

# PastPorts

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### FOR THE RECORDS

# When did they wear that? Sources for researching fashion and clothing history

Researching historical fashion and clothing trends is helpful for various areas of historical and family history research. In addition to learning to date historical clothing from photographs, researchers can also learn about social and political issues throughout history. Studying historical clothing also provides important insight into the daily lives of our ancestors.

Articles written by experts take a few different approaches in helping researchers. Some articles useful for dating clothing found in family photographs take the form of a brief history of fashion trends. Detailed descriptions of clothing and style changes over time provide readers with a timeline of fashion history. A good example of a history, or timeline-style article is Linda Reiss Volin's "Men's and Women's Fashions: Clues to Dating Photographs," published in the Federation of Genealogical Societies journal, *Forum* in 2004. The article focuses on fashions between 1840 and 1920 and offers timeless information useful for any researcher looking for an overview of the clothing trends during this time-period.

Betty Kreisel Shubert's article, "Be a Fashion Detective," published in the January/February 2009 issue of *Ancestry*, and "Identifying 1840s Style: Women's Wear," published in the May/June 2009 issue are both examples of how useful periodicals and journals can be. Researchers can quickly look at Shubert's article on women's fashions of the 1840s to identify the clothing in a family photograph. Colorful illustrations are in-



Fig 1. | Physician and educator Mary Putnam Jacobi as a young woman, 1860–1875. Source: Library of congress Prints and Photographs Division. <a href="https://bit.ly/2tx/xkj">Division.</a> <a href="https://bit.ly/2tx/xkj">bit.ly/2tx/xkj</a>

cluded to show the clothing and hairstyles common during the 1840s.

While matching the clothing in family photos with photographs and illustrations in various articles and books is helpful, it is important to remember that photographs are often misleading. As Colleen Fitzpatrick states in, "Say Cheese," "while clothing styles have changed rapidly, with countless variations in fabric, design, and ornamentation, major and minor changes in style took time to become available and accepted in different areas of the country." It is possible that the clothing pictured in a photograph is not from the same year the photo was actually taken. In addition, portrait



studios and photographers sometimes gave people clothing and props to wear. Photographers may have also requested that people wear specific colors or patterns. Therefore, the clothing featured in a researcher's family photographs may not reflect the personal tastes and preferences of his or her ancestors.

The following example demonstrates how some photographs can help researchers determine the date and time period of a particular fashion style. The photograph of Mary Putnam Jacobi in Fig. 1 (page 1), taken

Carte de Visite, 1864-67

Author's Collection



This young lady, who is about fourteen or fifteen years old, is dressed in a good black school dress and, given her age, is most likely posing for a photograph taken to celebrate her graduation from the eighth grade, all the education most girls had

The dress, probably made of scratchy but durable alpaca, is cut in the modest, simple style that nearly every schoolgirl would have worn, yet a hoop, a corset, and overpetticoats are required to create this graceful line. The skirt is laid in many narrow pleats all around, turned forward to the center in front and reversed in back. It is not gored.

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The one-piece dress has a closely fitted, fully lined and finished boned bodice attached to the finished skirt waistband. The bodice has two long, narrow points at waistfront, called "jockey points," below the many small black buttons of the front closure. The simple white linen band collar is fastened with a small brooch. Long, narrow bell sleeves open near the wrist over muslin undersleeves.

Her hair is done very simply, smoothly combed down in a youthful manner with short ringlets at the sides of the jaw in front of the ears.

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**Fig. 2** | The photo and description in Joan Severa's book is a close match to the dress in Fig. 1 and offers clues to the photo's date. Source Joan L. Severa, *Dressed for the Photographer: Ordinary Americans and Fashion, 1840–1900,* p. 254.

between 1860 and 1875, shows her a black alpaca dress, a style popular in the 1860s. For comparison, another photographic example is included in Joan Severa's book, Dressed for the Photographer: Ordinary Americans & Fashion, 1840-1900. A photograph on page 254 (Fig. 2, below) taken between 1864 and 1867 shows a young woman dressed for her school graduation and wearing a dress in a style similar to Jacobi's.2 Other style elements of the 1860s shown in these photographs are a full skirt gathered by a series of pleats into a short waist. Belts were also common accessories in the 1860s, as they enhanced the full skirts and short waistlines of the one-piece dresses.<sup>3</sup> Small, white collars made of lace were also popular. Comparing and contrasting these photographs helps researchers to crosscheck the styles found in different photographs for accuracy and authenticity.

