

## FOR THE RECORDS

### Finding the last owner of an enslaved ancestor

With the end of the Civil War and the ratification of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, a new group of people suddenly appeared in public records. African Americans could now—at least in theory—marry, vote, own property, move about freely, and otherwise participate in a free society.

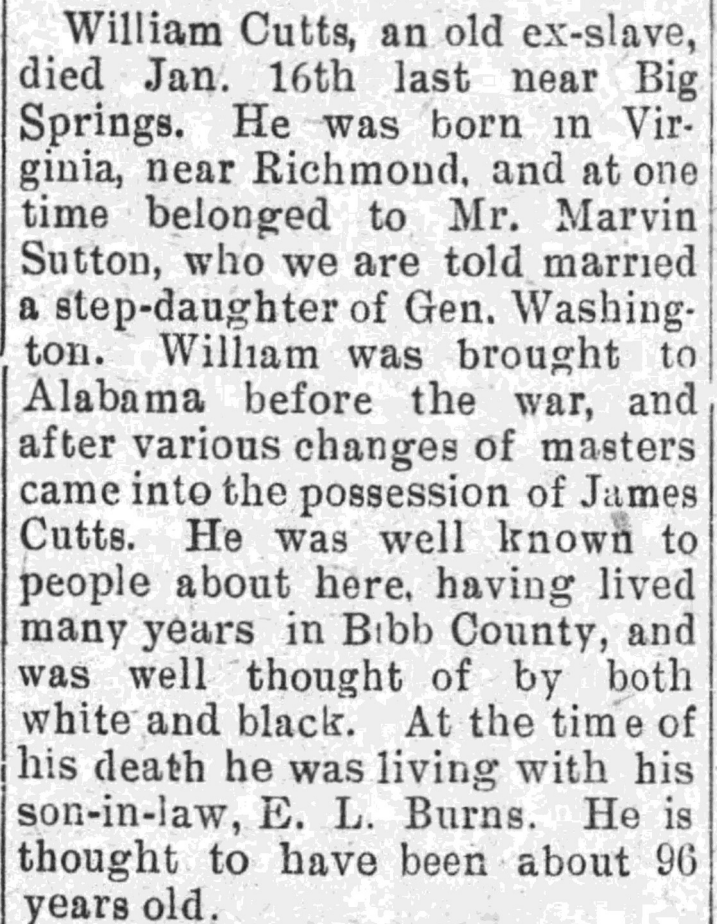
In reality, there was no new group of people. These families had been, for the most part, in the United States since at least 1808 and in many cases during the colonial era. Enslaved people rarely, if ever, created their own records. More typically, they appear in records created by and for the slave-owning families. Continued research into a family during the period of enslavement requires knowing the name of the slave owner.

Finding the name of the last slave owner can be challenging. The information is not typically passed down in families—why would it be? Who in their right mind would tell their children stories about the worst thing that ever happened to them? Enslavement was most emphatically not a fondly remembered past, but something that needed to be endured and survived.

So, where do we find the information? Regrettably, no single, cookie-cutter formula will work in every situation. Several possible approaches may help answer the question.

#### Newspapers

If an enslaved ancestor reached an advanced age, a local newspaper may have published an obituary about his or her death. The information in these can vary widely, but often they list a slave owner and a place. If the death occurred in the 1920s, '30s, or '40s, other newspapers around the country may have also published the story. However, we should remember the



William Cutts, an old ex-slave, died Jan. 16th last near Big Springs. He was born in Virginia, near Richmond, and at one time belonged to Mr. Marvin Sutton, who we are told married a step-daughter of Gen. Washington. William was brought to Alabama before the war, and after various changes of masters came into the possession of James Cutts. He was well known to people about here, having lived many years in Bibb County, and was well thought of by both white and black. At the time of his death he was living with his son-in-law, E. L. Burns. He is thought to have been about 96 years old.

**Figure 1** | Obituary of a formerly enslaved person published in the *Blocton Enterprise* in 1910.

deceased almost certainly did not provide the information, so it might not be accurate. Figure 1 shows an example of such an obituary. According to the article, published in the *Blocton Enterprise*, William Cutts was born near Richmond, Virginia and was enslaved by Marvin Sutton. At some point, he was brought to Alabama and was sold to a series of owners ending with James Cutts in Bibb County.<sup>1</sup>

Figure 2 shows an obituary from the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* for Mrs. Henrietta Thompson.<sup>2</sup> The article does not

## Woman, Former Slave, Dies Here at 99

Mrs. Henrietta Thompson, a 99-year-old former slave, died of infirmities yesterday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Robert Nelson, 2519 Goode ave.

The aged Negro woman was born in Hollow Springs, Miss., where she lived until she was 18 years of age.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 9 p. m. at the A. L. Beal Undertaking Establishment, 4303 Delmar bl., with interment in St. Peter's Cemetery.

mention the name of a slave owner, but it does say she was born in Hollow Springs, Mississippi. A Google search for Hollow Springs does not produce firm results but suggests Holly Springs, which is likely the correct place. According to the article, published in 1950, she was 99 years old when she died, suggesting a birth year of 1851.

The 1860 U.S. Census Slave Schedule enumerates ten slave owners with nine-year-old females in Holly Springs, Mississippi. If we expand the age range to include children ages seven to 11 (two years on either side of age nine) the number of possibilities increases to 49. Forty-nine may seem like quite a few slave owners to research, but it is still better than searching all of the slave owners in Mississippi.

Of course, we must consider a few caveats here. We have already made three significant assumptions. First, we assumed the information in the paper is correct. Secondly, we assumed that Hollow Springs is, in fact, Holly Springs. Finally, we are assuming Holly Springs literally means Holly Springs, and is not simply a stand in for all of Marshall County, Mississippi. Additional family knowledge and research into the family could possibly firm up the assumptions. For example, an annu-

### Notice—Information Wanted.

Henry Wright, a colored resident of Knoxville, desires to hear of some of his children or relatives, whom he left at Fairfax Court House, Culpepper county, Va., several years ago. He belonged to Judge John C. Greene, of that place, while his wife, Betsy, belonged to Mr. John Stone, who lived twelve miles from the Court House. Wright's children were named Charles, James, Mina, Lucinda, Malinda, George, Isaac, Kate and Hampton. Any information directed to Henry Wright, Knoxville, Tenn., will reach him.

**Figure 2 (right)** | Obituary of a formerly enslaved person published in the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* in 1950.

**Figure 3 (above)** | "Information wanted" ad placed by Henry Wright.

al family reunion in Holly Springs or other documents pointing to Holly Springs would help confirm their validity.

Aside from obituaries, "information wanted" advertisements might also name the last slave owner. These ads were typically placed in African American newspapers. In many cases, pastors across the country would read the ads to their congregations after Sunday services. Ads from a variety of newspapers have been digitized on *Last Seen: Finding Family after Slavery*.<sup>3</sup> *Lost Friends*, a similar project by the Historic New Orleans Collection, provides information on similar articles published in *The Southern Christian Advocate*.<sup>4</sup>

Consider the ad placed by Henry Wright in the *Knoxville Press and Herald*, in 1874 (Figure 3). Mr. Wright is looking for his children or other relatives whom he left at Fairfax Court House in Culpepper County, Virginia. The ad says his slave owner was Judge John C. Greene. His wife, however, had a different slave owner, John Stone.<sup>5</sup>

### Freedmen's Bureau records

The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, more commonly known as the Freedmen's Bureau, provided



Date	Minister	Name of Husband	Name of Wife	Home/Residence	When Married	By Whom	Age of Wife	Remarks
Nov. 1854	B. H. Robinson	George Humphreys	Mary H. Humphreys	Prime George Co. Md.	1847	Rev. Mr. Bean	6	Joined by permission of master.
"	"	Joseph McPherson	Annie Sumble	Rowson Co. Va.	1846	" " Brewer	0	" " " " " "
"	"	John Luckett	Annice Williams	Prime George Co. Md.	1854	" " Smith	6	" " " " " "
"	"	John Davis	Maryett Smith	" " "	1834	No. Marriage ceremony	5	" " " " " "

Know all Men by These Presents, That **James M. Irwin** of the County of **Crittenden** State of **Arkansas** - held and firmly bound to the United States of America in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars, for the payment of which I bind **my** heirs, executors and administrators, firmly, by these presents, in this Contract: That I am to furnish the persons, whose names are subjoined, freed laborers, Quarters, Fuel, substantial and healthy Rations, all necessary ~~Medical Attendance~~ and Supplies in case of sickness, and the amount set opposite their respective names per month, during the continuation of this Contract—the laborers to be paid in full before the final disposal of the crop which is to be raised by them on plantation, in the County of **Crittenden** State of **Arkansas** -

NO.	NAMES	AGE	Rate of pay per month	NO.	NAMES	AGE	Rate of pay per month
1	<b>Rini Porter</b>	18	16 00	14	<b>John Duncan</b>	18	15 00
2	<b>Levin Stearns</b>	18	16 00				
3	<b>Stephen Wheeler</b>	17	16 00	15	<b>26 Enny Jackson</b>	33	15 00
4	<b>Thomas Johnson</b>	19	16 00				
5	<b>Julia Johnson</b>	19	9 00	16	<b>Handy Donnell</b>	33	18 00
6	<b>Brown Love</b>	40	16 00				
7	<b>Jason Brown</b>	20	16 00				
8	<b>Manuel Porter</b>	20	16 00				
9	<b>Samuel Love</b>	35	16 00				
10	<b>David Purdy</b>	23	16 00				
11	<b>Samuel Potts</b>	30	16 00				
12	<b>Alvin Drissell</b>	33	16 00				
13	<b>Levin Shelby</b>	16	16 00				

This Contract is to commence with this date and close with the year.  
 Given in duplicate at **Memphis** this **17** day of **January** 1866.  
 Frank Irwin  
 Registered at \_\_\_\_\_ 1866.  
 J. M. Irwin  
 Approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
 J. H. Staley Capt. & Supl. U.S.A.

