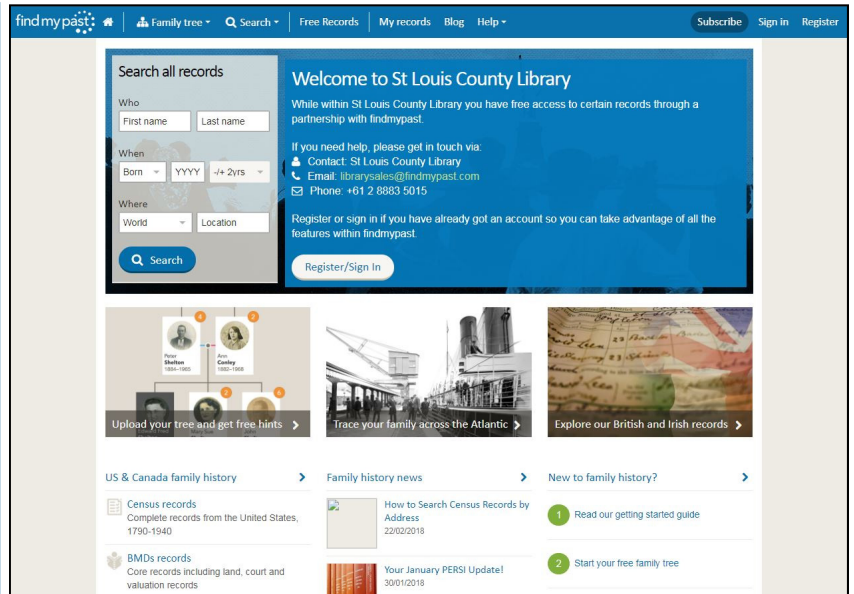# FOR THE RECORDS

Findmypast

Findmypast (FMP), a genealogy website based in the United Kingdom, is the premier online database for researching family history in Great Britain. It is also an excellent resource for researching in many of the former colonies of Great Britain, including the United States, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand. All of the resources at FMP have been indexed, and most include a digital copy of the original record. You can access FMP at any branch of the St. Louis County Library.

The database began its life as a project of a small group of professional genealogists who wanted to digitize the original records of the British General Records Office (GRO). The GRO holds the civil birth, marriage, and death records for England and Wales from 1837 to present. In 2003, 1837online.com was launched as a pay-per-view website, giving people access to the records of the GRO worldwide. Gradually, other record collections were added, and in 2006 the website was rebranded as FMP. Since then, the company has added hundreds of individual databases to the website.

England

By far the largest group of databases at FMP concerns the records of England and Wales. Nearly 600 individual databases are included, with a total of nearly one billion names indexed. The size and scope of each database varies widely, ranging from a few hundred indexed names to tens of millions.

Census—The censuses of England and Wales that have been made public, spanning the years 1841 to 1911, are searchable at FMP. Every name has been

Findmypast can be used for free on public computers or via the wireless network in the History & Genealogy Department or at any other St. Louis County Library location.

indexed, and users can view a digital copy of the original census form.

Vital records—Vital records in England and Wales begin in 1837. FMP has indexes to births, marriages, and deaths from 1837 to the mid 2000s. In England and Wales, birth, marriage, and death records are considered public records. You may use the indexes found at FMP to order a copy of the original records.

Parish records—In 1537, the Church of England mandated the recording of all baptisms, marriages, and deaths at each parish. Most parishes began recording these records the following year. FMP has collected over 400 million parish records from the Church of England. All are indexed, and many include a digital copy of the original record. People of other religious denominations are often included in these records.

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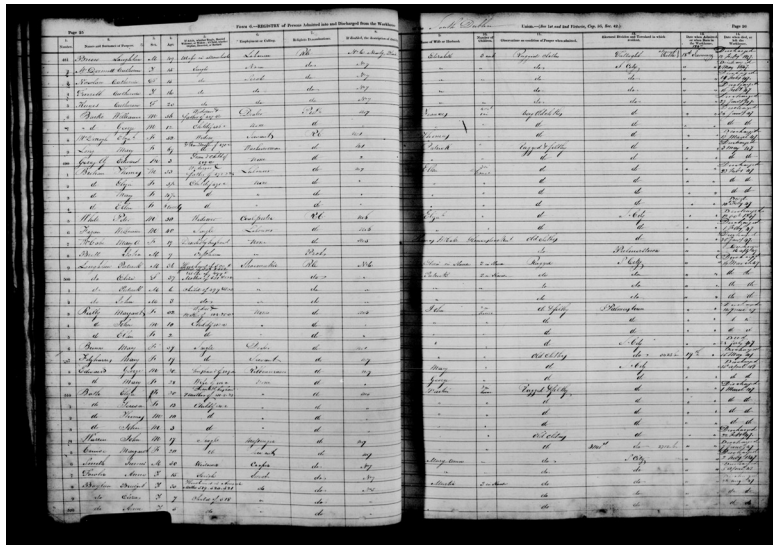
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An image from "Dublin Workhouse Administration and Discharge Registers, 1840–1919," a source for Irish research.