Some authors take a biographical approach and analyze the clothing and style of specific people throughout history. Pattie Ellicott describes the fashion and style of specific women during the Revolutionary era of United States history in her article entitled, "Early American Fashions." Women included in her article are Dolly Madison, Martha Washington, and Nelly Custis. While describing the women's preferred fashions, Ellicott also includes portraits to illustrate better the women's clothing styles.

Another research method is studying fashion catalogs and historical periodicals. Fashion catalogs help researchers discover the style popular during a particular year. For example, the popular fashion trends in New York during the year 1909 are featured in *Women's Fashions of the Early 1900s*. The book includes catalog entries from the National Cloak & Suit Co. From hats to dresses and skirts, readers can learn about the styles and cost of various clothing items in 1909. A selection of fashion catalogs available in the History & Genealogy Department is included in the bibliography at the end of this article.

The library has recently acquired *American Antiquarian Society (AAS) Historical Periodicals Collection*, a database providing access to many American periodicals published between 1684 and 1912. The resource includes a selection of women's periodicals covering the years 1733–1865.



Magazine articles offer a primary source featuring letters to women with instructions for updating their fall, winter, spring, and summer wardrobes. Illustrations are also often included with the instructions in the ladies fashion magazines. Some of the titles included are Lady's Monthly Museum, Lady's Magazine, and Ladies' Literary Gazette. AAS Historical Periodicals Collection includes full-text, digitized images of the periodicals. The database is available at all St. Louis County Library locations and can be accessed at home by St. Louis area residents with a valid St. Louis County Library card.

Photographs featuring military uniforms also offer interesting details about ancestors, and some researchers may be fortunate enough to have ancestral uniforms in their personal collections. Uniforms provide clues, such as where an ancestor served and when. Their military rank and other details can also help you when requesting military service records from the National Archives.

The History and Genealogy collection offers books and periodicals that are relevant for researchers studying uniforms from various eras. Researchers are not limited to American military uniforms. The collection also includes reference materials for those researching German and English uniforms and medals from World War I and World War II.

With the increasing number of digitization projects undertaken by various archives, it is becoming easier to find digital collections of uniforms and other clothing items online. For example, the sketches of uniform regulation changes for the United States Navy Reserve from World War I in Fig. 3–4 are viewable on the Naval History and Heritage Command's Flickraccount <a href="https://bit.ly/2Enul6Z">https://bit.ly/2Enul6Z</a>>.

Researching clothing and fashion trends helps historians better understand society and politics of a particular time and place. For example, Kate Haulman's article, "Fashion and the Culture Wars of Revolutionary Philadelphia," thoroughly describes and explains the





Fig. 3–4 | US Navy Reserve Force, Yeoman F, WWI Changes in Uniform Regulations No. 15, p. 4. Source: Courtesy Naval History & Heritage Command Collection of Curator Branch Naval History and Heritage Command, Navy Department Library Photo License <a href="https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/">https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/</a>

way that people expressed political views through fashion choices. Haulman not only explores popular fashions in Philadelphia during the Revolutionary War, but also enlightens readers on the ways people tried to influence political opinion through fashion. Loyalist fashions, such as the high-roll hairstyle, were very different from the plain hairstyles and subdued homespun clothing often associated with the Whigs.<sup>4</sup>

Whether you are researching fashion history to get a glimpse into the daily lives of your ancestors or seeking historical information for writing your family history, many resources are available to help you. The library catalog <webpac.slcl.org> is a great pathway to discovering available print resources. Some suggested keywords to use are "fashion history" and "costume history." Also, take advantage of electronic databases. If you are uncertain about how to use online resources, the History and Genealogy Department offers free classes to help you get started (see page 7). Staff members are also available to help you in person, online, and over the phone.



