. The push comes from the decline of the old industrial factories in the northern cities and the subsequent decline in job opportunities.

Using migration patterns in African American research: A case study

Consider, for example, the case of Gus Small. His death was recorded in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois on 2 Sep 1940 according to the “Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947” on Ancestry¹. The index states he was survived by a wife, Rachel, and was the son of Pambert (sic) Small, born in Louisiana and Alice Brown, born in Missouri. He was buried 6 Sep 1940 in Frierspoint, Mississippi (Figure 1).

Mr. Small’s Social Security Application, obtained using information from the index on Ancestry², names his father as Pompey Small rather than Pambert and gives a birth date of 15 Jul 1892 and a birthplace of Frarspoint Co., Mississippi (see Figure 2).

The 1940 Census enumerates Gus Small as the head of household consisting of his wife, Rachel, a brother, Pompey Small, and sister-in-law, Francis, a niece-in-law, Elizabeth Thomas, and a brother-in-law, Ed Wilson. Gus's occupation is recorded as a machinist working for a railroad. It also reports that they were all living at the same place in 1935³ (see Figure 3).

Gus is also enumerated in the 1930 census in Chicago. He was apparently living with his wife Rachel and brother Pompey, but also with two brothers-in-law, George and Albert Miller, and sisters-in-law Francis Small, Pearl Miller, and Roberta Miller. We know from the 1940 census Frances was Pompey's wife but do not know the specific makeup of the other couples. Everyone in the household is said to be born in Mississippi except Pearl Miller, with a birthplace in Mexico, and Roberta Miller, who was born in Alabama. Gus's employment was as a machinist working for a railroad⁴ (see Figure 4).

In the 1920 US census, Gus and his wife Rachel are enumerated in Beat 2, Coahoma County, Mississippi. Here his occupation is recorded as farmer.⁵ The relocation to Chicago between 1920 and 1930, and his change from a farmer to a machinist implies he participated in the Great Migration. His living with family members (brother and in-laws) in the latter census records strongly suggests that they either migrated as a group or participated in a chain migration (see Figure 5).

On 5 Jun 1918 Gus Small registered for the World War I draft in Coahoma County, Mississippi. On his registration card he gave a birthdate of 15 Jul 1892 and a birthplace of Friars Point, Mississippi. He also reported employment as a farm laborer for the Chism Brothers at Friars Point and that he supported a wife and adopted child⁶ (see Figure 6).

In the 1910 US census we find Gus, recorded as Augustus, enumerated in the household of his parents, Pompey and Alice Small, in Beat 2, Coahoma County, Mississippi. Alice was the mother of fifteen chil-

Form 1 3879 REGISTRATION CARD		No. 231
1	Name in full <u>Gus Small</u>	Age in yrs. <u>24</u>
2	Home address <u>Friars Point Miss</u>	
3	Date of birth <u>July 15 1892</u>	
4	Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <u>Natural born</u>	
5	Where were you born? <u>Friars Point Miss U.S.A.</u>	
6	I am a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <u>Farm Labourer / Chism Bros</u>	
8	By whom employed? <u>Friars Point</u>	
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <u>wife + adopted child</u>	
10	Married or single (which)? <u>married</u>	Race (specify which)? <u>African</u>
11	What military service have you had? Rank <u>no</u> branch _____ years _____ Nation or State _____	
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <u>no</u>	
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.		
8229 <u>Gus Small</u> 1181		

Figure 6 | World War I draft registration card for Gus Small. Source: Ancestry.com

dren, nine of whom were currently living, but Gus was the only one living in the household⁷. This census, however, introduces an evidentiary conflict. Gus's death record index entry states his father, Pompey, was born in Louisiana, but the census indicates he was born in Florida as were both of his parents. (see Figure 7).

Moving back to the 1900 census, we find the Pompey and Alice Small household once again in Beat 2, Coahoma County, Mississippi. Enumerated with them are three sons; John, Shedrick, and Augustus [Gus]. As with the 1910 census, Pompey's birthplace was recorded as Florida. His parents were said to be from the same state⁸ (see Figure 8).

