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FOR THE RECORDS

Marriage & divorce in St. Louis

PART 1: MARRIAGE RECORDS

Marriage records can lead to a gold mine of genealogical information. At a minimum, they usually include the bride and groom's first and last names, the date of the marriage and the person performing the ceremony, such as a clergyman or a justice of the peace (Figure 1, p. 3).

Many records offer more information. The example shown in Figure 2, p. 3 also gives the groom's middle initial, the bride's middle name, their places of residence, and the religious denomination, the place where the ceremony took place and the date of filing. Note the additional clues this record provides:

- The bride and groom are more closely identified with the inclusion of their middle names or initials and places of residence.
- The marriage took place at the D.W. Moore residence. Discovering the connection between this person and the bride or groom might lead to more information
- That the minister was affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in Webster Groves is a clue that other records for the family might be held at this church as well. Most likely you will find at least a church record of the marriage and possibly baptismal records for children.

In cases where the church is not mentioned, researching the clergyman (in city directories, for example) usually leads to the church where the record was kept.

You may be surprised to learn that your female ancestor was previously married. The use of "Mrs." or "widow" in the marriage record are clues (Figure 3, p. 3). Next you will probably want to determine how many, if any, children came from each marriage.

Marriage license application cards (Figure 4, p. 4) are valuable because they include the prospective bride and groom's home addresses, birthdates and signatures. Using a reverse city directory to discover who the primary resident was at an address can provide a clue to parentage.

Civil marriage records for minors commonly include a letter or a form signed by a parent giving permission for the marriage to take place. Figure 5, p. 4 shows an example of a record where the prospective bride, 17, is under age (the age of consent in Missouri at that time was 18). In the consent form, the names of the groom's father and the bride's mother are given, along with their home addresses and original signatures. If the parents did not grant permission, a Missouri couple might travel to a jurisdiction where the age of consent was younger, such as Illinois or Arkansas.

Marriages that took place in the Louisiana Territory prior to its purchase by the United States in 1803 were documented as notarial (civil) records of a marriage contract and / or an ecclesiastical (Catholic) marriage record (Figure 6, p. 4). Records can be in either French or Spanish, depending on who owned the Territory at the time. They usually include:



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- The first, last and sometimes middle names of the bride and groom
- Occupation, usually of the groom only
- If the individuals are of legal age to marry
- The full names of parents. Women are listed by their maiden names. If the one or both parents are deceased, the name of a guardian is recorded instead.
- The places of residence – and often home parish – of the bride, groom and both sets of parents.
- Names of witnesses and the officiant.
- Information, often lengthy, pertaining to property that could be acquired during the marriage.

French colonial records often include *dit* (nick) names. For instance, from the Old St. Louis Cathedral Parish records, we learn that Guillaume Hébert *dit le Comte* and Marguerite Blondeau were married on Nov. 8, 1780. This is important information, because *dit* names tended to replace surnames over time.

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Marriage contracts also appear in Louisiana Territory Catholic Church records. These are similar to a civil marriage contract but include the number of banns published (public announcements made from the church pulpit the three consecutive Sundays prior to the marriage ceremony). Colonial Catholic records include instances in which the bride was a free or enslaved Indian. The women's first and sometimes last names and their tribes are often included in the record in such cases .

Unless your ancestry was entirely from the British Isles, you will eventually encounter a marriage record written in another language. Catholic records were usually recorded in Latin, whereas Lutheran and German Evangelical Church records are usually in German prior to World War I. It is important to have foreign-language marriage records translated if you do not know the language yourself, because they often include important details. German Protestant records can include the village of birth, for example.

Marriage records held in the Special Collections Department

■ Civil records on microfilm

- St. Louis City, 1808 – 1965 (includes St. Louis County before the city-county split of 1876)
- St. Louis County, 1877 – 1980
- St. Charles County, 1807–1916
- Jefferson County, 1849–1915

■ Church records on microfilm

- Catholic Archdiocese of St. Louis records for parishes in Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, Perry, St. Charles, St. Francois, St. Louis, Ste. Genevieve, Washington, Warren Counties and St. Louis City. A finding aid is available in the Special Collections Department.
- Belleville Catholic Diocese. [A finding aid < http://tinyurl.com/bqnrfyk >](http://tinyurl.com/bqnrfyk) is online at the St. Clair County (Ill.) Genealogical Society's website.
- United Church of Christ. Records for most German Evangelical and many Congregational Churches in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

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 James Chitwood. and Margaret Jeffries.
 Recorded Dec^r. 17. 1813 - Thomas K. Musick, J.P.
 M. P. Leduc Clerk.