Figure 4 (top) | Example from marriage records kept by the Freedmen’s Bureau.  
 Figure 4 (above) | Work contract of James M. Irwin approved by the Freedmen’s Bureau.

help and services to newly emancipated men and women across the south in the post-Civil War era.

One of the roles of the Freedmen’s Bureau was to solemnize marriages. While a slave owner would often allow—maybe even encourage—an enslaved couple to marry, there was no legal recognition of the marriage. However, many of these “slave marriages” were long standing, and the couple wanted legal recognition of their status post emancipation.

Although these marriage records rarely name a slave owner, they might offer clues. Consider the example in Figure 4.<sup>6</sup> These records, created by the Washington, D.C. office, include information about the names of the parties, the date of their “slave marriage,” and who performed the original ceremony. In many cases, the officiant appears to be a local pastor. It may be possible to trace the pastor to his church and find records of the marriage there naming the slave owner.

Labor contracts form another set of Freedmen’s Bureau records. After emancipation, people were entitled to monetary compensation for their work. One of the tasks of the Bureau was to prevent the former slave owners from taking advantage of the freedmen and freedwomen during contract negotiations. To do this, they supervised the negotiations and approved all contracts. The Bureau retained copies of the contracts.

In the example in Figure 5<sup>7</sup>, James M. Irwin contracted 16 people (listed by name and age) to work for him in 1866. Further research would be required to determine if Irwin was in fact the former slave owner, but it is a place to start.

**Freedman’s Bank records**

In 1865, the U.S. Congress Chartered the Freedman’s Savings and Trust Company as a safe place for the newly emancipated freedmen to save their wages, get loans, and begin a process of economic advancement. Although the bank failed, and many people lost all or part of their savings, it did create records that



9.  
**Record for Thaddeus Turner**  
 Date and No. of Application, Jan 10/61 (# 9)  
 Name of Master, Edward Jones  
 Name of Mistress, Sarah Jones  
 Plantation, Savannah, Ga.  
 Height and Complexion, 5ft 4 1/2 Yellow  
 Father or Mother? Married? Yes  
 Name of Children, Mrs Henry, Catharine }  
 Regiment and Company, 1st Regt. Thaddeus }  
 Place of Birth, Savannah, Ga  
 Residence, Farm bet. Tuben & Hamis  
 Occupation, Brick-layer  
 REMARKS,  
 Lump on right hand &  
 Scar over left eye  
 His  
 Signature, Thaddeus T. Turner  
 Witness  
 J. R. Sampson

Figure 6 (above) | Signature card of Thaddeus Turner, Freedman's Bank.

Figure 7 (right) | District of Columbia slave emancipation record.

To John S. Smith, Esq.  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia.

Sir,  
 You will please file and record in your Office the annexed statement and schedule, under the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An act for the relief of certain persons held to service or labor in the District of Columbia," approved April 16<sup>th</sup> 1842:

NAMES	Age at time of discharge by Congress		Sex	Particular Description.
	Year	Month		
Melinda Sims	48	about	Female	5 ft. 4 in. high. Dark brown color
Henry Sims	47	about	Male	5 ft. 9 in. high. The right eye injured. Dark brown
James Sims	38	about	Male	5 ft. 3 in. high. (about) Dark brown
Miss Henry Simms	36	about	Female	5 ft. 5 in. high Dark brown
Ellen Morris	45	about	Female	5 ft. 4 in. high Mulatto
Adel Francis Davis	22	6 19	Female	5 ft. 2 in. high. (about) Dark brown
Catharine Ann Davis	22	6 19	Female	5 ft. 2 in. high. (about) Chestnut color
Andiana Davis	20	3 18	Female	5 ft. 4 in. high. (about) Chestnut color
Ellen Virginia Morris	3	5	Female	Chestnut color
Joseph Davis	4	9 23	Male	Child of Catharine Bright Mulatto
Ann Davis	1	9 20	Female	Daughter of Ann Davis very bright Mulatto

The persons mentioned in the foregoing schedule were, by reason of African descent and acquired title, my property, and by me held to service and labor in the District of Columbia at the time the act of Congress above cited was approved, the benefit of which is hereby claimed.

Elizabeth Abbot

are of interest to family researchers today. Chief among them is the register of signatures of depositors.

Because most slave states prohibited teaching enslaved people to read and write, most of the account holders at the Freedman's Bank were unable to sign their names. These registers of signatures contain other information to help identify the account owner. In addition to physical descriptions, the Freedman's Bank used methods that should be familiar to anyone who has online banking or online credit cards today—namely, they asked security questions that only that individual would be able to answer.

In the first version of these forms, "Name of Master," "Name of Mistress," and "Plantation" were among the questions. Although the questions were probably asked innocently, just to

help identify the account holder, they were highly insensitive and newly emancipated people often balked, questioning the need for that information. By 1867, new forms had been created that eliminated the question. Nevertheless, if your ancestor had an account at the Freedman's Bank, and if he or she opened the account early enough, the name of the last slaveholder may appear there.

Consider the example of Thaddeus Turner in Figure 6.<sup>8</sup> In addition to other significant genealogical information, Mr. Turner provides the names of his former slave owners, Edward and Sarah Jones of Savannah, Georgia.

**Compensated emancipation records**

On at least two occasions, the U.S. Congress passed laws to compensate slave owners who relinquished ownership of their



**COLORED VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTIVE LIST of**  
 service of the United States under General Order, No. 135, Head  
 Claimed to have been the slave of *Leri Dixon*, a citizen of

*Banister Wright* Colored Volunteers, enlisted in the  
 Quarters, Department of the Missouri, St. Louis, November 14th, 1863.  
 to *Cole* County, State of Missouri.

Name	Description							Where State	Born County	Occupation	Enlisted			
	YEARS OF AGE	EYES	HAIR	COMPLEXION	FEET	INCHES	When				Where	By whom	Period	
<i>Banister Wright</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>Gray</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Copper</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>North Carolina</i>	<i>Cassell</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Dec 29 1863</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>	<i>Sgt. 3rd Mo.</i>	<i>3 yrs</i>	

**REMARKS.**

**Figure 8 |** Descriptive recruitment record for Banister Wright.

I CERTIFY, on honor, that I have carefully examined the above named Colored Volunteer, agreeably to the General Regulations of the Army, and that, in my opinion, he is free from all bodily defects and mental infirmity that would, in any way, disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

*[Signature]*  
Examining Surgeon.

I CERTIFY, on honor, that the above named Colored Volunteer was duly enlisted by me, and that the above is his correct Descriptive List. That I have minutely inspected him previous to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the duties of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the recruiting service.

*Nathan Jefferson City Mo*  
Date *Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 1863*

*B. Lillovic*  
*1st Lt Asst*  
Provost Marshal and Recruiting Officer.

enslaved people. Laws included compensation of the slave owners to comply with the Fifth Amendment’s prohibition against the government taking property without compensation.

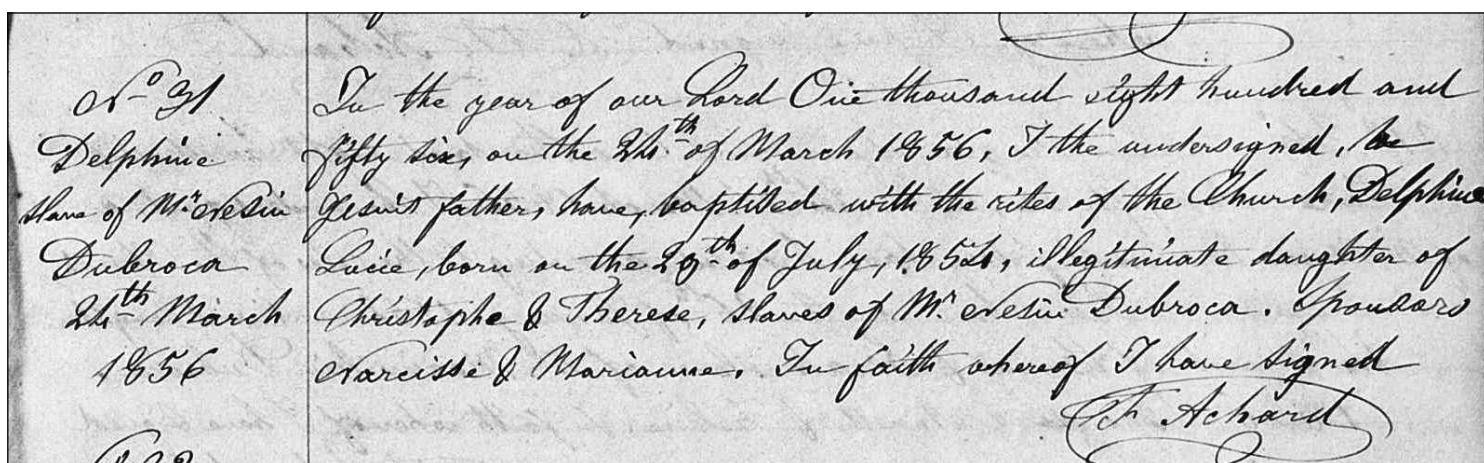
The first of these occurred in 1862 with the passage of *An Act for the Release of Certain Persons Held to Service or Labor within the District of Columbia*, a law providing for the immediate emancipation of all enslaved people in the District. The Federal Government would pay slave owners up to \$300 to compensate them for the loss of their property (each newly freed person who chose to emigrate to Haiti or Liberia would receive \$100). To collect the money, slave owners had to prove in writing that they actually owned the people in question and swear their loyalty to the Union.