The family does not appear in Coahoma County in 1880, but can be found in Goodrich's Landing, East Carroll Parish, Louisiana. This should not be a surprise because the earlier census records mention Louisiana as a place the family was from. None of the three sons enumerated in Pompey Small's household are recorded there because they were all born after

1880. Nine children are recorded in the household: Delia (age 21), Phoebus (age 14), Patrick (age 23), Bella (age 10), Clarinda (age 8), George (age 5), Thomas (age 3), Elnora (age 2), and Carrie (age 5 months). All of the children were born in Louisiana. With the exception of Delia, all the children were recorded with a father born in Florida and a mother born in Missouri. Delia's mother was recorded as born in Mississippi. This, along with the age gap of seven years between her and the next child suggests Delia may have been the issue of a prior marriage. The final member of the household was an 85-year-old woman named Bella. She is recorded as Pompey Small's mother with a birthplace of Africa⁹. (see Figure 9).

The family appears in Rhodes, Ward 1, Carroll Parish, Louisiana in 1870 (Carroll Parish split into East and West Carroll Parishes in 1877). Only three children, Febe [probably Phoebus], Patrick, and Delia are enumerated in the household. The others had not been

born yet¹⁰ (see Figure 10). Bella, Pompey's mother, was not enumerated with the family but is instead found in the Thomas and Emily Green household of Rhodes Ward 1. The 1870 Census does not record relationships between members of a household so it is unclear what her relationship to the household might be. Of note is the fact that the records states she is from Florida¹¹ (see Figure 11).

These last three census records reveal a number of migrations that need to be unpacked. Working backward we know that sometime between 1880 and 1900 Pompey and Alice Small relocated their family from East Carroll Parish, Louisiana to Coahoma County, Mississippi. It is not clear from the records what drove this particular migration, but presumably the family sought opportunities in Mississippi that were not available in Louisiana.

Alice (Brown) Small's birth in Missouri suggests that

Figures 7—9 | The Pompey Small household as enumerated in the 1910 (top) and 1900 (middle) Beat 2, Coahoma County, Mississippi U.S. Censuses and the 1880

Small, Pompey	Head	M	18	70	Mo	26			Florida	Florida	Florida
— Alice	Wife	F	35	71	Mo	26	15	9	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri
— Augustus	Son	M	12	18	La				Mississippi	Florida	Missouri

Small, Pompey	Head	B	Mo	Dec	1834	65	Mo	35			Florida	Florida	Florida
— Alice	Wife	B	Fl	Feb	1850	50	Mo	35	9	6	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri
— John	Son	B	Mo	Dec	1883	16	La				Mississippi	Florida	Missouri
— Sebastian	Son	B	Mo	May	1888	12	La				Mississippi	Florida	Missouri
— Augustus	Son	B	Mo	July	1891	8	La				Mississippi	Florida	Missouri

Small Pompey	B	M	27									Fla	Africa	Africa
— Alice	M	F	33									Mo	Mo	Mo
— Delia	B	F	21									La	Fla	Miss
— Phoebus	B	M	14									La	Fla	Mo
— Patrick	B	M	12									La	Fla	Mo
— Bella	B	F	10									La	Fla	Mo
— Clarinda	B	F	8									La	Fla	Mo
— Geo.	B	M	5									La	Fla	Mo
— Thomas	B	M	3									La	Fla	Mo
— Louisa	B	F	2									La	Fla	Mo
— Carrie	B	F	5/2									La	Fla	Mo
— Bella	B	F	85									Africa	Africa	Africa

she was most likely enslaved there. The majority of slave owners in Missouri lived in the counties along the Missouri River. She was probably born there and transported south to Louisiana to be sold as a victim of the Second Middle Passage.

As the fertile agricultural lands of the Mississippi Delta opened to settlement, many eastern slave-owning families came west to establish plantations and become wealthy. Typically they brought their enslaved African Americans with them to get the new establishments running. Pompey Small and his mother Bella were probably brought by their slave owner from Florida to the Delta.

It will be necessary to know the name of the slave owner to determine a specific location in Florida al-

though a reasonable assumption would be in the north central part of the state or the panhandle, because that is where the largest concentration of plantations with enslaved African Americans was found.

Many of the plantation owners in Florida could trace their ancestry back to North Carolina. Therefore it is quite likely that Bella made a prior second middle passage from North Carolina to Florida. This is, of course after she survived the actual middle passage from western Africa to the United States.