Electoral registers—Used to register every citizen eligible to vote, electoral registers have been required by law in England since 1832. With over 100 million records to search, these registers are a great way to locate your ancestor between censuses.

Other records—Army service records, tax rolls, school admission records, prison records, and trade union membership registers are just a few of the hundreds of other databases offering English records.

Ireland

Due to the destruction of the Public Records Office during the Irish Civil War in 1922 and the deliberate destruction of the Irish censuses of 1861 through 1891, Irish research can be challenging. FMP has digitized and indexed a variety of records to help overcome these great losses.

Petty Sessions Court records—Created to handle the minor civil and criminal court cases in Ireland, the Petty Sessions Courts were presided over by an unpaid Justice of the Peace. Each court had a clerk, whose job it was to record the details of the cases brought before the court. Primarily covering the years 1851–1924, there are over 23 million names indexed covering a wide variety of cases.

Catholic Parish records—Microfilmed copies of the

records for over 1000 Catholic parishes have been digitized and indexed. Start dates for the records vary widely. The records of some city parishes begin as early as the 1740s, while many rural parishes from western Ireland begin as late as the 1860's.

Irish Dog License records—The 1865 law required dog owners in Ireland to obtain a license every year for each dog they owned. Digital copies of the original records are linked to over seven million indexed names. The records include the owner's place of residence and even a physical description of the dog!

Griffith's Valuation—The goal of the valuation was to learn the relative value of all the land in Ireland. The value of the land an individual occupied determined the amount of taxes an individual was required to pay. The valuation process took 17 years to complete, and included 2.9 million names of both land owners and tenants. Since census records were destroyed, Griffith's Valuation acts as a census substitute for mid-19th century Ireland. While the records are online in a number of places, FMP has the most complete database and includes 300 of the 301 volumes.

Landed Estates Court Rentals—The value of land plummeted during the Irish famine, and many large land owners went bankrupt. The British government took possession of the land and sold it to new owners with clean titles. These records include the names of tenants who were leasing land, indicating whether the lease was year-to-year or long term. Long-term leases were often for 99 years or for the lives of multiple lessees, whose names would be listed.

Poverty Relief Loans—This amazing collection has the records of the Irish Reproductive Loan Fund, a plan designed to offer small, short-term loans at low interest to farmers and tradesmen in need of capital. The loans were co-signed, often by friends or relatives, and most of the records cover 1822–1846. Many of the loans describe the circumstances of the borrower and his family, including those who died or emigrated to the U.S.

Records of the poor in Dublin—This group of records includes the "Dublin Workhouses Admission and Dis-

charge Registers," "Deserted Children of Dublin," and the minute books of the Dublin Poor Law unions. Together, they offer a picture of the destitute in Dublin throughout the 19th century. The detailed records name individuals and their circumstances, offering clues to people who are often missing in other databases.

Prison Records—Includes records of over three million people who spent time in prison between 1790 and 1924. In the 19th century, there were many types of prisons, including debtors' prisons for people who could not pay their debts. The most common crimes included theft, prostitution, and vagrancy. During the Great Famine, many sought arrest to escape starva-

tion. You can also find people who were convicted of rebellion or seditious behavior while advocating for freedom from English rule.
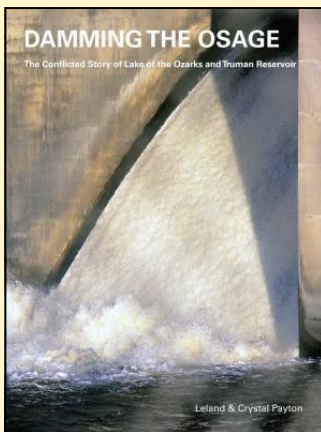
Australia and New Zealand

Did your ancestors immigrate to Australia or New Zealand before coming to the U.S.? Maybe your ancestor had a sibling who was sent to the penal colonies? FMP has an excellent collection of records from these two countries to help you find your ancestors who lived their lives "down under."