Many people today find the idea of compensating slave owners for their lost property but not compensating the enslaved people for their stolen labor repugnant. Although we cannot go

back in time to change that, we can make use of the records generated by the transaction. Consider the example in figure 9.<sup>7</sup> The document, submitted by Elizabeth Abbot, names eleven people and provides their ages, genders, physical descriptions, and family relationships, if known—quite a lot of genealogical information in addition to naming the slave owner.

In 1864, Congress passed another law that provided up to \$300 compensation to loyal slave owners who allowed their enslaved men to serve in the military. Any enslaved person who volunteered would receive freedom. These recruits typically came from the border states of Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Virginia, and West Virginia. An act of Congress in 1867 suspended these payments, and there is no evidence that any slave owners were actually paid.

Recruitment records often provide a great deal of information about the slave owner and his or her place of residence at the



**Figure 9** | Baptism of Delphine, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Mobile, Alabama, 1856.

time the claim was filed. If the claimant owned the soldier at the time of his birth, the record will include information about the soldier's date and place of birth, and possibly his mother's name. If the claimant acquired the slave later, it will state how he or she came to own the soldier and include the name of the previous slave owner. These documents are included in the compiled military service record of the soldier. [Descriptive Recruitment lists of Volunteers for the United States Colored Troops for the State of Missouri are indexed on the History & Genealogy's website](https://bit.ly/39bk8Hm) <<https://bit.ly/39bk8Hm>><sup>11</sup> [Compiled service records are available digitally on the Fold3 database](http://fold3.com) <<http://fold3.com>>.<sup>12</sup>

A typical example is that of Banister Wright (see Figure 10)<sup>8</sup>. Mr. Wright enlisted in Jefferson City, Missouri on 29 December 1863. According to the record, he had been the slave of Levi Dixon of Cole County, Missouri, but he was born in Caswell County, North Carolina.

### Church records

At a first glance, church records may seem an unlikely place to find records of the enslaved and their slave owners. Yet, if the slave owners were members of the Roman Catholic, Episcopal, or another high-church denomination,<sup>13</sup> church records can be one of the best opportunities for finding this information.

Consider the example in figure 9.<sup>14</sup> According to the record, from the Roman Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Con-

ception, Father Achard baptized Delphine on 24 March 1856. The record also names her parents, Christophe and Thérèse, indicates all of them were enslaved by Nesin Dubroca, and provides her birth date of 29 July 1854.<sup>15</sup>

Likewise, the marriage record of Casis and Mary Ann (see Figure 10)<sup>15</sup> from the same parish in 1836 provides the names of their slave owners. According to the record, Catherine Swanson enslaved Casis and Matthew Smith enslaved Mary Ann. The record also indicates both slave owners granted permission for the marriage to take place.

Transcriptions can be another option for accessing parish records. Donald J. Hébert's *Southwest Louisiana Records: Church and Civil Records*<sup>16</sup> and Paul E. Sluby's *Analysis of Slave Data Excerpted from the Parish Register of Christ Church, Middlesex County, Virginia, 1653 to 1812*<sup>17</sup> are examples of this type of resource.

### Birth records

Although birth records are rare before the early twentieth century, some do exist. Usually they cover only the last few years of legal slavery in the United States, but they can still be useful in finding the name of the last slave owner.

For example, Kentucky began recording births in 1851 and the records include ones for people born into slavery. The example in Figure 11 from Fayette County shows the birth of Adam on 24 December to Ellen, who was enslaved by Alexander



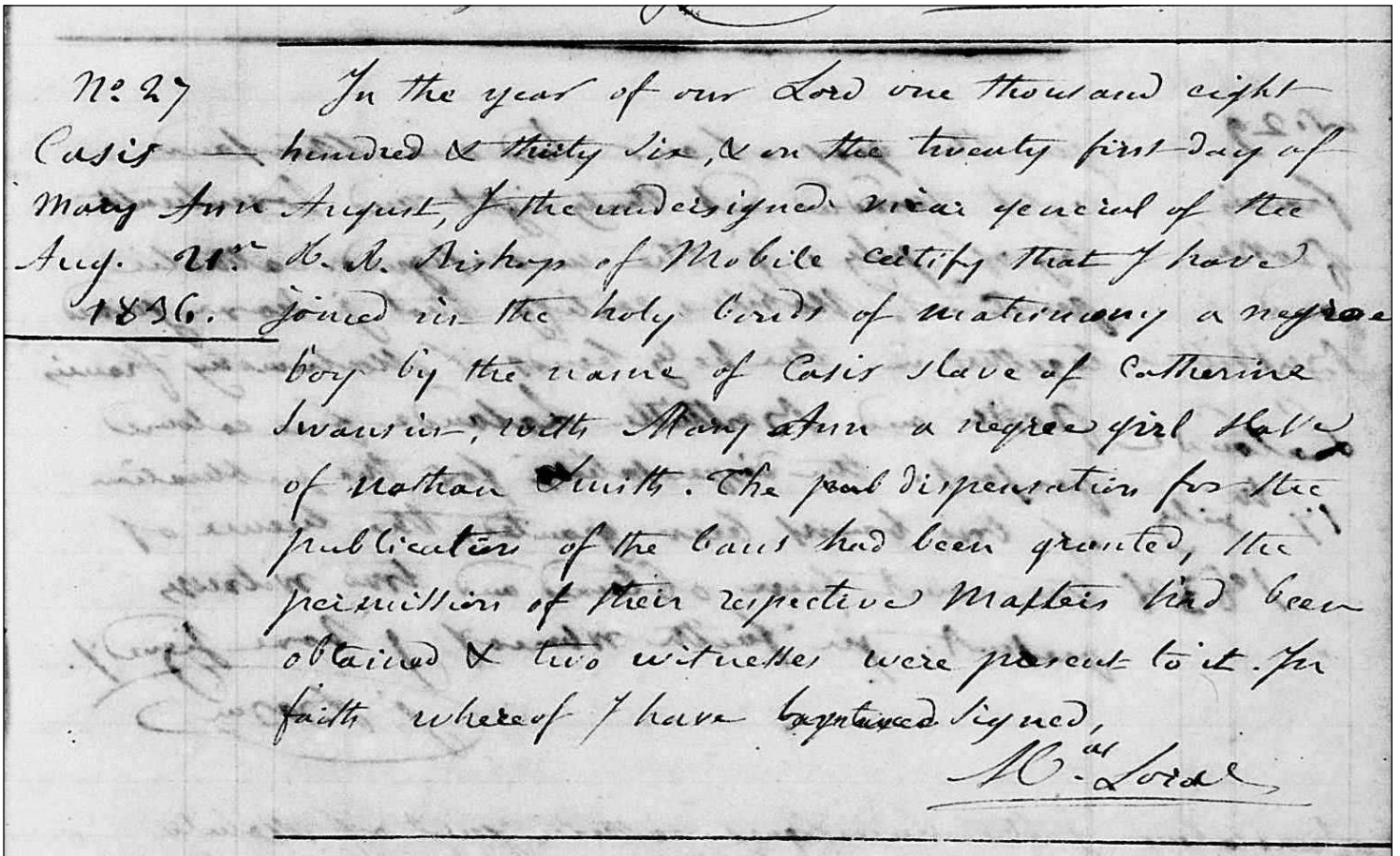


Figure 10 | Slave marriage of Casis and Mary Ann, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Mobile, Alabama, 1836

Moore<sup>18</sup>. Unfortunately, early birth records did not survive in every county in Kentucky, but most have at least partial records.

In a similar manner, Virginia began recording slave births in 1853. The Local History/Special Collections Department of the Alexandria Library in Virginia created a print index to these records that includes the names of slave owners.<sup>19</sup>

**Online Resources**

More and more institutions are delving into their slavery related records, digitizing them, and making them publicly available. This trend will likely continue, and the examples below are by no means an exhaustive list. Diligent searching on Google would almost certainly reveal many more. The following list includes suggestions of where to look in other jurisdictions for similar records.

**Unknown no Longer**

<<https://www.virginiahistory.org/collections/unknown-no-longer-database-virginia-slave-names>>

In 2011 the Virginia Museum of History and Culture created *Unknown No Longer* to make information from unpublished records in its collection about enslaved African Americans more easily accessible and available. The resulting searchable database is now hosted by the Library of Virginia.