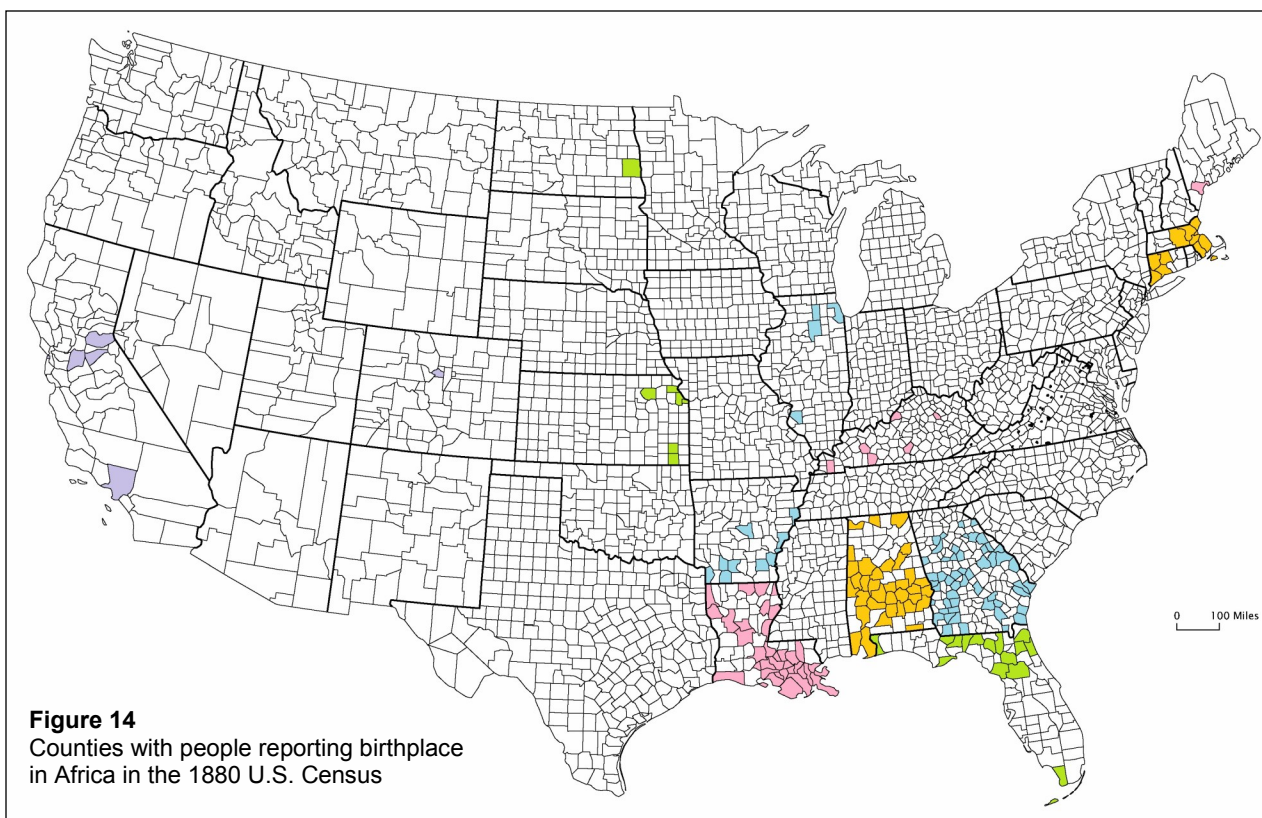
More details of these migrations could be discovered if we knew the name(s) of her slave-owners. Clues as to who the slave-owner was might be found in the East Carroll Parish Census records. In 1880 Pompey and Alice (Brown) Small and their four oldest chil-

Small Pompey	38	M	B	Farmer		300	Florida
Alice	26	F	B	H. House			Missouri
Tobe	3	F	B	at Home			Louisiana
Patrick	1	M	B				"
Delia	13	F	B				"

Figure 10 | 1870 U.S. Census enumeration for the Pompey Small household, Rhodes, Carroll County, Louisiana, Ward 1. Source: Ancestry.com

Green Thos	28	M	B	Farmer		400	Mississippi
Emily	24	F	B	H. House			"
Ann	8	F	B	at Home			Louisiana
John	5	M	B				"
Sedrick	3	M	B				"
Torrey	4/12	M	B				"
Small Belle	60	F	B				Florida

Figure 11 | 1870 U.S. Census enumeration for the Thomas Green household, Rhodes, Carroll County, Louisiana, Ward 1. Source: Ancestry.com



dren were recorded as laborers in a cotton field. More research will be needed to resolve that question. By putting these known and probable migrations on a map, we can trace the Small family's movements through time. This will give us an idea of where to look for additional information. [see map on page 1].