Census—Access to the censuses of Australia and New Zealand is limited, except for the 1841, 1891, and 1901 censuses of the state of New South Wales.

Shelf life

SAMPLINGS FROM THE PRINT COLLECTION

Book | Damming the Osage

For decades the Lake of the Ozarks has been a favorite long-weekend getaway among St. Louisans, who affectionately call it "the Lake." More recently the Lake was brought to the attention of a large audience after it inspired the Netflix crime-drama series *Ozark*. Yet the idyllic scenery and fond memories of visitors hide a complicated and controversial past. Leland and Crystal Payton tell this story in *Damming the Osage: The Conflicted Story of Lake of the Ozarks and Truman Reservoir* (R 977.8493 P347D) with the help of hundreds of color photographs and images.

At the forefront, the book offers an environmental history of the large-scale damming projects that transformed the Osage River into the Lake, but there is much adventure along the way due to the area's rowdy past. Starting with the enemy-rich Osage tribe and going through a particularly violent Civil War-era landscape filled with famous outlaws, the narrative flows towards the 20th-century infrastructure projects that would permanently change the river, displace the lives and livelihoods of its inhabitants, and submerge the entire town of Linn Creek beneath the new lake. Lesser-known personages and stories of everyday life shine through these dramatic events thanks to sincere writing, including the story of Joe Dice, a self-taught engineer who built swinging bridges around Missouri.

The book's website <http://www.dammingtheosage.com> hosts a "Vintage Image of the Week" and links to the authors' regularly updated blog, which covers topics related to the book.

Electoral Rolls, which list eligible voters for a particular election year, are an invaluable substitute. Coupled with their collection of city directories, they can help you overcome the lack of access to a census.

Immigration—Passenger ships were the primary method of transporting people to and from Australia. FMP has an excellent collection of passenger lists for those arriving in Australia, as well as passengers leaving from the state of Victoria.
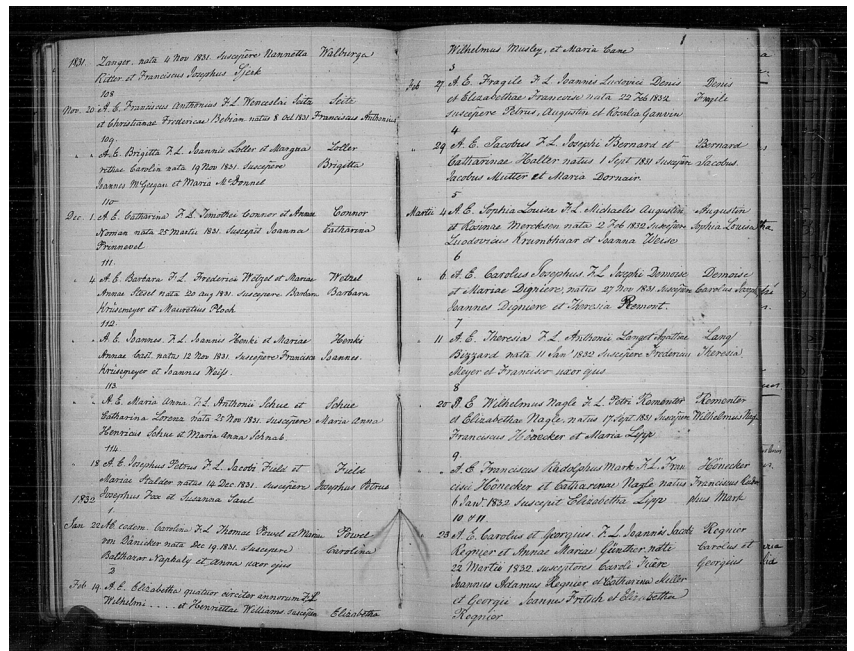
Vital Records—Civil birth, marriage, and death indexes are the heart of FMP's collection of Australian and New Zealand records. The database includes transcribed information found in the original indexes and provide all the information needed to order an uncertified copy of the original record. Uncertified copies can be downloaded immediately after purchase.