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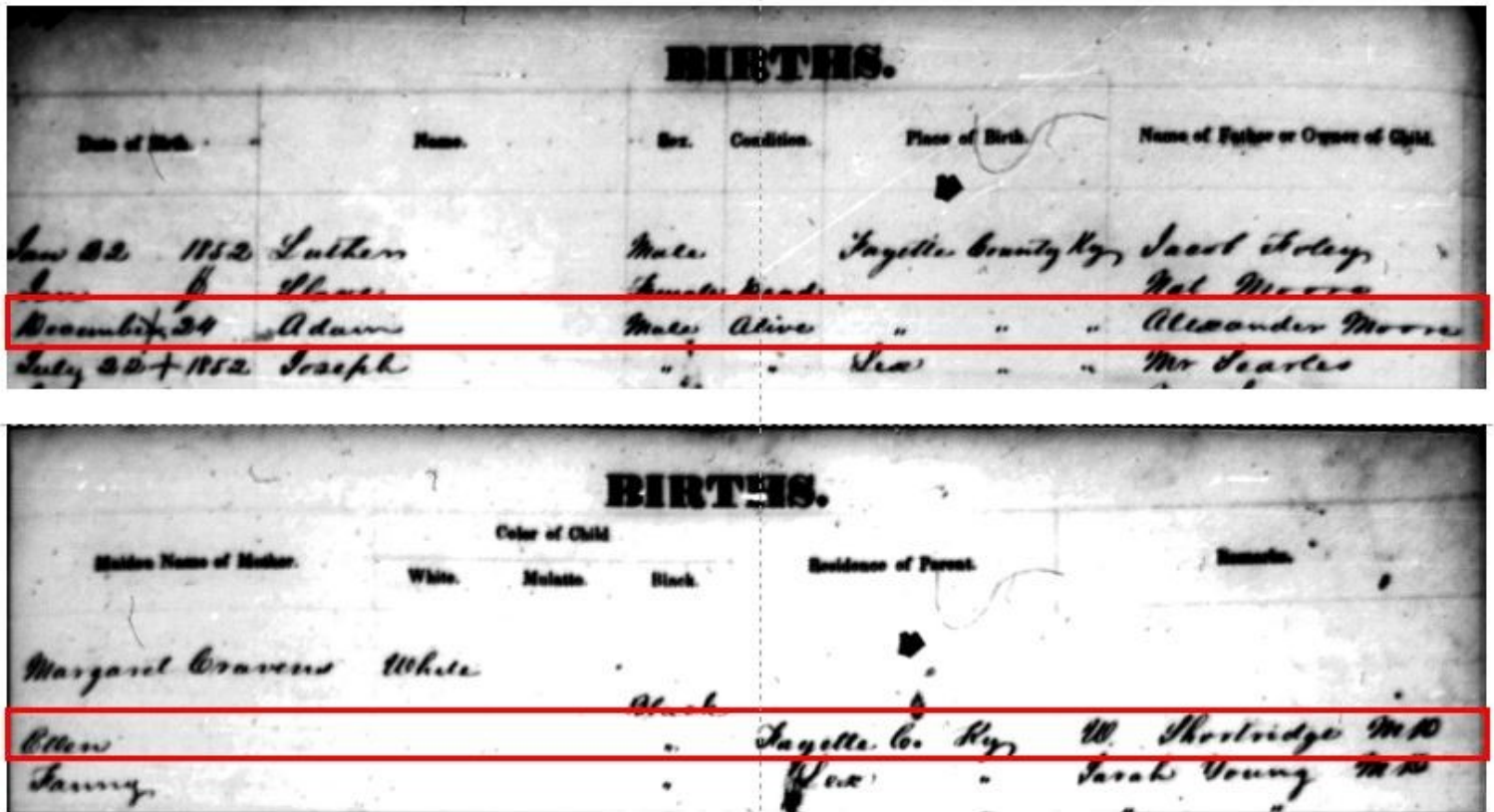


Figure 1 | Examples from the Fayette County, Kentucky birth register.

**Afro-Louisiana History and Genealogy**

<http://www.ibiblio.org/laslave/>

Dr. Gwendolyn Midlo Hall spent 15 years researching archives in Louisiana, France, Spain, and Texas to learn all she could about enslaved Louisianans. The database she created to organize the information also includes people from parts of Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi.

**People, not Property—Slave Deeds of North Carolina**

<https://library.uncg.edu/slavery/deeds/>

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, working with the North Carolina Division of Archives and Records and the North Carolina Registers of Deeds, is compiling a database of “slave deeds” from the state.

**Slave Era Insurance Registry**

<http://www.insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers/150-other-prog/10-seir/>

In September 2000, Governor Gray Davis of California signed into law a bill requiring insurance companies doing business in the state to provide the California Department of Insurance copies of all records documenting insurance for slaveholders covering damage to or death of their slaves. The result is this remarkable, publically searchable collection.

Similar records can occasionally be found in other sources. The Baltimore Life Insurance Company issued many policies covering the deaths of enslaved people. Jerry M. Hynson’s book, *Baltimore Life Insurance Company Genealogical Abstracts (Maryland)*<sup>20</sup> compiles these records.

**Conclusions**

Finding the name of the last slave owner prior to emancipation can be challenging for African American genealogical researchers, but the search can lead to great rewards. Knowing the name will open doors into archival records of the slave-owning families.



The ideas presented here are a starting point, a place to begin considering alternatives for researching this topic. There is no guarantee that any of them will work for a particular individual. On the other hand, creative thinking will almost certainly reveal additional record sets to check for this vital information.

## Notes

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- 10 *Descriptive Recruitment Lists of Volunteers for the United States Colored Troops for the State of Missouri, 1863–1865*. Microfilm Publication NARA Film 1894, 6 rolls (Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Service, roll 3 Frame 666 for Banister Wright.
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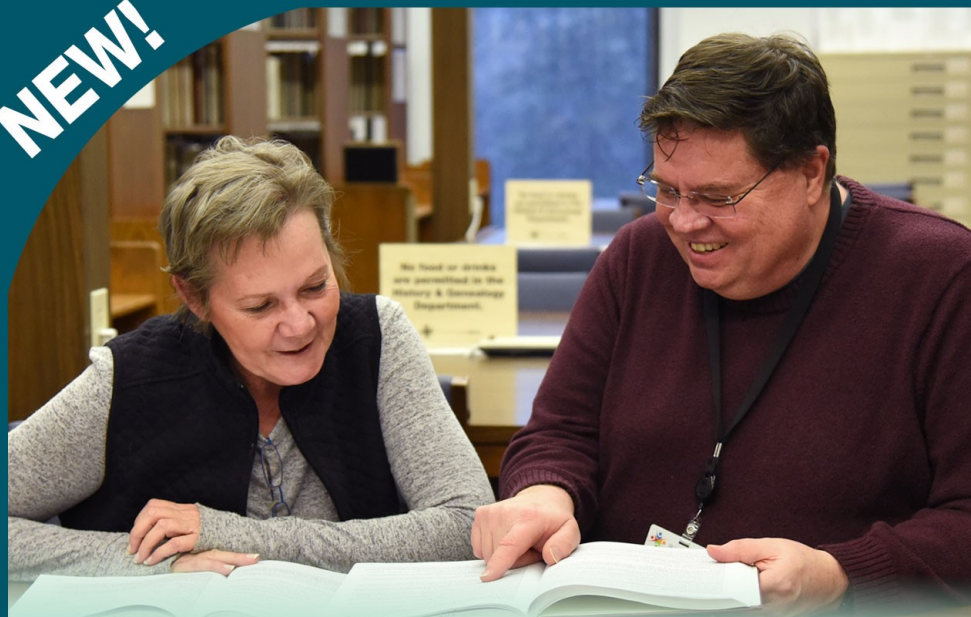
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- 12 *Fold3* can be used for free at any St. Louis County Library location and remotely via the internet for library card holders living in the St. Louis metropolitan area.
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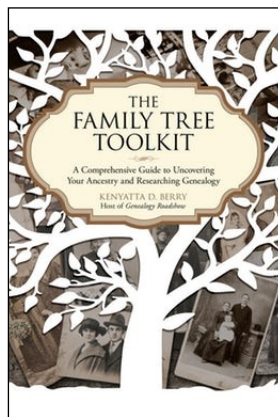
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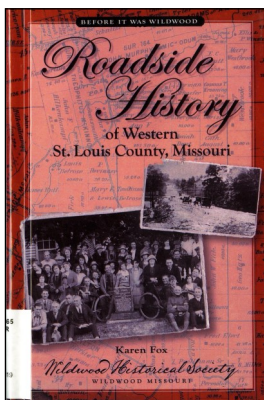
## NEW BOOK HIGHLIGHTS



**KENYATTA D. BERRY**  
**The Family Tree Toolkit:  
 A Comprehensive Guide  
 to Uncovering Your  
 Ancestry and Researching  
 Genealogy**  
 Skyhorse Publishing, 2018  
 929.1 B534F

In the last five years, thanks to programs like Genealogy Roadshow and services like Ancestry.com, there has been an explosion of interest in discovering family history. However, for many novice genealogists, the journey to mapping your [sic] family's past can be daunting and the available resources are often overly complicated. *Family Tree Toolkit* is the perfect solution that acts as an all-purpose, easy-to-follow guide for the beginner genealogist.