FIGURE 1 | November the 11, 1813. This day joined in wedlock James Chitwood and Margaret Jeffries. Recorded Dec. 17, 1813. Thomas K. Musick, J. P. (justice of the peace), M. P. Leduc, Clerk. St. Louis (Missouri) Recorder of Deeds, Marriage Record, Book 1, Part 1, 1808–1836.

This is to certify that on the Fifteenth day of July One Thousand Eight hundred and Seventy Seven at the residence of D. W. Moore Webster Groves St. Louis County Mo in the presence of the brides mother Sister brothus and D. W. Moore I united in the holy bonds of wedlock Mr George B Waters of St Louis Mo and Miss Rhoda Eunice Thomas of Webster Groves Mo. In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand. P. H. K. McComb Minister of the gospel Pres Church Webster Groves Mo. Filed for record this 14th day of Sept A. D. 1877 W. J. Clayton Clerk of the County Court of St. Louis County and ex officio Recorder of Deeds

FIGURE 2 | Marriage record of George B. Waters and Rhoda Eunice Thomas, July 15, 1877. St. Louis County, Missouri Marriage Record No. 1.

State of Missouri. I the undersigned a Justice of the peace and for the County aforesaid County of St. Louis do certify that I have this day joined in the bonds of Matrimony Mr. Irwin Morre and widow Mary Cowan residing in St. Louis Given under my hand this 23rd day of April 1853. Fred. Stretschmar Justice
 Filed and Recorded April 30th 1855. G. Meunier Recorder.

FIGURE 3 | Marriage record of Mr. Irwin Morre and widow Mary Cowan. St. Louis (Missouri) Recorder of Deeds, Marriage Record, Book 6, 1852–1854.

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RECORDER'S INFORMATION

FROM

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICANTS

GROOM

FULL NAME Harry Teitelbaum

RESIDENCE 27 Chestwood Drive Clayton Mo

CITY STATE

COLOR OR RACE White DATE OF BIRTH Sept 15 1913

MONTH DAY YEAR

PLACE OF BIRTH St Louis, Mo SINGLE DIVORCED WIDOWED

CITY STATE CHECK ONE

BRIDE

MAIDEN NAME Lillian Paul

RESIDENCE 7827 Garrison Ave University City Mo

CITY STATE

COLOR OR RACE White DATE OF BIRTH May 31 1922

MONTH DAY YEAR

PLACE OF BIRTH St Louis Mo SINGLE DIVORCED WIDOWED

CITY STATE CHECK ONE

I hereby certify the above information to be true and correct.

Harry Teitelbaum GROOM

Lillian Paul BRIDE

Mo. VS 701

FIGURE 4 (above) | License application card with home addresses, birthdates and signatures of a the couple. St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, Jan. 11, 1953.

AFFIDAVIT OF FEMALE

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.
County of St. Louis, }

I, [redacted]

do hereby solemnly swear that I am the person named in the above application for a marriage license and that I am of the age of [redacted] years, and that I am single and unmarried and may lawfully contract and be joined in marriage. Affidavit further states that to the best of her knowledge she is free from syphilis.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this [redacted] day of [redacted], 19 [redacted]

By: [redacted] Deputy, [redacted] Recorder of Deeds.

CONSENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO MARRIAGE OF A MINOR

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.
County of St. Louis, }

I, [redacted]

residing at [redacted] do hereby solemnly swear that I am the [redacted] of [redacted]

the person named in the foregoing application for a marriage license, and do hereby give my consent to [redacted] marriage. I further certify that [redacted] is of the age of [redacted] years.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this [redacted] day of [redacted], 19 [redacted]

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this [redacted] day of [redacted], 19 [redacted]

By: [redacted] Deputy, [redacted] Recorder of Deeds.

FIGURE 5 (right) | Consent form used by the St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds on May 7, 1955 in which parents gave minor children permission to marry.