But Bella's birth in Africa raises another question. If we can find one record of an African birth in the census, might there be more? If so, how many?

To answer this question, searches were made in the *Ancestry.com* census indexes for census years 1870 and 1880 for all individuals reporting a birthplace in Africa. This information was extracted to an Excel spreadsheet for evaluation. A number of the entries were eliminated because abbreviations such as KY [Kentucky], VA [Virginia], and GA [Georgia] were inexplicably misidentified as places in Africa. From the remaining data, 1789 individuals were identified with a reported birth place in Africa in the 1870 Census and 961. In the 1880 Census.

The resulting data was plotted on the maps in Figure 13 and Figure 14. The pattern shows a wide distribution of these people across the south. The number of people identified, the geographic spread, and the time elapsed since the 1880 Census suggest that it is statistically probable that every African American family has one or more of these African-born people somewhere in their ancestry.

People do not typically relocate to random locations. Understanding migration is one of the keys to doing thorough genealogical research.

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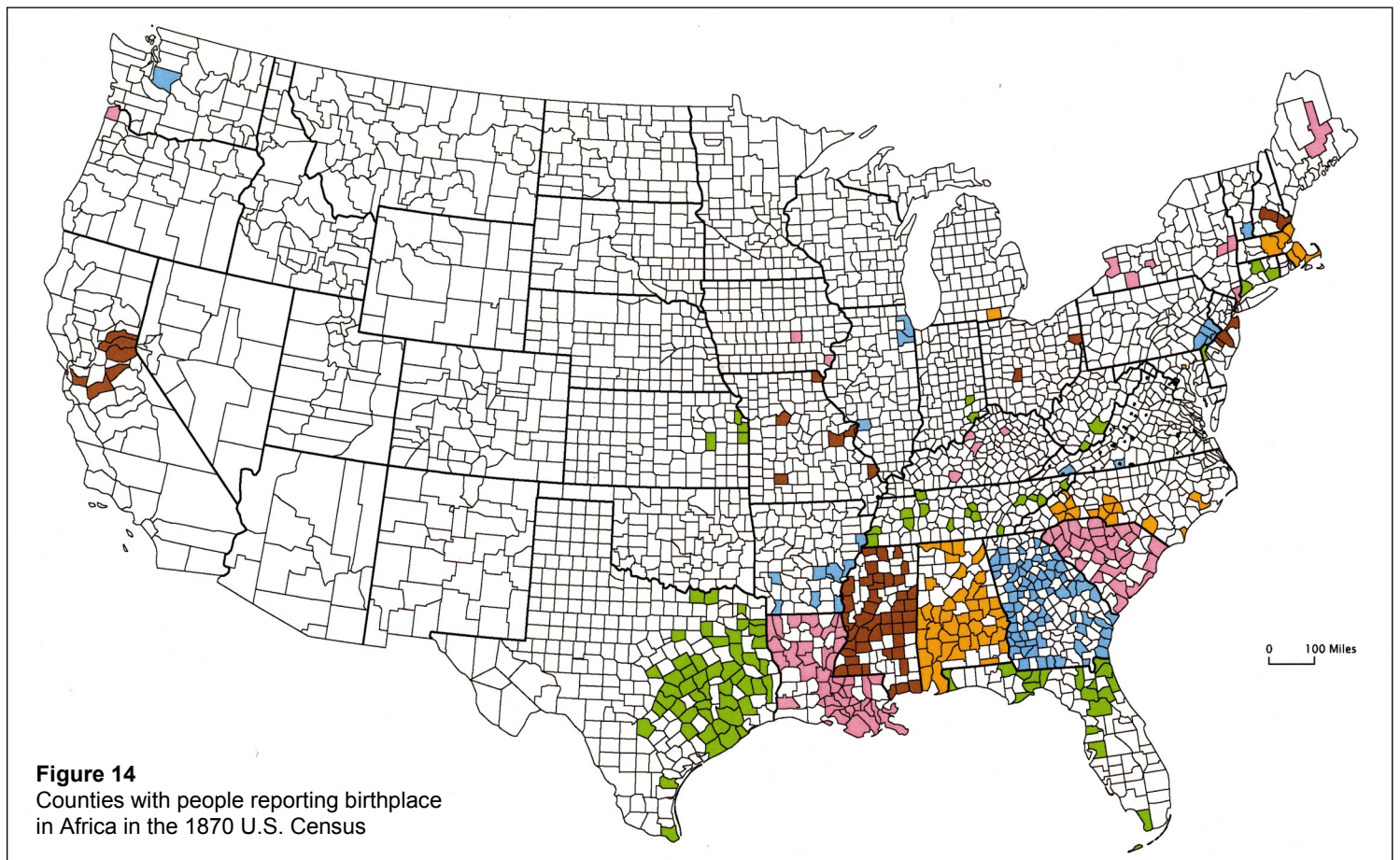
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OF NOTE