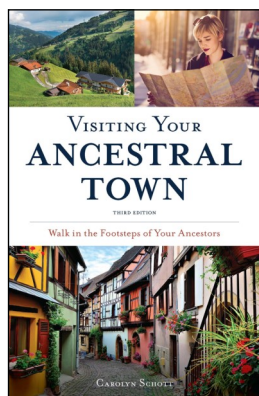
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**KAREN FOX**  
**Roadside History of Western  
 St. Louis County, Missouri**  
 Wildwood Historical Society,  
 2019  
 R 977.865 F792R

Many of the road names, communities, parks, and even subdivisions were named after early settlers who left their mark in the nineteenth century. *Roadside History* explains the origin and history behind many of these place names found in western St. Louis County.

This book is full of interesting information about cycling history, Route 66, and even includes a chapter highlighting a historic driving tour.—*Publisher*



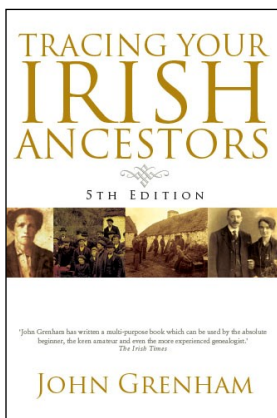
**CAROLYN SCHOTT**  
**Visiting Your Ancestral  
 Town: Walk in the Footsteps  
 of Your Ancestors. 3rd ed.**  
 Footsteps Media, LLC., 2019  
 R 929.1 S375V

Have you ever wanted to walk in the footsteps of your ancestors? Now you can, with the help of researcher and traveler Carolyn Schott and the newly expanded third edition of *Visiting Your Ancestral Town*. Schott's strong storytelling and practical tips create an approachable guide that will inspire you to trace your family's history and visit the towns they once called home.

The third edition includes a comprehensive guide to genealogy research, as well as new sections on getting started with DNA and experiencing the foods and daily lives of your ancestors. This is your essential toolkit for getting the most out of a trip to discover your own family roots.—*Publisher*

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**JOHN GRENHAM**  
**Tracing Your Irish Ancestors 5<sup>th</sup> ed.**  
 Genealogical Publishing, 2019  
 R 929.1 G826T  
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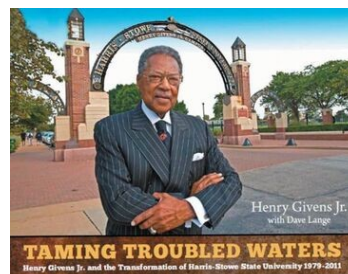
*Tracing Your Irish Ancestors* is the definitive Irish genealogy book. In this fully updated, hard-back edition by leading genealogist John Grenham, discover how to trace your Irish ancestry.

Mr. Grenham's work combines all the best features of a textbook and a reference book, expertly describing the various steps in the research process while at the same time providing an indispensable body of source materials.

Genealogical research in Ireland has always depended on records that are more fragmented, localized, and difficult to access than anywhere else. The Internet is changing

that. More and more of these records are coming online. This book is an indispensable guide to what these records are, where they are, and what they mean. It serves as a directory to online records, discussing their uses and outlining research strategies. Most useful are the subsections to each of the county source lists, showing county Internet sources. References are given throughout for any online versions of the records dealt with.

With its step-by-step instructions in the location and use of traditional genealogical records, its discussion of civil records of birth, marriage, and death as well as land records and wills, and its list of Roman Catholic parish records and source lists, this guide is easily the most useful book in Irish genealogy.—*Publisher*



**HENRY GIVENS, JR**  
**Taming Troubled Waters: Dr. Henry Givens Jr. and the Transformation of Harris-Stowe State University, 1979-2011**  
 Reedy Press, 2018  
 R 977.866 G539T

Harris-Stowe College marked its 121st anniversary in 1978. There were those who wondered if it would celebrate No. 122. Faced with falling enrollment, beset by layoffs, and situated in a rapidly declining neighborhood, Harris-Stowe was a teachers college operated by the St. Louis Public Schools out of a former high school building. That building had been the home of one of two high schools that African-Americans in the city of St. Louis could attend until the 1955 Supreme Court decision to desegregate US. Schools. Harris-Stowe seemed destined to sail one of two courses, each with a bleak destination: at best, merger with another school; at worst, outright closure.

Dr. Henry Givens Jr. stepped aboard as captain of Harris-Stowe's troubled ship in the summer of 1979. Determined to save a school that had meant so much to so many, Givens charted a course that led to a bright future few would have envisioned in 1979. By the time of his retirement as president in 2011, Harris-Stowe State University had expanded greatly in terms of land, build-

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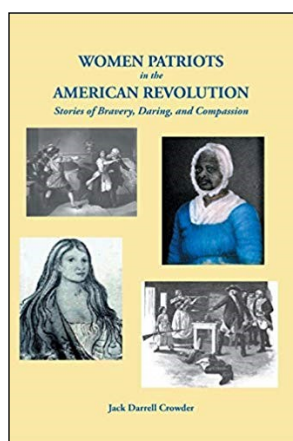
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ings, and academics. During Givens’s tenure, the school achieved recognition as a historically black college or university, gained status as a university, and constructed a half dozen academic buildings and residence halls. Degree programs were added in fields such as business, criminal justice, and urban affairs, while expanding existing studies in teacher education.

This is the story of the transformation of Harris-Stowe State University.—*Book jacket*



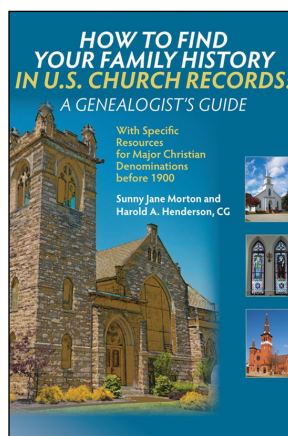
**JACK DARRELL CROWDER**  
**Women Patriots in the American Revolution: Stories of Bravery, Daring, and Compassion**  
 Genealogical Publishing, 2018  
 973.308 C953W

Historians and genealogists have mostly overlooked the role of women in the American Revolution, even though women’s roles in working their farms,

raising their children, and generally supporting the morale of the Patriot side were of great importance. The suffering of the men at Valley Forge, on the British prison ships, and during long marches is well documented; however, women also faced daily pain and hardship. Many times they watched their homes burn, were threatened with physical harm, or had to bury their loved ones. Women also faced dangers working as spies, nursing, boycotting British goods, publishing writings in support of the American cause, and, when necessary, defending their homes against attacks from the British or their allies.

The purpose of this book by Jack Crowder is to highlight roughly 90 women who went beyond the norm in supporting America’s struggle for Independence. In a series of vignettes, some of them illustrated and all of them documented, the author recounts the heroism of the women who rendered service in the various theatres of the conflict. While some of these heroines, such as “Molly Pitcher” or Anna Strong (member of General Washington’s spy ring), are already the stuff of legend, most researchers—thanks to Mr. Crowder—will be making

the acquaintance of these women patriots for the first time.—*Publisher*



**SUNNY JANE MORTON AND HAROLD A. HENDERSON**  
**How to Find Your Family History in U.S. Church Records: A Genealogist's Guide**  
 Genealogical Publishing, 2019  
 929.1 M891H

Records created by the major Christian denominations before 1900 in the United States are an underutilized resource for family historians. In these records, you may find ancestors’ births, maiden or married names, marriage details, deaths, family relationships, other residences, and even immigrants’ overseas birthplaces. You may uncover information about ancestors who have been unnamed in other records—women, children, ethnic minorities, immigrants, and the poor. You may find details about your ancestors recorded long before the existence of civil records.

However, it is not always an easy task to track down U.S. church records. *How to Find Your Family History in U.S. Church Records* is a unique, peer-reviewed publication that takes researchers step-by-step through the process of identifying, locating, and gaining access to these genealogical gems.—*Publisher*

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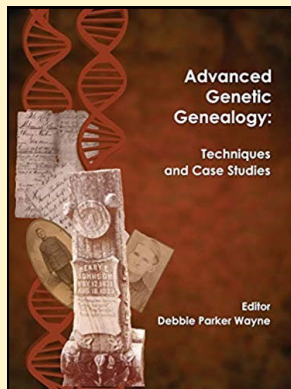
The Blacks in Canada: A History. R 971 W775B

History of the Colored Race in America: Containing Also Their Ancient and Modern Life in Africa, Modes of Living, Employments, Customs, Habits, Social Life, etc., the Origin and Development of Slavery in the Old World and Its Introduction in the American Continent, the Slave Trade, Slavery, and Its Abolition in Europe and America, the Civil War, Emancipation, Education and Advance-

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When you first receive the results from a DNA test, it can feel like you are trying to get a drink of water from a fire hose. Data is coming very fast from several directions, and figuring out what to do with it can be challenging.

#### *Advanced Genetic*

*Genealogy* (Call no. 929.1 A244) comes to the rescue. Edited by Debbie Parker Wayne, the book features fourteen chapters, each written by accomplished genealogists who have extensive experience working with DNA. Because of the diversity of authorship, the topics covered are wide ranging in terms of both subject matter and style.

With chapters arranged in a logical sequence, readers can move through various topics by starting at the beginning and reading to the end, expanding their knowledge as they proceed. On the other hand, because each chapter stands alone, readers also have the option of focusing on just the subject of interest at any given time.

In many of the chapters, the authors use case studies to help explain the concepts. In some instances, the cases are hypothetical. In others, the names have been changed to protect the privacy of the individuals involved. In either case, these can be very helpful because they demonstrate exactly how to apply the concept.