Pardevant nous Don Zenon Enu de ce Capitaine au Regiment Ar de la division de [redacted] de Gouvernement et commandant en chef. et la partie occidentale de Illinois a deffaire ses statuts au lieu et par devant en dep. comme le Sieur Julien Mercier seron majeur [redacted] demeurant au village de St. Philippe surnomme Sidjopka sur la rive occidentale de Illinois dependant de la paroissee de St. Louis, cell ce Jean de Mercier natif du village des Kaskaskia et de Joseph L'essier sa mere native du Port de Chartres stipulant pour lui et on son nom d'une part. Et de l'autre Marie Reno native du village de St. Philippe surnomme Sidjopka fille de Coupoint Ilno natif de Canada, et de sa mere Marie Bojeonou native de [redacted] Ymenez ses peres et meres d'autre part. Le Sieur Julien Mercier assiste de [redacted]

FIGURE 6 | Part of marriage contract of Julien Mercier and Marie Reno, St. Louis Deed Records, Jan. 15, 1794.

[See the library's online list of holdings](http://tinyurl.com/atmkxfr) < <http://tinyurl.com/atmkxfr>>.

- Lutheran Church. Records for most congregations originating in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in the St. Louis metropolitan area. [See the library's online list of holdings](http://tinyurl.com/a8xkqsv) < <http://tinyurl.com/a8xkqsv>>
- Kaskaskia Manuscripts, 1714–1816. Includes French colonial records for what is now Randolph County, Ill.

■ Print sources

The Special Collections Department has published record transcriptions and indexes to marriage records from other states and some foreign countries. Check the library's [online catalog](http://webpac.slcl.org) <<http://webpac.slcl.org>> for holdings.

■ Databases

Ancestry Library Edition, which can be used for free at any St. Louis County Library branch, includes marriage records for various localities.

Next month: St. Louis divorce records

LIVING HISTORY

Women's History Month: Missouri women of history

Long before Gloria Steinem made women's liberation a household phrase, women of great determination, spirit, and vision influenced our nation and world. In spite of barriers, they became pioneers in education, civil rights, medicine, arts, social services, sports and many other fields. In honor of Women's History Month, PastPorts commemorates Missouri women, both famous and not-so-famous, who left their imprint on society. The sources of information used for this article are available in the Special Collections Department (see bibliography, p. 10).

Mary Easton Sibley (1800–1878) |

Mary Easton's family moved to St. Louis from New York



Margaret Tobin Brown, born in Hannibal, Mo., became known as the "Unsinkable Molly Brown" after she survived the sinking of the Titanic. Photo: Western History/ Genealogy Department, Denver Public Library

in 1804 when her father, Rufus Easton, was appointed territorial judge of the Louisiana Territory. She married George Sibley, a trade superintendent to the Indians at Fort Osage near present-day Kansas City. When work on the Santa Fe Trail ended in 1827, The Sibleys moved to St. Charles. Bored and restless, Mary began teaching English to the children of German immigrants using nothing more than a Bible. It was her deep commitment to religion and education that led her to the founding of Lindenwood College, named after their property, Linden Wood Farm. It began as a women's college, became co-ed in 1969, and continues to operate as Lindenwood University.

Adaline Weston Couzins (1815–1892) | Adaline Couzins was a volunteer Civil War nurse at a time when most nurses were Catholic nuns. She began assisting surgeon Dr. Simon Pollak, attending the returning wounded arriving in St. Louis. Couzins continued to work unpaid on a hospital boat during the Battle of Shiloh and continued her duties until the siege of Vicksburg in 1863. Wounded in battle herself, she became one of the first women to receive a military pension. When she returned to St. Louis, Adaline

helped initiate the women's suffrage movement in St. Louis. Her daughter, Phoebe, became the first woman to enter Washington University Law School

Harriet Robinson Scott (ca. 1820 – 1876) | Harriet Robinson and her husband Dred Scott were slaves of military officers. Both were taken by their owners to Wisconsin territory where they met and married. After arriving in St. Louis and failing to buy their liberty, Dred and Harriet each sued for freedom based on the fact that they had previously lived in Wisconsin Territory where slavery was illegal. Harriet passionately wanted to keep her family together and to ensure the freedom of their daughters. The ensuing eleven-year law suit ended in failure in the U.S. Supreme Court. The decision read that “no person of African descent could be a citizen of the U.S., and that slavery could not be kept out of the territories.” The press nationwide had been consumed by the lawsuit, and the final decision outraged opponents of slavery, dividing the country further on the issue.

Apolline Blair (1828–1907) | Apolline Blair was the wife of Frank Blair, a Civil War general and U.S. Senator. She was made acutely aware of the need for the medical care of children after losing two of her own to illness. An 1878 article in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat reported a 50 percent mortality rate for children under the age of five in the city of St. Louis. During this same year, Apolline Blair and nine other St. Louis women met at her home on Chestnut Street, along with four homeopathic physicians. This meeting was formed the beginning of today's St. Louis Children's Hospital.