SLCL announces plans for new History & Genealogy Center and Administrative Building

St. Louis County Library (SLCL) has purchased approximately six acres near the intersection of Clayton Road and Spoeede Road in Frontenac, Missouri for the construction a new History & Genealogy Center and Administrative Building. The cost of the land was \$6.1 million. Construction is scheduled to begin in late 2019. The timeline is subject to change based on weather conditions and other factors. The projects are part of a multi-year, \$120+ million campaign to renovate or replace 19 branches within the Library District.

The new History & Genealogy Center will house SLCL's substantial genealogy and local history collection. Currently, the collection resides in a 5,500 square foot area at Library Headquarters, 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd. The new Genealogy Center will comprise approximately 15,000 square feet. The History & Genealogy collection at SLCL includes over 100,000 print items, large microfilm and periodical collections, and a variety of electronic databases. The department is home to the St. Louis Genealogical Society Collection, the National Genealogical Society Book Loan Collection, the Julius K. Hunter and Friends African American Research Collection and the Jewish Genealogical Society of St. Louis Collection.

The new Administrative Building will support all materials processing, bookmobiles, programming development, information technology, marketing, and administration for SLCL's 20-branch system. It will house a work force of approximately 180 individuals.

The projects will be designed by BatesForum Architects and are funded by proceeds from a 2012 tax initiative. Both buildings are expected to be completed in 2021.



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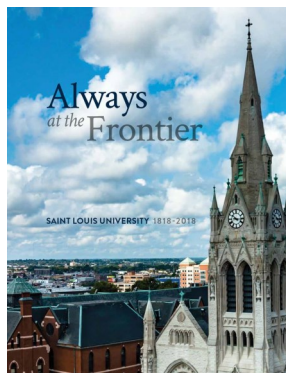
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Feb. 20	6:30 p.m.	Lewis & Clark Register

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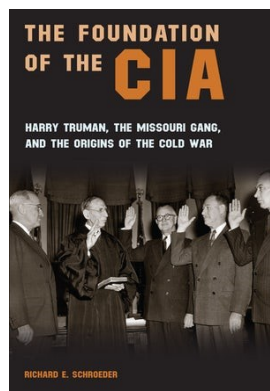
Following the completion of the History & Genealogy and Administrative buildings, a new branch library and event center will be constructed at the current Headquarters location by 2022.