The book also contains a nine-page list of recommended reading for those who want to delve deeper into the subject.

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- The Passing of the Armies: An Account of the Final Campaign of the Army of the Potomac, Based Upon Personal Reminiscences of the Fifth Army Corps. R 973.738 C443P
- Personal Reminiscences and Experiences: Campaign Life in the Union Army from 1862 to 1865. R 973.7471 P467
- Record of the One Hundred and Sixteenth Regiment: Ohio Infantry Volunteers in the War of the Rebellion. R 973.7471 W673R
- Reminiscences of the Cleveland Light Artillery. R 973.7471 R388
- The Seventh West Virginia Infantry: An Embattled Union Regiment from the Civil War's Most Divided State. R 973.7454 M527S
- The Story of the Fourth Regiment Ohio Veteran Volunteer Cavalry: From the Organization of the Regiment, August, 1861, to Its 50th Anniversary, August, 1911. Based on the Book of 1890. R 973.7471 W964S
- The Story of the Marches, Battles and Incidents of the 36th Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry. R 973.7472 M533S
- Story of the One Hundred and First Ohio Infantry: A Memorial Volume. R 973.7471 D274S
- A Summer in Maryland and Virginia: Or, Campaigning with the 149th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, a Sketch of Events Connected with the Service of the Regiment in Maryland and the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. R 973.7471 P448S
- Thirty-Fifth Ohio: A Narrative of Service from August, 1861 to 1864. R 973.7471 K27T
- Three Years in the Bloody Eleventh: The Campaigns of a Pennsylvania Reserves Regiment. 973.7448 G443T
- The Vermont Brigade in the Seven Days: The Battles and Their Personal Aftermath. R 973.732 Z51V
- With the Light Guns in '61-'65: Reminiscences of Eleven Arkansas, Missouri, and Texas Light Batteries in the Civil War. R 973.7467 W893W

### Regional

- A Burned Land: The Trans-Mississippi in the Civil War. R 973.7 L399B



Practical Liberators: Union Officers in the Western Theater during the Civil War. R 973.73 T347P

### **French and Indian War**

Encyclopedia of the French & Indian War in North America, 1754-1763. R 973.26 S872E

George Washington and the Half-King Chief Tanacharison: An Alliance That Began the French and Indian War. R 973.26 M678G

### **Revolutionary War**

For Virginia and for Independence: Twenty-Eight Revolutionary War Soldiers from the Old Dominion. R 973.3455 W258F

Henry Mowat: Voyage of the Canceaux, 1764-1776: Abridged Logs of H.M. Armed Ship Canceaux. R 974.191 M936H

Revolution Song: A Story of American Freedom. R 973.3 S559R

Sally Townsend, George Washington's Teenage Spy. R 973.41 M678S

The Way of Duty: A Woman and Her Family in Revolutionary America. R 973.3092 B928W

Women in the American Revolution. R 973.3082 W663W

### **War of 1812**

American Privateers in the War of 1812: The Vessels and Their Prizes as Recorded in Niles' Weekly Register. R 973.525 A512

The War of 1812 in Person: Fifteen Accounts by United States Army Regulars, Volunteers and Militiamen. R 973.52 W253

### **WWI**

Americans in a Splintering Europe: Refugees, Missionaries and Journalists in World War I. R 940.3 S914A

King, Kaiser, Tsar: Three Royal Cousins Who Led the World to War. R 940.2809 C619K

Liberty Theatres of the United States Army, 1917-1919. R 940.47 D961L

The United States Merchant Marine in World War I: Ships, Crews, Shipbuilders and Operators. R 940.4597 W723U

### **WWII**

Escape!: Memoir of a World War II Marine Who Broke Out of a Japanese POW Camp and Linked Up with Chinese Communist Guerrillas. R 940.5472 M119E

The Fall of Fortress Europe: From the Battle of the Bulge to the Crossing of the Rhine. R 940.5421 A545F

Flying Flak Alley: Personal Accounts of World War II Bomber Crew Combat. R 940.5449 F648

The Gestapo: A History of Horror. R 363.283 D339G

The Last Days of the United States Asiatic Fleet: The Fates of the Ships and Those Aboard, December 8, 1941- February 5, 1942. R 940.5459 W723L

Last Man Out: Glenn McDole, USMC, Survivor of the Palawan Massacre in World War II. RL 940.5472 W664L

The Scourge of the Swastika: A History of Nazi War Crimes during World War II. R 940.5318 R961S

Serenade to the Big Bird. 940.5481 S856S

A Surgeon with Stilwell: Dr. John H. Grindlay and Combat Medicine in the China-Burma-India Theater of World War II. R 940.5475 L353S

Too Young the Heroes: A World War II Marine's Account of Facing a Veteran Enemy at Guadalcanal, the Solomons and Okinawa. R 940.5426 L736T

### **Other military titles**

Frederick the Great and the Seven Years' War, 1756-1763. R 943.055 R318F

Prisoners of War at Dartmoor: American and French Soldiers and Sailors in an English Prison during the Napoleonic Wars and the War of 1812. R 940.277 J29P

United States Coast Guard Leaders and Missions, 1790 to the Present. R 359.97 O85U

United States Marine Corps Medal of Honor Recipients: A Comprehensive Registry, Including U.S. Navy Medical Personnel Honored for Serving Marines in Combat. R 359.961 U58

The Year of Decision, 1846. R 973.62 D513Y

### **Native American**

Creek Country: The Creek Indians and Their World. R 976.004 E84C

The Forced Removal of American Indians from the Northeast: A History of Territorial Cessions and Relocations, 1620-1854. R 974.004 M647F

The Historic Indian Tribes of Louisiana. R 976.3 K69H

The Indian Heritage of New Hampshire and Northern New England. R 974.0049 I39

Peoples of the Inland Sea: Native Americans and Newcomers in the Great Lakes Region, 1600-1870. R 977 N617P

The Taking of American Indian Lands in the Southeast: A History of Territorial Cessions and Forced Relocations, 1607-1840. R 970.0049 M647T

### Pioneers

The Great Western Migration to the Gold Fields of California, 1849-1850. R 978.02 W739G

The Hunting Pioneers, 1720-1840: Ultimate Backwoodsmen on the Early American Frontier. 977.01 H726H

Our Western Border in Early Pioneer Days: Containing the True Account of Western Frontier Life and Struggle in the Most Heroic Age of America. R 975.41 M159O

Settlers of the American West: The Lives of 231 Notable Pioneers. R 978 S673S

South Pass, 1868: James Chisholm's Journal of the Wyoming Gold Rush. 978.763 C542S

### Pirating and privateering

The French Assault on American Shipping, 1793-1813: A History and Comprehensive Record of Merchant Marine Losses. R 940.2745 W723F

On the Spanish Main: Or, Some English Forays on the Isthmus of Darien. R 910.45 M396O

Privateers and Privateering. R 910.45 S797P

### Polish

The Polish American Encyclopedia. 973.04918 P768

Polish Immigration to America: When, Why, How and Where. 973.04918 S996P

### Religion

American Evangelical Protestantism and European Immigrants, 1800-1924. R 261.1 P534A

The Beginnings of Quakerism. R 289.6 B814B

Biographical Sketches and Anecdotes of Members of the Religious Society of Friends. R 289.6 B615

Concise Dictionary of Christianity in America. R 277.3 C744

Lives of Christian Ministers: Over Two Hundred Memoirs. R 289.9 K39L

Old Historic Churches of America: Their Romantic History and Their Traditions. R 277.3 R579O

The Second Period of Quakerism. R 289.6 B814S

### Slavery

American Mediterranean: Southern Slaveholders in the Age of Emancipation. R 975 G983A

Appealing for Liberty: Freedom Suits in the South. R 342.73 S414A

Bonds of Alliance: Indigenous and Atlantic Slavery in New France. R 971.0162 R953B

Bound to the Fire: How Virginia's Enslaved Cooks Helped Invent American Cuisine. R 975.5 D312B

Inhuman Bondage: The Rise and Fall of Slavery in the New World. R 975 D261I

The Most Dangerous Branch: Slavery, the Courts, and the Constitution. R 326.973 Y75M

Theodore Dwight Weld and the American Anti-Slavery Society. R 973.7114 M946T

The Underground Railroad in Western Illinois. 973.7115 M946U

### Sports

Ballplayers in the Great War: Newspaper Accounts of Major Leaguers in World War I Military Service. R 796.357 B193

Baseball's War Roster: A Biographical Dictionary of Major and Negro League Players Who Served, 1861 to the Present. R 796.357 K13B

Early Baseball in New Orleans: A History of 19th Century Play. R 976.335 G531E

The Irish-American Athletic Club of New York: The Rise and Fall of the Winged Fists, 1898-1917. R 974.7 R318I

POW Baseball in World War II: The National Pastime behind Barbed Wire. R 940.5472 W868P

When the Blues Go Marching In: An Illustrated Timeline of St. Louis Blues Hockey. 796.962 O58W

### States and counties

#### Arkansas

Arkansas: A Narrative History. R 976.7 W555A



Black Boys Burning: The 1959 Fire at the Arkansas Negro Boys Industrial School. R 976.773 S865B  
 A Confused and Confusing Affair: Arkansas and Reconstruction. R 976.7 C748  
 A History of the Ozarks. 976.71 B647H  
 It's All Done Gone: Arkansas Photographs from the Farm Security Administration Collection, 1935-1943. R 976.7 W335I