Susan Elizabeth Blow (1843–1916) | Born in St. Louis, Susan Blow was passionate in her dedication to early childhood education, believing that children had unique abilities and gifts. She studied in New York City, under a disciple of Friedrich Froebel, who was a pioneer in early childhood education. She returned to St. Louis and opened the first successful public kindergarten in 1873 in Carondelet. The following year, she began a training school for kindergarten teachers. As a leader in American education Blow gave lectures, wrote books, and trained teachers throughout America. She continued to lecture on kindergarten education until three weeks before her death on March 26, 1916.



Carrie Nation spent her childhood in Cass County and later became a raucous advocate for temperance. Photo: Library of Congress Prints & Photographs Division, LC-USZ62-60404

Carrie Amelia Moore Nation (1846 –1911) | Carrie Nation was a radical member of the temperance movement which opposed alcohol in pre-Prohibition America. She is particularly notorious for expressing her opposition to alcohol through physical force. After waiting endlessly for her husband to come home from Kansas City bars, she became motivated to smash up saloons with a hatchet. Although, she may have expressed her views with extreme behavior, Carrie helped bring national attention to alcohol abuse at the turn of the 20th century.

Mary Alicia, Luella and Juliette Owen | The Owen sisters were born and raised in St. Joseph and spent most of their lives studying aspects of Missouri history. Mary, born 1850, was a folklorist and ethnologist. Her extensive travels and fascination with Native American culture and traditions inspired her to write books, stories and poetry. Luella (Ella), born 1852, became a respected geologist in a male-dominated field. Self-educated, Ella published “Cave

Regions of the Ozarks and Black Hills,” in 1898. Juliette, born 1859, devoted her studies to ornithology and was an accomplished water-color artist and translator.

Kate O’Flaherty Chopin (1850 – 1904) | Chopin was born in St. Louis. After her husband’s death, she began to write stories that were published in magazines, such as *Vogue* and *Harpers’ Monthly*, and the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Her second novel, “*The Awakening*” (1899), described the artistic awakening of a young mother who abandons her family. It was condemned and criticized for explicit sexuality but was later acclaimed. On August 20, 1904, while visiting the St. Louis World’s Fair, Chopin suffered a brain hemorrhage and died two days later, at the age of 54. She is interred at Calvary Cemetery.

Dr. Mary Hancock McLean (1861–1930) | Dr. McLean was born in 1861 in Washington, Mo. After graduating from Lindenwood College in 1878, she received her medical degree from the University of Michigan. She became the first woman to hold the position of assistant physician at the St. Louis Female Hospital, previously known as the House of Industry. During this time, Dr. McLean became concerned for the moral well-being of young women, many of whom came from rural areas to work at the 1904 World’s Fair but ended up alone and unemployed. This led her to sponsor the Emmaus Home for Girls, a residence organized to help young women gain independence and employment. The Emmaus Home was the antecedent of the St. Louis YWCA, which was organized in 1905 and emphasized health, hygiene and moral fortitude. Dr. McLean was the first woman admitted to membership in the St. Louis Medical Society and was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. She continued to practice medicine until five months before her death on May 17, 1930.

Molly Tobin Brown (1867 – 1932) | Molly Tobin was the daughter of poor Irish immigrants living in Hannibal. In Colorado she met and married J. J. Brown. When the Browns came into money, Molly gained a reputation as a philanthropist, activist and socialite in Denver. After touring Europe, she boarded the H.M.S Titanic on her return to the U.S. When the Titanic hit an iceberg, Brown boarded lifeboat number 6 and took turns rowing with the other pas-



Emme and Mayme Gerhard, St. Louis photographers, became well known for their photographs of the 1904 World Fair. Photo: Library of Congress

sengers. She later raised more than \$10,000 to aid destitute immigrant passengers who had lost loved ones and belongings in the tragedy. According to legend, when a reporter asked why she didn’t go down with the Titanic, her famous reply was, “because I’m a Brown, we’re unsinkable.”

Virginia Minor (July 18, 1867 – Oct. 26, 1932) |

Minor is remembered for her dedication to the cause for women’s suffrage. In 1867, together with Rebecca Hazard, Lucretia Hall, Penelope Allen, and Anna Clapp, she organized the Women Suffrage Association of Missouri at the Mercantile Library in St. Louis, and Minor was elected their first president. Minor sued the St. Louis Registrar of Voters in 1872 for her right to vote as a United States citi-



Helen Stephens, known as the “Fulton Flash,” set a record for the 100 meter dash at the 1938 Olympics. Photo: Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division

zen. In 1879, Minor was elected president of the National Women’s Suffrage Association convention in St. Louis, with Susan B. Anthony presiding. Virginia Minor testified in support of women’s suffrage before the U. S. Senate in 1889. She died in St. Louis in 1894.