SLCL is nearing completion of the Your Library Renewed campaign. To date 15 branches have been renovated or replaced and construction is currently underway at three other locations: Mid-County, Thornhill and Meramec Valley. These branches will reopen in 2019. [More details about the construction projects can be found on the library's website <https://www.slcl.org/your-library-renewed>.](https://www.slcl.org/your-library-renewed)

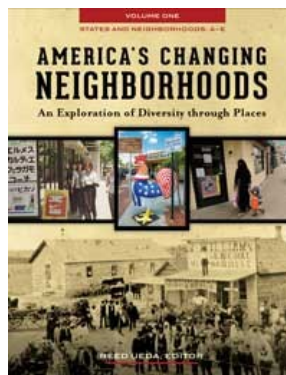
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Neighborhoods: An
Exploration of Diversity
Through Places**ABC-CLIO/Greenwood, 2017
R 973 A512

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in New York and New Jersey. The title page describes the small book to be the *True and Authentic Register of Persons Still Living, by God's Grace, Who in the Year 1709, Under the Wonderful Providences of the Lord Journeyed from Germany to America or New World and There Seek Their Piece of Bread at Various Places, Reported with Joy to All Admirers, Especially to Their Families and Close Friends* (R 973.0431 S592T) by

Ulrich Simmendinger of Reutlingen. Simmendinger, whose two children died before reaching America, returned to his hometown with his wife in 1717, but not before making a list of names of Palatine immigrants who remained.

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Crockett County, Tennessee, Marriage Records, 1884–1886. R 976.8225 C938

Crockett County, Tennessee Marriage Records, 1886–1888. R 976.8225 C938

Texas

Anderson County, Texas Cemeteries. R 976.4229 L829A

Anderson County, Texas Marriage Records. R 976.4229 I52A

Anderson County, Texas, Land Titles, 1831–1878. R 976.4229 I52A

Angelina County, Texas & Aransas County, Texas Land Titles, 1805–1878. R 976.4173 I52A

Armstrong County, Texas Land Titles. R 976.4833 I52A

Armstrong County, Texas, Marriage Records 1890–1910. R 976.4833 C883A

Austin County, Texas, Republic of Texas Marriage Records, 1824–1835. R 976.4252 C883A

Bastrop & Lee Counties, Texas: The Wend Colony, 1854. R 976.432 M167B

Bastrop County, Texas Land Titles, 1831–1877. R 976.432 I52B

Bastrop County, Texas, Marriage Records. Book A, 1851–1870. R 976.432 S867B

Baylor County, Texas Land Titles. R 976.4744 I52B

Bee & Borden Counties, Texas, Land Titles, 1831–1878. R 976.4117 T475B

Bell County, Texas, Land Titles, 1831–1878. R 976.4287 I52B

Bexar County, Texas Marriage Records, 1837–1866. R 976.435 M167B

Bexar County, Texas: Selected Cemeteries (Early Burials). R 976.435 L829B

Index to Probate Cases of Texas: No. 7, Atascosa County, Sept. 28, 1857–Mar. 6, 1939. R 976.4443 I38

Vermont

Early Vermont Settlers to 1771. R 974.3 B291E

Vermont: A Bicentennial History. R 974.3 M883V

Virginia

Augusta County

Augusta County, Virginia Baptism Records: Rev. John Craig, 1740–1749. R 975.5916 C886A

Augusta County, Virginia Indian Wars, 1754–1764. R 975.5916 A923

Augusta County, Virginia: Survey Book of James Patton and William Preston, 1752–1755. R 975.5916 P322A

Bland County

1890 Bland County, Virginia: Property Tax Records. R 975.5765 S645E

Bland County Marriage Book #3. R 975.5765 S427B

Bland County Marriages Book #4. R 975.5765 S427B

Bland County Marriages, Book #5: June 17, 1995–Feb. 3, 2001: In Computer, Feb. 3, 2001–Jan. 6, 2007. R 975.5765 S427B

Bland County Marriages, Book #5: June 17, 1995–Feb. 3, 2001: In Computer, Feb. 3, 2001–Jan. 6, 2007. R 975.5765 S427B

Bland County Obituaries and Death Records from the Archives of the Virginia State Library. R 975.5765 B675B

Bland County, Virginia Court Order Book, 1884–1891. R 975.5765 B675B

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Bland County, Virginia Deed Book #1. R 975.5765 B675B

Journal of Dr. John Howe Hoge, 1877–1896.

R 975.5765 H715J

Marriages in Bland County, 1930–1957. R 975.5765 S427M

More Bland County Marriages, 6-15-1968–1-7-1971/New

Death Information and Burial Sites. R 975.5765 S427M

More Obituaries of Bland County, Virginia, 1870–2004.