### California

California Emigrant Letters. R 979.4 C153  
 Stagecoach Robberies in California: A Complete Record, 1856-1913. R 979.4 W752S

### Connecticut

An American Town and the Vietnam War: Stories of Service from Stamford, Connecticut. R 974.69 P338A  
 Genealogies of Connecticut Families: From the New England Historical and Genealogical Register. R 974.6 G326

### Litchfield County

Annals and Family Records of Winchester, Connecticut: With Exercises of the Centennial Celebration, on the 16th and

17th Days of August, 1871. R 974.61 B789A  
 Gideon's Calling: The Founding and Development of the Schaghticoke Indian Community at Kent, Connecticut, 1638-1854. R 974.61 L987G  
 Litchfield and Morris Inscriptions: A Record of Inscriptions upon the Tombstones in the Towns of Litchfield and Morris, Connecticut. R 974.61 P346L

### New Haven County

The History of Guilford, Connecticut: From Its First Settlement in 1639: From the Manuscripts of Hon. Ralph D. Smith. R 974.67 S657H  
 History of the Town of Wolcott, Connecticut, from 1731 to 1874: With an Account of the Centenary Meeting, September 10th and 11th, 1873; And with the Genealogies of the Families of the Town. R 974.67 O64H

### New London County

Inscriptions from Gravestones in the Old Burying Ground, Norwich Town, Connecticut. R 974.65 P845I  
 Old Houses of the Ancient Town of Norwich [Connecticut], 1660-1800: With Maps, Illustrations, Portraits and Genealogies. R 974.65 P449O

## St. Louis libraries go fine free in 2020

St. Louis' two largest library systems are now fine-free. St. Louis County Library (SLCL) and St. Louis Public Library (SLPL) announced they will no longer charge fines on late materials beginning in 2020.

Eliminating fines will allow patrons greater access to all of the resources available at the library including books, DVDs, online classes, eMedia and more. Cardholders will still be responsible for returning items and paying for any lost or damaged materials.

SLCL patrons will still receive reminders to return materials. An email notice is sent two days before items are due, at that time eligible items will be automatically renewed. Email notices for overdue items will be sent at

several intervals prior to an item reaching 45 days overdue, at which time SLCL will bill the patron for the cost of the item. If a patron returns a billed item, no overdue charges will be assessed.

SLCL and SLPL are joining a number of other library systems across the country in eliminating fines. Recently, Chicago Public Library became the largest library system to eliminate overdue fines.

The History & Genealogy Department has over 27,000 books that can be checked out or requested through interlibrary loan services. [To learn more about borrowing at SLCL visit the St. Louis County Library website](https://www.slcl.org/borrowing) <<https://www.slcl.org/borrowing>>.

**Windham County**

The Poor and Others To Be Pitied: Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Selectmen's Records of Town Welfare Cases Windham County, Connecticut. R 974.645 L115P  
The Windham County, CT County Court Records ... CT State Library Archives, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT. R 974.645 P277

**Georgia**

Coffee County, Georgia, Newspaper Clippings. 975.8823 K48C  
Fitzgerald, Georgia, Newspaper Clippings. 975.8852 K48F  
Hancock County, Georgia Inferior Court Minutes. Vol. 1: 1800-1808. R 975.8623 P853H  
Jackson County, Georgia Inferior Court Minutes. R 975.8145 P853J  
Oglethorpe County, Georgia Superior Court Minutes. Vol. 1: 1794-1799. R 975.8175 P853O  
Some Georgia County Records. R 975.8 L933S

**Illinois**

Biographies and Genealogical Abstracts from Hardin County, Illinois, Newspapers, 1872-1938. R 977.398 F383B  
Creating the Land of Lincoln: The History and Constitutions of Illinois, 1778-1870. R 977.3 C568C  
A History of Illinois Congregational and Christian Churches. R 977.3 S757H  
Illinois in the Eighteenth Century: Kaskaskia and Its Parish Records, Old Fort Chartres, and Col. John Todds Record-book. R 977.392 M398I  
The Pioneer History of Illinois: Containing the Discovery, in 1673, and the History of the Country to the Year 1818, When the State Government Was Organized. R 977.3 R463P  
Vanishing French Heritage: A Complete Study of the Vertical Log Homes of the Illinois Country. R 977.3 L948V

**Cook County**

Fergus' Directory of the City of Chicago, 1839. R 977.311 F352F  
Roger C. Sullivan and the Making of the Chicago Democratic Machine, 1881-1908. R 977.311 M891R

**Louisiana**

The Brides of La Baleine. R 976.3 L155B  
Fleur de Lys and Calumet: Being the Pénicaut Narrative of French Adventure in Louisiana. R 976.3 P411F  
Louisiana's Jewish Immigrants from the Bas-Rhin, Alsace, France. R 976.3 M655L

**New Orleans**

Bounded Lives, Bounded Places: Free Black Society in Colonial New Orleans, 1769-1803. R 976.335 H239B  
Caribbean New Orleans: Empire, Race, and the Making of a Slave Society. R 976.335 V648C  
Mammon and Manon in Early New Orleans: The First Slave Society in the Deep South, 1718-1819. R 976.335 I47M  
Voices from an Early American Convent: Marie Madeleine Hachard and the New Orleans Ursulines, 1727-1760. R 976.335 H117V

**Massachusetts**

The Boston Marine Barracks: A History, 1799-1974. R 974.461 Y32B  
The Poorhouses of Massachusetts: A Cultural and Architectural History. R 974.4 M528P  
The Richardson Light Guard of Wakefield, Massachusetts: A Town Militia in War and Peace, 1851-1975. R 974.44 S826R  
A Sandwich Album: A Photographic Essay of Life in a Small Cape Cod Town at the Turn of the Century. R 974.492 S221

**Missouri**

Annals of Platte County, Missouri: From Its Exploration down to June 1, 1897, with Genealogies of Its Noted Families, and Sketches of Its Pioneers and Distinguished People .... R 977.8135 P342A  
Houses Divided: Evangelical Schisms and the Crisis of the Union in Missouri. R 977.8 V919H  
The U.S. Public Land Survey System for Missouri: A Manual on the Original GLO System, Resurveys on the System, Court Decisions, Reestablishment of Lost Corners, Example Problems and GLO Plats. R 977.8 E41U

**St. Louis**

Downtown St. Louis. R 977.866 H313D



Exploring 19th Century Church Architecture in St. Louis, Mo, 1870-1900. R 977.866 P935E

The Lost St. Louis Riverfront, 1930-1943: Including Photographs of Individual Building Occupancies from the Gateway Arch National Park Archives with Historical Background & Detail. 977.866 G733L

Scenes of Historic Wonder, St. Louis. 977.866 C712L

St. Louis Jazz: A History. 781.65 O97S

Teammates for Life: A History of Burroughs Athletics, 1923-2011. R 977.865 L551T

They Will Run: The Golden Age of the Automobile in St. Louis. 977.866 B988T

### New York

Fort Ticonderoga: Key to a Continent. R 974.753 H217F

Second Calvary Cemetery: New Yorkers Carved in Stone. R 974.71 A677S

Village Life in America, 1852-1872: Including the Period of the American Civil War, As Told in the Diary of a School-Girl. RB Richards Caroline

Westchester: History of an Iconic Suburb. R 974.7277 M315W

### Ohio

African American Life in Franklin, Ohio. R 977.1763 P773A

Lynching and Mob Violence in Ohio, 1772-1938. R 977.1 M613L

The Ohio Presidents: Eight Men and a Binding Political Philosophy in the White House, 1841-1923. R 977.1 S629O

Richard L. Davis and the Color Line in Ohio Coal: A Hocking Valley Mine Labor Organizer, 1862-1900. R 977.197 D692R

### Pennsylvania

Early Landowners of Pennsylvania: Atlas of Township Patent Maps of Westmoreland County, PA. R 974.881 M149E

Pennsylvania Germans: An Interpretive Encyclopedia. R 974.8 P415

The Pennsylvania-German in the Revolutionary War, 1775-1783. R 974.8 R515P

Philadelphia Quakers and the Antislavery Movement. R 974.811 T284P

## Database updates

- New! The **MyHeritage** database is now available at the Headquarters location.
- The library has been forced to restrict use of **NewspaperARCHIVE** to library Headquarters due to a significant price increase.

[See the complete list of genealogical databases offered by St. Louis County Library <https://bit.ly/2S9yLVU>](https://bit.ly/2S9yLVU). Many are available remotely by logging in with your St. Louis County Library card number using the links on the library's website.

### Tennessee

Bakerville Review: Abstracts (Humphreys County, Tennessee). R 976.837 F529B

Claiborne County Folks. R 976.8944 R651C

Earl Hoffmeister: Knox County Schools Superintendent 1976-1992. R 976.885 V284E

Ervin. 976.8982 S978E

John Armfield of Beersheba Springs. R 976.878 H859J

Land Deed Genealogy of Dekalb County, Tennessee. R 976.8532 P273L

Mount Horeb Church Minute Books, 1841-1923: An Anthology of Church and Family History (Jefferson County, TN). R 976.8924 M928

Smith County, Tennessee Deed Books. R 976.852 P273S

Stewart County, Tennessee Settlements, Wills and Bonds, 1804-1824. R 976.835 L848S

When the Levee Breaks: Memphis and the Mississippi Valley Flood of 1927. R 976.819 O22W

Wills and Inventories of Rutherford County, Tennessee. R 976.857 M365W

The Women of Haywood: Their Lives - Our Legacy; Professional African American Women in Haywood County. R 976.8223 W872

### Bedford County

Bedford County, Tennessee [sic]: Bible Records, Vol. 1. R 976.8583 M365B

Land Deed Genealogy of Bedford County, Tennessee.