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#### OF NOTE

# Shifting project will make materials easier to find—"Explore Tier 4" suspended until May

History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library is currently undertaking a shifting project that will move whole subject areas between Tiers (floors) 4 and 5. The project will reorder and consolidate the collection so that books are easier to browse and find.

Because of the disruption, "Explore Tier 4" weekends (the second weekend of each month when the area is normally open to the public) will be cancelled during March and April. Tier 4 will reopen to the public during the week of May 8 when the National Genealogical Society Conference meets in St. Charles.

The entire collection remains available for use. H&G staff members will gladly retrieve materials from Tier 4 upon request and will assist researchers in locating materials during the shifting process.

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#### **Revolutionary War**



Thursday, March 14, 6:30 p.m.

# **IRISH HERITAGE**

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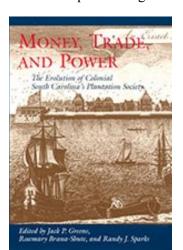


**HEINZ KLOSS** 

Atlas der im 19.
[i.e. neunzehnten] und frühen 20. Jh. entstandenen deutschen Siedlungen in USA / Atlas of 19th and Early 20th Century German-American Settlements
Marburg: Elwert, 1975
R 973.0431 K66A

This oversized atlas provides

graphic presentations of the occurrences of German-speaking settlement in the Unites States by state and county. After illustrating overall German immigrant settlement to 1910, further maps break down immigration data into subsets, including Germans from Russia, Germans immigrating from outside the German Empire, secular clubs (such as *Turnvereine*) and the occurrence of German-speaking churches by denomination. Maps are based on U.S. Federal Census data and information reported by organizations and religious denominations. The introduction provides background information and a thorough explanation of the maps and their symbols. The text is in German with a parallel English translation.—*H&G staff* 



JACK P. GREENE, ROSEMARY BRANA-SHUTE, AND RANDY J. SPARKS, EDS.

Money, Trade, and Power: The Evolution of Colonial South Carolina's Plantation Society
University of South Carolina Press, 2001
R 975.7 M742

Reflecting the burgeoning interest of colonial historians in

South Carolina and its role as the economic and cultural center of the Lower South, *Money, Trade, and Power* is a compre-

hensive exploration of the colony's slave system, economy, and complex social and cultural life.

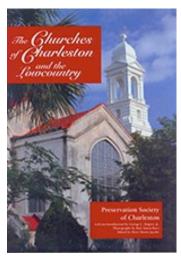
The first six chapters of this essay collection focus on the formative decades of South Carolina's history, from 1670 through the 1730s. Contributors Meaghan N. Duff, Bertrand Van Ruymbeke, and Gary L. Hewitt explore the colony's early settlement. R. C. Nash, Stephen G. Hardy, and Eirlys M. Barker investigate the rapidly expanding economy.

Turning to the colony's reliance on slave labor, William L. Ramsay analyzes the institution and abandonment of Indian slavery; Jennifer Lyle Morgan examines the reproductive capabilities of slave women; and S. Max Edelson looks at the distinctive social position of skilled slaves. Robert Olwell considers how South Carolina public officials adapted the office of justice of the peace to the needs of a slave society, while Matthew Mulcahy shows how calamities of fires and hurricanes exacerbated the problem of slave control.

Finally, Edward Pearson describes the ways in which South Carolina's emerging elite asserted their new status; G. Winston Lane and Elizabeth M. Pruden review the surprising economic independence of women; and Thomas Little examines the colony's religious life and spread of evangelicalism.—*Publisher* 

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# The Churches of Charleston and the Lowcountry