R 975.5765 B675M

West Virginia

1782 Berkeley County, West Virginia Tax Listing.

R 975.497 S497

Barbour County, Virginia (Now West Virginia) Birth Records, 1854–1859. R 975.459 D741B

Berkeley County, West Virginia Birth Records 1853–1860.

R 975.497 D741B

Calhoun County, Va (Now West Virginia) Birth Records 1855–1860, Death Records 1855–1859. R 975.429 D741C

Clay County, Virginia (Now West Virginia) Birth and Death Records 1858–1860. R 975.467 D741C

Fayette County, Virginia (Now West Virginia) Births and Death Records 1854–1859. R 975.471 D741F

Mercer County Deaths, 1853–1882. R 975.474 H141M

Mercer County, West Virginia Marriage Book.

R 975.474 H425M

Wisconsin

Prairie du Chien: French, British, American.

R 977.574 S283P

Prairie Farmer's Home and County Directory of Iowa County, Wisconsin. R 977.578 P898

Prairie Farmer's Home and County Directory of Jefferson County, Wisconsin. R 977.585 P898

Swiss

The First Swiss in New-Zealand: An Essay. R 993 W374F

Verzeichnis der Kirchenbücher des Kantons Bern = Répertoire des registres paroissiaux du canton de Berne [List of Church Records of Canton Bern]. R 949.454 I32V

Selected resources for African American research

Research guides

From Slavery to Freedom: A History of Negro Americans.

R 301.451 F832F

Finding a Place Called Home: A Guide to African-American Genealogy and Historical Identity. R 929.1 W898F

How to Trace Your African-American Roots: Discovering Your Unique History. R 929.1089 H859H

Digging for Family Roots: A Beginner's Guide to African American Genealogical Research. R 929.1089 H945D

Slave Ancestral Research: It's Something Else.

R 929.1089 F288S

Slave Genealogy: A Research Guide with Case Studies.

929.1089 S915S

Antebellum slavery

The American Slave, A Composite Autobiography. 19 vols., Supplement Series 1, 12 vols., Supplement Series 2, 10 vols. R 306.362 A512

"No Land, Only Slaves!" 18 vols. R 976 S646N

Race, Slavery, and Free Blacks: Petitions to Southern Legislatures, 1777–1867. MICROFILM

Race, Slavery, and Free Blacks, Series II, Petitions to Southern County Courts, 1775–1867. MICROFILM

U.S. Customs Service Records: Port of New Orleans, Louisiana: Inward Slave Manifests, 1807–1860 and Outward Slave Manifests, 1812–1860. MICROFILM

State Slavery Statutes. MICROFICHE

State Slavery Statutes: Guide to the Microfiche Collection. R 342.73 S797

NEWSPAPERS

St. Louis American, 1949–2011. MICROFILM

St. Louis Argus, 1915–1997. MICROFILM

St. Louis Palladium, 1903–1907. MICROFILM

[More resources are listed in "Tracing Your African American Ancestors Bibliography" on the library's website](https://bit.ly/2GdY0Sn)

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CLASSES & PROGRAMS

CLASSES

Classes are free and open to the public, but registration is required. Register online at www.slcl.org or call 314-994-3300. Before registering for classes, you should already know how to use a computer and search the Internet. A prerequisite is noted for some classes.

CLASSES FOR BEGINNING RESEARCHERS

Who Were my Ancestors? Beginning Genealogical Research

If you have little or no research experience, this is the class for you. Learn about the genealogical research process and the many resources available in History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library.

Feb. 12	2:00 p.m.	Sachs Register
Feb. 26	2:00 p.m.	Headquarters Register
March 19	2:00 p.m.	Grand Glaize Register

Library Skills for Genealogical Research

Libraries offer essential tools for researching your ancestry. Learn how to search online library catalogs, obtain materials from distant libraries, locate periodical articles, and use the library's in-house guides. Pre-requisite: "Who Were my Ancestors?" or previous research experience.

March 4	2:00 p.m.	Headquarters Register
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Finding Ancestors in U.S. Census Records

Census records are a basic and essential source for genealogical research in the U.S. Learn how to search census records effectively using Ancestry Library Edition and other electronic databases.

Feb. 26	10:00 a.m.	Weber Road Register
March 14	2:00 p.m.	Headquarters Register

History & Genealogy Open House for Educators

Learn about all of the wonderful resources available for educators in the History & Genealogy Department. A Q&A session will follow the presentation.