R 976.8583 M365L

Soldiers of the Revolution in Bedford County, Tn.

R 976.8583 M365S

### **Carter County**

Carter County, Tennessee Minutes of the County Court, 1826-1829. 976.8984 C323

Early History of Carter County, Tennessee, 1760-1861.

R 976.8984 M572E

### **Davidson County**

The History of Belle Meade: Mansion, Plantation, and Stud.

R 976.855 W735H

Lest We Forget: Nashville's Lost Businesses and Their Stories.

R 976.855 W735L

### **Texas**

Texas Land Grants, 1750-1900: A Documentary History.

R 976.4 D262T

The Texas Rangers: A Registry and History. R 976.4 I95T

### **Virginia**

Connections and Separations: Divorce, Name Change, and Other Genealogical Tidbits from the Acts of the Virginia General Assembly. R 975.5 P665C

The Water-Powered Mills of Floyd County, Virginia: Illustrated Histories, 1770-2010. R 975.5712 W365W

### **Richmond**

Bunco Artists in Richmond, 1870-1920: Sharpers, Snatchers, Swindlers, Flimflammers and Other Con Men.

R 975.5451 W258B

Children of the Streets of Richmond, 1865-1920.

R 975.5451 W258C

### **Other state and county titles**

Echoes of the Past: And, Along Pioneer Trails in Pierce County, Nebraska. R 978.256 H249

The French Canadians of Michigan: Their Contribution to the Development of the Saginaw Valley and the Keweenaw Peninsula, 1840-1914. R 977.499 L215F

Legal Executions after Statehood in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah: A Comprehensive Registry.

R 364.66 W752L

Legal Executions in Nebraska, Kansas, and Oklahoma, Including the Indian Territory: A Comprehensive Registry.

R 364.66 W752L

Newspaper Extracts from the Hoosier State, Newport, Vermillion County, Indiana. R 977.2462 N558

Railroad Town: A Pictorial History of Lebanon Junction, Kentucky. R 976.9453 M183R

Wisconsin's 37: The Lives of Those Missing in Action in the Vietnam War. R 977.5 M647W

### **Women's history**

Alabama Women: Their Lives and Times. R 976.1 A316

Benevolence, Moral Reform, Equality: Women's Activism in Kansas City, 1870 to 1940. R 978.139 H252B

Lynchings of Women in the United States: The Recorded Cases, 1851-1946. R 364.134 S455L

Marital Cruelty in Antebellum America. R 306.81 S129M

"Masquerading in Male Attire": Women Passing as Men in America, 1844-1920. R 306.778 S455M

A Nationality of Her Own: Women, Marriage, and the Law of Citizenship. R 342.73083 B831N

The Pioneer Women of the West. R 920.72 E45P

The Trial of Susan B. Anthony: An Illegal Vote, a Courtroom Conviction, and a Step Toward Women's Suffrage.

R 324.623 N195T

Two Thousand Notable American Women. R 920.72 T974

Woman on the American Frontier: A Valuable and Authentic History of the Heroism, Adventures, Privations, Captivities, Trials, and Noble Lives and Deaths of the "Pioneer Mothers of the Republic". R 920.72 F789W

### **Other new titles**

Cuming's Tour to the Western Country (1807-1809).

R 977 C969C

Official History of the Improved Order of Red Men.

R 970.004 L748O



# CLASSES & PROGRAMS

## CLASSES

Classes are free and open to the public, but registration is requested. [Register online](https://www.slcl.org/events) <<https://www.slcl.org/events>> 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. 11	2:00 p.m.	Thornhill	<a href="#">Register</a>
March 31	10:00 a.m.	Meramec Valley	<a href="#">Register</a>

#### 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? Beginning Genealogical Research class or previous research experience.*

March 4	2:00 p.m.	Sachs	<a href="#">Register</a>
March 18	6:30 p.m.	Natural Bridge	<a href="#">Register</a>

#### 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. 18	10:00 a.m.	Oak Bend	<a href="#">Register</a>
March 26	2:00 p.m.	Headquarters	<a href="#">Register</a>

#### History and Genealogy in Newspapers

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, Newspapers.com and St. Louis Post-Dispatch* databases.

Feb. 29	10:00 a.m.	Headquarters	<a href="#">Register</a>
March 17	2:00 p.m.	Sachs	<a href="#">Register</a>

### DATABASES FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

#### Family History Online: Databases for Family History Research

Discover the variety of genealogical databases that can be used free at the library and at home with a St. Louis County Library card.

Feb. 26	6:30 p.m.	Headquarters	<a href="#">Register</a>
Feb. 27	2:00 p.m.	Mid-County	<a href="#">Register</a>
March 11	2:00 p.m.	Rock Road	<a href="#">Register</a>

#### 202 | Exploring the Ancestry Library Edition Database

The Ancestry Library Edition Database is a powerful tool for genealogical research. Find out how to take advantage of Ancestry's capabilities in your research.

March 5	2:00 p.m.	Thornhill	<a href="#">Register</a>
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#### FamilySearch Basics

FamilySearch.org is a free website offering access to millions of records for genealogical research. This class will provide an overview of the kinds of records available and how to find them.

March 10	2:00 p.m.	Florissant Valley	<a href="#">Register</a>
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#### Getting More out of FamilySearch

Basic search techniques will miss most records in FamilySearch. Learn to navigate unindexed image collections, search the FamilySearch catalog effectively, and use advanced search features to tap into hard-to-find records. *Pre-requisite: FamilySearch Basics or equivalent experience in using the FamilySearch website.*

Feb. 25	6:30 p.m.	Daniel Boone	<a href="#">Register</a>
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## 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

### Grand Glaize

1010 Meramec Station Rd.  
Manchester, MO 63021

### 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

### Meramec Valley

1501 San Simeon Way.  
Fenton, MO 63026

### Mid-County

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

12863 Willowyck Dr.  
St. Louis, MO 63146

### Weber Road

4444 Weber Rd.  
St. Louis, MO 63123

### General information

Phone: 314-994-3300,  
ext. 2070

## CLASSES TO EXPAND RESEARCH SKILLS

### Discovering Ancestral Military Veterans

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

March 19 2:00 p.m. Weber Road [Register](#)

## AFRICAN AMERICAN

### Tracing Your African American Ancestors: Advanced Techniques

The usual techniques can often lead to roadblocks in African American research. The instructor will use case studies to demonstrate how researchers can fill gaps in missing information. *Prerequisite: "Tracing Your African American Ancestors: Digging Deeper" or comparable research experience.*

Feb. 22 10:00 a.m. Florissant Valley [Register](#)

### Tracing Your African American Ancestors: Records of Slave Owning Families

Slave owning families often kept detailed records of their enslaved African Americans. Learn how to find and use these private records to reveal more information about your family. *Prerequisite: "Tracing Your African American Ancestors: Advanced Technique" or comparable research experience.*

Feb. 22 2:00 p.m. Florissant Valley [Register](#)



# H&G PROGRAMS

**Wednesday, March 4, 6:30 p.m., Cliff Cave**

## Researching in Alsace and Lorraine

Alsace and Lorraine present unique problems for genealogical researchers. Learn about the resources you can use to trace your ancestry in this fascinating region. Dan Lilienkamp, History and Genealogy, Speaker.

**Saturday, March 14, 10:00 a.m., Headquarters**

*St. Louis Genealogical Society*

## More Than Checkmarks: Finding Female Ancestors

Prior to 1850, census records only listed the names of heads of households while females appeared as check marks. Learn research strategies to solve the question, "Who was she?" Jake Eubanks, speaker.

**Wednesday, March 25, 7:00 p.m., Headquarters**

*StLGS German Special Interest Group*

## German Genealogy: What Do You Need to Know?

Reviewing the basics, learning about Germany and its resources, and finding U.S. records can answer many questions about immigrant families and might lead to the ultimate goal of finding their village of origin. Carol Whitton, speaker.

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## CLASSES at the MIROWITZ CENTER

Classes are free and open to the public. Registration is required. Contact Susan Kamppainen, 314-733-9813 or email [skemppainen@covenantplacestl.org](mailto:skemppainen@covenantplacestl.org).

### Class location

Mirowitz Center at Covenant Place  
8 Millstone Campus Dr.  
St. Louis, MO 63146

Classes are taught by members of the St. Louis County Library History & Genealogy staff.

**Tuesday, March 3, 2:00 p.m.**

### 103 | 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.

- *Participants should bring a laptop or tablet device to participate.*

**Tuesday, April 7, 2:00 p.m.**

### 105 | History and Genealogy in Newspapers

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*, *Newspapers.com* and *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* databases.

- *Participants should bring a laptop or tablet device to participate.*

**Tuesday, May 5, 2:00 p.m.**

### 301 | 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.*
- *Participants should bring a laptop or tablet device to participate.*