University of South Carolina Press, 1994 R 975.7915 C562

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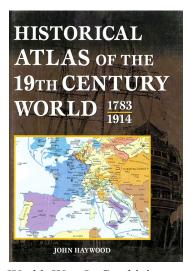
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and architectural significance of the buildings that continue to draw architects, historians, architectural enthusiasts, and tourists to the city for study, reflection, and inspiration. From St. Michael's, a Charleston landmark, to such lesser known but equally impressive houses of worship as the Unitarian Church and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, the sixty structures spotlighted in this volume offer glimpses into the religious, social, and economic development of Charleston and into the architectural fashions of colonial, federal, and antebellum America. —*Publisher* 



JOHN HAYWOOD WITH BRI-AN CATCHPOLE

Historical Atlas of the 19th Century World, 1783-1914

Barnes & Noble Books, 1998

R 911 H427H

The Historical Atlas of the 19th Century offers a fascinating guide to the history of humanity from the time of the American Revolution to

World War I. Combining superbly detailed maps with a wealth of supporting narrative and an invaluable A–Z historical encyclopedia, it provides not only unique perspectives on the broad sweep of world history but also detailed coverage of regional developments, presenting hard facts and expert interpretation in a form that is both readily accessible and visually exciting.—*Publisher* 

### **Briefly noted**

#### **African American**

Coming Through: Voices of a South Carolina Gullah Community from WPA Oral Histories. R 975.7 C733

Notes from a Colored Girl: The Civil War Pocket Diaries of Emilie Frances Davis. R 973.781 W592N

#### **Architecture and monuments**

A Celebration of Freedom: Liberty Weekend, 1986. R 974.71 C392

Historic Houses of Early America. R 973 L353H



#### **Biography**

Colonel Henry Theodore Titus: Antebellum Soldier of Fortune and Florida Pioneer. RB Titus Henry

Florida Founder William P. Duval: Frontier Bon Vivant. R 975 9 D393F

The Life and Letters of Benjamin Franklin.

RB Franklin Benjamin

Patrick N. Lynch, 1817-1882: Third Catholic Bishop of Charleston. RB Lynch Patrick

#### Canada

The Correspondence of Lieut. Governor John Graves Simcoe: with Allied Documents Relating to His Administration of the Government of Upper Canada. R 971.3 C824

Gravestones of Glengarry. R 971.375 F841G

History of Compton County and Sketches of the Eastern Townships, District of St. Francis, and Sherbrooke County. R 971.468 C458H

Westminster Township, South-East of the Thames: One Hundred Years of Yesterday's News, Today's History.
R 971.325 W532

#### **England**

Abstracts of Wiltshire Inclosure Awards and Agreements. R 942.31 S214A

Calendar of Antrobus Deeds Before 1625. R 942.31 P978C
The Monumental Brasses of Wiltshire: A Series of Examples
of These Memorials, Ranging from the Thirteenth to the
Seventeenth Centuries, Accompanied with Notices Descriptive of Ancient Costume, and Generally Illustrative of
the History of the Country during this Period. R 942.31
K62M

The Records of the Guild of the Holy Trinity, St. Mary, St. John the Baptist and St. Katherine of Coventry. Vol. 2. R 942.48 R311

#### Maps

Atlas der im 19. [i.e. neunzehnten] und frühen 20. Jh. entstandenen deutschen Siedlungen in USA [Atlas of 19th and Early 20th Century German-American Settlements]. R 973.0431 K66A

Historical Atlas of the 19th Century World, 1783-1914. R 911 H427H

# History & Genealogy Open House for Educators

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

Saturday, March 2, 10:00 a.m., Headquarters No registration required

#### **Military**

#### **Civil War**

A City Laid Waste: The Capture, Sack, and Destruction of the City of Columbia. R 973.738 S592C

Into the Crater: The Mine Attack at Petersburg. R 973.737 H586I

Never for Want of Powder: The Confederate Powder Works in Augusta, Georgia. R 973.71 N513

#### **Biography**

Captain James Carlin: Anglo-American Blockade-Runner. R 973.7092 C282C

Promotion or the Bottom of the River: The Blue and Gray Naval Careers of Alexander F. Warley, South Carolinian. R 973.757 S854P

Resolute Rebel: General Roswell S. Ripley, Charleston's Gallant Defender. R 973.7092 B471R