Court Records—Court records can help fill in the details of your ancestor's lives beyond the dates of birth and death. FMP has digitized will and probate records from Australia, indexed them, and made them searchable. They also have the records of the Court of Petty Sessions for the state of Victoria. This court was created to hear minor criminal cases, and the database includes over three million searchable names and digital copies of the original records.

United States

FMP offers over 400 unique databases with hundreds of millions of indexed U.S. records However, many of these databases, such as U.S. census records, are available electronically elsewhere. Listed below are U.S. databases that can only be found at FMP.

PERSI—The *Periodical Source Index* (PERSI) is an index to articles in historical, genealogical, and ethnic publications. It is produced by the Allen County Pub-

FMP's U.S. records include parish registers of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

lic Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The index is updated quarterly, and FMP adds article images every month. Articles from genealogical publications can provide a wealth of information about your ancestors that you may not have found elsewhere.

United States Marriages—FMP has collected U.S. marriage records into a single database for one simple search. Although incomplete, the database currently includes over 190 million names. FMP regularly adds new records to this database, which they estimate will include over 300 million names spanning four centuries when complete.

Philadelphia Catholic Parish Records—In partnership with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, FMP has digitized the parish records and indexed over 1.4 million names. These records are split into two separate databases, one for baptisms and one for marriages, both covering the years 1758 to 1917.

Findmypast's collection of databases can help researchers learn more about their ancestors in Great Britain and its former colonies. Its varied, comprehensive, and fully indexed records include sources not available anywhere else online.

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Wednesday, March 14
1:00–5:00 p.m. & 6:30–8:45 p.m.

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Fintan Mullen and Gillian Hunt
Ulster Historical Foundation, Belfast, Northern Ireland

AFTERNOON SCHEDULE | 1:00–5:00 p.m.
- Introduction to Irish and Scots-Irish Family History Research
- Using Land Records: Griffith's Valuation, Tithe and Estate Records
- Using Printed Sources for Irish Family History: Newspapers, Street Directories, Ordnance Survey Memoirs, and British Parliamentary Papers on Ireland

EVENING SCHEDULE | 6:30–8:45 p.m.
- Introduction to Archives in Ireland and Their Websites
- The Great Famine in Ireland: Sources for Research

The event is free and open to the public but registration is required. Register online at www.slcl.org or call 314-994-3300.
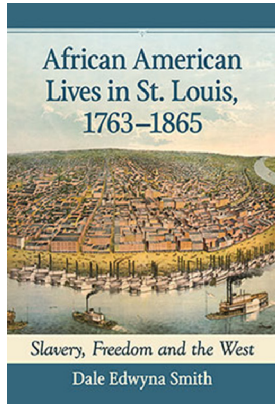
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NEW BOOK HIGHLIGHTS

DALE EDWYNA SMITH

African American Lives in St. Louis, 1763–1865: Slavery, Freedom and the West
McFarland & Company, 2017
R 977.866 S645A

The African American presence in St. Louis began in 1763 with the arrival of several free men of color who accompanied Pierre Laclede from New Orleans to set up a fur trading fort on the Mississippi. Within a few decades, the fort had become a prosperous commercial center whose proximity to the western frontier attracted a cosmopolitan community.

African Americans in St. Louis—both slave and free—enjoyed greater autonomy and opportunity than those in urban areas of the South and East. Slaves in the city set legal precedent by filing hundreds of freedom suits, often based on the prohibition against slavery set by the Northwest Ordinance of 1787. After a century in the region, many blacks enlisted in the Union Army during the Civil War. Drawing on a wide range of sources, the author studies the history of slaves and free blacks in this city.—*Publisher*
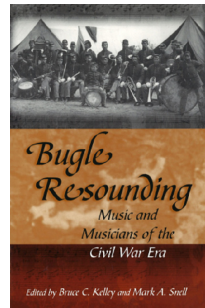
MELODY CONDRON

Managing the Digital You: Where and How to Keep and Organize you Digital Life
Rowman & Littlefield, 2017
929.1 C746M

Managing the Digital You: Where and How to Keep and Organize Your Digital Life is a much-needed guide for those struggling with how to manage and preserve their digital items. Starting with a values assessment, this book helps readers identify what items are important to them personally so that they can effectively prioritize their time and effort. Covering multimedia, correspondence, legacy planning, password protection, photos, non-digital documents, financial and legal documents, and even social media archiving, this comprehensive text addresses how to get started and how to develop a plan for managing existing and future items.—*Publisher*
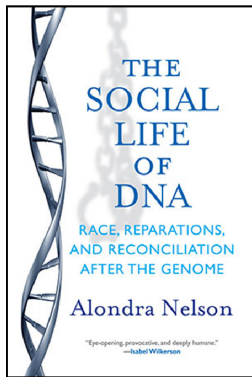
BRUCE C. KELLY, MARC A. SNELL