Saturday, March 2, 10:00 a.m., Headquarters

No registration required

CLASSES TO EXPAND RESEARCH SKILLS

Researching Newspaper Databases

Newspapers are excellent sources of historical and genealogical information, and digitization has made them more widely available. The class will cover 19th-Century U. S. Newspapers, NewspaperArchive, and St. Louis Post-Dispatch databases.

Feb. 13	2:00 p.m.	Headquarters Register
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Finding Immigrant European Ancestors

Discover print and online resources for researching immigrant ancestors. This class will include an overview of information available on Ancestry Library Edition and other electronic databases. Prerequisite: Finding Ancestors in U.S. Census Records class or comparable research experience.

Feb. 5	2:00 p.m.	Daniel Boone Register
March 12	10:00 a.m.	Cliff Cave Register
March 20	2:00 p.m.	Headquarters Register

Identifying Ancestral Military Veterans

Explore strategies for military research in the Fold3 and Ancestry Library Edition databases, as well as in print and online sources. Prerequisite: "Finding Ancestors in U.S. Census Records" or comparable research experience.

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March 27	2:00 p.m.	Headquarters Register

ST. LOUIS COUNTY LIBRARY BRANCH LOCATIONS

Bridgeton Trails

3455 McKelvey Road
Bridgeton, MO 63044

Cliff Cave

5430 Telegraph Road
St. Louis, MO 63129

Daniel Boone

300 Clarkson Rd.
Ellisville, MO 63011

Eureka Hills

156 Eureka Town Center
Eureka, MO 63025

Florissant Valley

195 New Florissant Rd, S.
Florissant, MO 63031

Grant's View

9700 Musick Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63123

Headquarters

1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63131

Indian Trails

8400 Delport Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63114

Jamestown Bluffs

4153 N. Highway 67
Florissant, MO 63034

Lewis & Clark

9909 Lewis-Clark Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63136

Meramac Valley

625 New Smizer Mill Rd.
Fenton, MO 63026

Mid-County—CLOSED

7821 Maryland Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63105

Natural Bridge

7606 Natural Bridge Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63121

Oak Bend

842 S. Holmes Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63122

Prairie Commons

915 Utz Lane
Hazelwood, MO 63042

Rock Road

10267 St. Charles Rock Rd.
St. Ann, MO 63074

Samuel C. Sachs

16400 Burkhardt Place
Chesterfield, MO 63017

Thornhill—OPENS FEB. 13

12863 Willowyck Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63146

Weber Road

4444 Weber Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63123

General Information

Phone: 314-994-3300,

SPECIAL TOPICS AND SOURCES

Introduction to the FamilySearch Website

FamilySearch.org is a free website that offers millions of records for genealogical research. Learn about available records and get tips for searching them.

March 19 6:30 p.m. Grants View | [Register](#)

PROGRAMS

Programs are free and open to the public. No registration is required.

Wednesday, February 6, 6:30 p.m. | Cliff Cave

Jail & Prison Records in Genealogical Research

Learn about local, state, and federal prison records, and how to access them. P.O.W. records and records of interned and displaced persons will also be covered. Tom Pearson, speaker.

Saturday, Feb. 9, 10:00 a.m. | Headquarters

Putting Meat on the Bones

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting

The speaker will explore a wide variety of sources that you can use to "put meat on the bones" and discover the stories about your ancestors' lives. Ted Steele, speaker.

Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 p.m. | Cliff Cave

Genealogy: World War I Veterans of St. Louis

Many St. Louisans, including local businesses and institutions, played a significant role in World War I. Learn some of their stories and how they are connected to Bellefontaine Cemetery. Dan Fuller, speaker.

Saturday, March 9, 10:00 a.m. | Headquarters

English Church Records

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting

Explore church and civil records related to Catholics and Protestants, and learn key terminology for identifying the denominational affiliation of your English ancestors. Jake Eubanks, speaker.

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 p.m. | Headquarters

Finding Your German Ancestor in Emigration and Immigration Lists

StLGS German Special Interest Groups

Emigration and immigration lists might reveal the ancestral hometown of your family. Learn how to research in these seldom-used resources. Dan Lilienkamp, speaker.