Laura Ingalls Wilder (February 7, 1867 – February 10, 1957) | Born in Wisconsin, Laura’s childhood experiences on the prairie frontier became the basis for “Little House” book series. In 1894, she and her husband, Almanzo, moved to Mansfield, Mo. After writing an essay for the *Missouri Ruralist*, she became a regular columnist and its editor from 1911 to the mid 1920s. Ingalls’s books have been in print since 1931 and were translated into 40 languages. She died in her sleep at her Mansfield farmhouse three days after her 90th birthday.

Emme Gerhard (1872–1946) and Mayme Gerhard (1876–1955) | The Gerhard Sisters opened their photo-

graphic studio in St. Louis in 1903. Although the press rarely used women photographers for serious news events, the Gerhard sisters’ photos depicting buildings and gardens, engagement and wedding pictures, and portraits of local leaders and prominent visitors were featured in local and national newspapers and magazines. Their best-known images were taken in 1904, when they documented Native Americans and other ethnic groups at the World’s Fair.

Irma Starkloff Rombauer (1877 – 1962) | Born in St. Louis, Rombauer was the daughter of Max von Starkloff, physician and Medical Examiner of St. Louis. Irma graduated from Mary Institute in 1901, and later attended Washington University. She published “The Joy of Cooking” privately in 1931 in St. Louis. The book was illustrated by her daughter Marion Rombauer Becker, a 1931 Mary Institute graduate, who was teaching art at the John Burroughs School at the time.

Ellen “Nell” Quinlan Donnelly Reed (1889–1991) | Reed was the daughter of Irish immigrants, and she learned to sew and mend clothes as a child. After her husband urged her to pursue an education, she graduated from Lindenwood College. Finding women’s fashion unattractive and expensive to the average woman, Reed began to sew and sell her stylish, inexpensive designs to Peck’s, a Kansas City dry goods store in 1916. She later established her own successful clothing manufacturing company, Donnelly Garment Company.

Helen Herring Stephens (February 3, 1918 – January 17, 1994) | Stephens grew up on a farm in Callaway County near Fulton where her athletic talents were discovered by her high school P.E. teacher. On March 22, 1935, Stephens competed against 1932 Olympic Gold medal winner, Stella Walsh in St. Louis. She beat Walsh in the 50-meter dash with a time of 6.6 seconds and set a new indoor track record. The press referred to her as “The Missouri Express” and “The Fulton Flash.” On August 4, 1936, at the Berlin Olympics, an 18 year-old Stephens set the Olympic world record for the 100-meter event at 11.5 seconds, a record unbroken for 24 years until Wilma Rudolph beat it in the 1960 Olympics. After working at a St. Louis aircraft plant and enlisting in the U.S. Marines Women’s



Maya Angelou, shown in this 1957 photo, was known for performing Calypso music before her fame as an author and poet. Photo: Library of Congress Prints & Photographs Division, LC-USZ62-115119

Reserve during World War II, she spent a 30-year career as a research librarian for the St. Louis Defense Mapping Agency Aerospace Center. Stephens was inducted into the National and United States Track and Field Halls of Fame and the Women's Hall of Fame.

Maya Angelou (b. 1928) | Angelou was born Marguerite Ann Johnson in St. Louis where she developed a passion for dancing, music. Her success as a poet has brought her dozens of awards and more than thirty honorary doctoral degrees. Angelou is best known for her series of autobiographies focusing on her childhood and early adult experiences. "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," published in 1969 about her life up to the age of seventeen, brought her international recognition and acclaim. She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Arts in 2000, the Lincoln Medal in 2008, and has received 3 Grammy Awards.

Grace Bumbry (b. 1937) | Bumbry was raised in St. Louis in a musical family. At age 11 she joined her parents in singing in the Union Memorial Methodist Church choir, and soon became known for her beautiful voice. In 1954, Grace won a talent contest on radio station KMOX. The prize was a scholarship to the St. Louis Institute of Music but was refused admittance because of her race. Executives at KMOX arranged for her to appear on Arthur Godfrey's national "Talent Scouts" show, after which she was offered scholarships to several major music schools. Although she faced racial barriers throughout her education, she became one of the most renowned mezzo-soprano opera singers of her generation. In 2000, Bumbry won the prestigious Arts for Lifetime Achievement award for music and operatic performance.