Bugle Resounding: Music and Musicians of the Civil War Era
University of Missouri, 2004
R 973.7 N277B

In the mid-nineteenth century the United States was musically vibrant. Rising industrialization, a growing middle class, and increasing concern for the founding of American centers of art created a culture that was rich in musical capital. Beyond its importance to the people who created and played it is the fact that this music still influences our culture today.

Although numerous academic resources examine the music and musicians of the Civil War era, the research is spread across a variety of disciplines and is found in a wide array of scholarly journals, books, and papers. It is difficult to assimilate this diverse body of research, and few sources are dedicated solely to a rigorous and comprehensive investigation of the music and the musicians of this era. This anthology, which grew out of the first two National Conferences on Music of the Civil War Era, is an initial attempt to address that need. —*Publisher*

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ALONDRA NELSON

The Social Life of DNA: Race, Reparations, and Reconciliations after the Genome
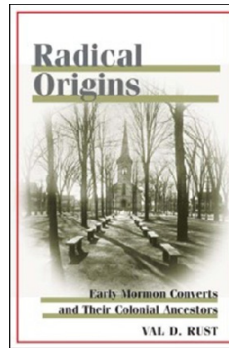**Beacon Press, 2016**
R 305.896 N424S

The tsunami of interest in genetic ancestry tracing from the African American community has been especially overwhelming. In *The Social Life of DNA,* Alondra Nelson takes us on an unprecedented journey into how the double helix has wound its way into the heart of the most urgent contemporary social issues around race.

Nelson incisively shows that DNA is a portal to the past that yields insight for the present and future, shining a light on social traumas and historical injustices that still resonate today. Science can be a crucial ally to activism to spur social change and transform twenty-first-century racial politics. But Nelson warns her readers to be discerning: for the social repair we

seek can't be found in even the most sophisticated science. Engrossing and highly original, *The Social Life of DNA* is a must-read for anyone interested in race, science, history and how our reckoning with the past may help us to chart a more just course for tomorrow.—*Publisher*
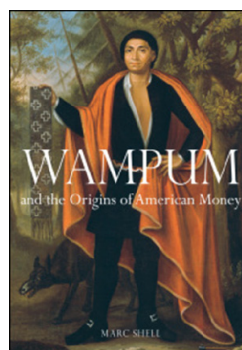
VAL DEAN RUST

Radical Origins: Early Mormon Converts and Their Colonial Ancestors
University Illinois, 2004
R 289.309 R971R

Val D. Rust's *Radical Origins* investigates whether the unconventional religious beliefs of their colonial ancestors predisposed early Mormon converts to embrace the radical message of Joseph Smith Jr. and his new church.

Rust shows how family traditions can be passed down through the generations, and can ultimately shape the outlook of future generations. This, he argues, extends the historical role of Mormons by giving their early story significant implications for understanding the larger context of American colonial history. Featuring a provocative thesis and stunning original research, *Radical Origins* is a remarkable contribution to our understanding of religion in the development of American culture and the field of Mormon history.—*Publisher*

MARC SHELL

Wampum and Origins of American Money
University of Illinois, 2013
R 306.34 S544W

Wampum has become a synonym for money, and it is widely assumed that it served the same purposes as money among the Native Algonquians even after coming into contact with European colonists' money. But to equate wampum with money only matches one slippery term with another, as money itself was quite ill-defined in North America for decades during its colonization.

In this stimulating and intriguing book, Marc Shell illuminates the context in which wampum was used by describing how

money circulated in the colonial period and the early history of the United States. Wampum itself, generally tubular beads made from clam or conch shells, was hardly a primitive version of a coin or dollar bill, as it represented to both Native Americans and colonial Europeans a unique medium through which language, art, culture, and even conflict were negotiated. This wide-ranging exploration of economics, literature, and racial and ethnic imagery throughout American history is extensively illustrated with more than a hundred images of documents, artworks, and artifacts, including numerous depictions of Native Americans on paper money.—*Publisher*

Briefly noted

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African American

Chains of Love: Slave Couples in Antebellum South Carolina. R 975.7 W517C

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Caselwitz, Thuringia. R 943.222 M613F

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Beginning a Genealogical Research Project

If you have little or no experience with genealogical research, 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.