Virginia Eshelman Johnson Masters (b. 1925) | Born in Springfield, Missouri Virginia Johnson met her husband William Masters in 1957 when he hired her as a research assistant in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Washington University. In 1964, Masters and Johnson established the non-profit Reproductive Biology Research Foundation, later renamed the Masters and Johnson Institute. Together they pioneered research into the nature of human sexual response and the diagnosis and treatment of sexual disorders.

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WEB NEWS

Web finds

■ **DigiBaeck** <<http://www.lbi.org/digibaeck/>> | The Leo Baeck Institute research library and archives in New York is dedicated to preserving source material related to the history of German-speaking Jewry. The DigiBaeck website provides access to the Institute's rich collection of manuscripts, photographs, art objects, books and sound recordings covering 500 years of Jewish history.

New at Ancestry Library Edition

■ **Register of Colored Troop Deaths during the Civil War, 1861-1865** | The registers in this databases list troops from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Kentucky, Georgia, with some miscellaneous entries, though the single volume in this database is not a comprehensive list of colored troops lost from any of these states. Each entry lists name, rank, unit, and cause, date, and place of death. Some entries also include remarks.

■ **U.S., Descriptive Lists of Colored Volunteer Army Soldiers, 1864** | Includes enlistment and muster rolls for colored troops who enlisted in Kentucky. The records typically list name, birthplace, age at enlistment (if available), owner's name (if soldier is a former slave), enlistment date and county, date of muster; and possibly a physical description, occupation, and name of the recruiter.

■ **U.S. Virgin Islands, Danish West Indies Slave Records, 1672-1917** | The Danish presence in the Caribbean began in the mid-17th century, and in 1754 the islands of St. Croix, St. Thomas, and St. John became colonies known

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

■ **Sunday, March 31** | Easter Day

■ **Wednesday, April 3** | The library will close at 5 p.m. for a special event.

as the Danish West Indies. This database includes slave-related records kept by Danish officials, such as case papers concerning contested slave ownership; emancipation records; registers of free men, women, and children of color; lists of baptisms, marriages, and burials; lists of slave owners and former slaves; mortgages and loans; slave lists and censuses; records of Royal Blacks; compensation agreements; and courts martial. The records have not yet been indexed but can be browsed. Most records are in Danish.

■ **St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, Free Colored Censuses, 1815-1832** | Registers in this database may include name, residence year, location, gender, age, birth date, birthplace, mother's name, father's name, race, religion, baptism/confirmation details, marital status, occupation, physical condition, spouse, children, household, relatives, means of freedom, length of time in St. Croix, militia service, and 1816 census number. Records are in Danish with an index in English.

■ **U.S. African American Newspapers, 1829-1947** | The U.S. African American Newspaper Database features issues from more than 200 19th and early 20th-century African-American newspapers across the United States. Besides news, they also offer editorials, advertisements, and other items that provide context. They may also include notices about births, marriages, and deaths. The database can be searched by name; residence; birth date and place; bride and grooms names; marriage date and place; age at marriage; death date and place; and age at death.

NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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

Microfilm

Missouri Plat Maps, Drawer 105
University City Building Permit Index cards (7 rolls),
Drawer 105

Print

Abbreviated titles unless italicized

ALABAMA

Autauga County

Cemetery Records, Vol. 3. 2011. R 976.1463 A939
Cemetery Records, Western Section. 2005. R 976.1463
A939

Other Alabama titles

Alabama Soldiers: Revolution, War of 1812, and Indian Wars. 22 vols., including index. 2012, 1975. R 976.1
G244A
Choctaw County. Tombstone Inscriptions. 1988.
R 976.1395 T588T
Madison County. Old Land Records. 2005. R 976.197
C874O
Marshall County Old Land Records. 1988. R 976.194
C874O
Morgan County Old Land Records. 1981. R 976.193
C874O
Pike County Cemetery Records. 1998. R 976.135 P635

GEORGIA

Oglethorpe County

Inferior and Ordinary Court Records, 1794–1920 [NGS] ,
Vol. 3. 2012. 975.8175 M174O
Newspaper Clippings [NGS], Vols. 2–3, 1877–1880.
976.8175 K48O
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Saturday, 9 March, 10 a.m.

Headquarters Auditorium

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