March 27, 2:00 p.m., Headquarters | Register
April 2, , 10:00 a.m., Grant's View | Register
April 25, 6:30 p.m., Bridgeton Trails | Register
April 26, 2:00 p.m., Headquarters | Register

Library Skills for Genealogical Research

Prerequisite: Beginning a Genealogical Research Project or comparable research experience

Libraries offer essential tools for genealogical research. Learn how to search online library catalogs, obtain materials from distant libraries, locate periodical articles, and use the library's in-house finding aids.

March 12, 2:00 p.m., Daniel Boone | Register
March 13, 2:00 p.m., Headquarters | Register
March 19, 10:00 a.m., Cliff Cave | Register

Census Basics for Genealogical Research

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.

March 8, 2:00 p.m., Headquarters | Register
March 26, 2:00 p.m., Florissant Valley | Register
April 9, , 2:00 p.m., Daniel Boone | Register
April 18, 2:00 p.m., Headquarters | Register

Classes to Expand Research Skills

History and Genealogy in Newspaper Databases

Searching electronic newspaper databases is easy and fun. The class will cover 19th-Century U. S. Newspapers, NewspaperArchive, and St. Louis Post-Dispatch databases.

April 5, 2:00 p.m., Headquarters | Register

Finding Immigrant European Ancestors

Prerequisite: Census Basics for Genealogical Research or comparable research experience

Discover the numerous print and online resources available for researching immigrant ancestors. This class will include an overview of information available on Ancestry Library Edition and other electronic databases.

March 21, 6:30 p.m., Sachs | Register
April 16, 10:00 a.m., Cliff Cave | Register

Identifying Ancestral Military Veterans

Prerequisite: Census Basics for Genealogical Research or comparable research experience

Explore strategies for military research in the Fold3 and Ancestry Library Edition databases, as well as in print and online sources.

March 5, 10:00 a.m., Grant's View | Register
March 22, 2:00 p.m., Headquarters | Register
April 10, 2:00 p.m., Headquarters | Register
April 23, 2:00 p.m., Florissant Valley | Register

African American Research

Tracing Your African American Ancestors

Learn basic techniques for researching African American ancestors, including how to get started, solve common road blocks, and use additional records to deepen your research.

April 18, 6:30 p.m., Lewis & Clark | Register

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PARTICIPATING BRANCH LOCATIONS

Bridgeton Trails
3455 McKelvey Road
Bridgeton, MO 63044

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5430 Telegraph Road
St. Louis, MO 63129

Daniel Boone
300 Clarkson Rd.
Ellisville, MO 63011

Florissant Valley
195 New Florissant Rd, S.
Florissant, MO 63031

Grant's View
9700 Musick Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63123

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St. Louis, MO 63131

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

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

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

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PROGRAMS

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

Using City and County Directories
St. Louis Genealogical Society General Meeting

City directories contain more information than just names and addresses. Discover how to find and research directories in print, on microfilm and digitally. Speaker: Larry Franke

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

Discovering your Irish and Scots-Irish Roots
   See page__for description.

   Wednesday, March 14, 1:00 p.m. | Grant's View
   Registration required.

Beginning German Genealogy
Learn what's needed before trying to trace your ancestors across the Atlantic. Identify records leading to your ancestor's village of birth. Carol Whitton, CG, St. Louis Genealogical Society, Speaker.

   Friday, March 16, 10:00 a.m. | Cliff Cave

Using Compgen (genealogy.net) Effectively
StLGS German Special Interest Group

Are you avoiding using Compgen's GOV, DigiBib, OFBs or other web pages because they are in German? Obtain more information on what's where and how to use it effectively! Speaker: Carol Whitton

   Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m. | Headquarters

Post Famine Emigration from Ireland
StLGS Irish Special Interest Group

The famine years did not see the greatest emigration from Ireland. It was the post famine years that had the highest number of emigrants from Ireland. Speaker: Gabrielle Woeltje

   Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 p.m. | Headquarters

Finding the Meaning Behind Objects: Analyzing Artifacts for Genealogy Research
The presenter will discuss the importance of objects in family history research, methods for uncovering genealogical clues through artifact analysis, and helpful resources for evaluating heirlooms. Speaker: Ellen Mays

   Friday, April 21, 10:00 a.m. | Cliff Cave