Wade Hampton III. RB Hampton Wade

#### **Primary sources**

The Civil War Letters of Alexander McNeill, 2nd South Carolina Infantry Regiment. R 973.782 N169C

A Confederate Englishman: The Civil War Letters of Henry Wemyss Feilden. R 973.782 F295C

Days of Destruction: Augustine Thomas Smythe and the Civil War Siege of Charleston. R 973.782 S668D

Faith, Valor, and Devotion: The Civil War Letters of William Porcher Dubose. R 973.782 D817F

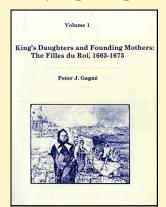
High Seas and Yankee Gunboats: A Blockade-Running Adventure from the Diary of James Dickson.

R 973.75 D961H



# Shelf life

#### **Book | King's Daughters and Founding Mothers**



In 1663, the 80,000 people settled in English colonies along the east coast of North America dwarfed Quebec's European population of about 2,500. A significant contributing cause of this difference was that French men greatly outnumbered the population

of marriageable women in Quebec. While some colonists married native women, which had a beneficial side effect of fostering alliances, the situation discouraged soldiers, tradesmen, and others from permanently settling.

Between 1663 and 1673, Louis XIV, King of France, sponsored nearly 800 young women by providing

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passage to Quebec, a dowry, various clothing items, and other practical goods. These women came to be called the *Filles du Roi*, or King's Daughters. Often orphaned or poor, the women were recruited primarily from northern cities such as Paris. In *King's Daughters and Founding Mothers: The Filles du Roi, 1663–1673* (R 971.4 G197K), Peter J. Gagné provides substantial information about each woman as well as details about the program's history, outcome, and the women's experience of it.

Because women did not pass surnames down to their children, researchers will not know which *Filles du Roi* are their ancestors until tracing lines back through church records to late 1600s. Typical entries include the names of the woman's parents, place and time of birth, situation before leaving France, and stories of the lives and families they made in Quebec.

Ironclads and Big Guns of the Confederacy: The Journal and Letters of John M. Brooke. R 973.757 B872I

South Carolina Fire-Eater: The Life of Laurence Massillon Keitt, 1824-1864. R 973.782 M554S

A Yankee Scholar in Coastal South Carolina: William Francis Allen's Civil War Journals. R 973.781 A432Y

#### French and Indian War

Orderly Book and Journal of Major John Hawks on the Ticonderoga-Crown Point Campaign: Under General Jeffrey Amherst, 1759-1760. R 973.26 H395O

#### **Revolutionary War**

A Bibliography of Loyalist Source Material in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain. R 973.314 B582 Concord Fight, April 19th, 1775: The First Shot. R 973.3311 H885C

Crescent Moon Over Carolina: William Moultrie and

American Liberty. RB Moultrie William

From Revolution to Reunion: The Reintegration of the South Carolina Loyalists. R 973.314 B821F

George Washington's Expense Account. R 973.3 K62G

Martyr of the American Revolution: The Execution of Isaac Hayne, South Carolinian. R 973.381 B813M

Relieve Us of This Burthen: American Prisoners of War in the Revolutionary South, 1780-1782. R 973.371 B734R

#### **World War II**

Kearby's Thunderbolts: The 348th Fighter Group in World War II. R 940.5449 S784K

Liberators over Norwich: The 458th Bomb Group (H), 8th USAAF at Horsham St. Faith, 1944-1945. R 940.5449 M153L

Matterhorn: The Operational History of the XX Bomber Command from India and China 1944-1945.
R 940.5449 M474M



## Celebrate Women's History Month at St. Louis County Library

#### **Explore Women's History**

Learn how to use library resources to find biographies, speeches and historic events related to women. Adults and teens. Registration required.

March 5	2:00 p.m.	Florissant Valley   Register
March 7	2:00 p.m.	Oak Bend   Register
March 8	2:00 p.m.	Grant's View   Register
March 9	2:00 p.m.	Natural Bridge   Register
March 25	10:00 a.m.	Headquarters   Register

#### **More Women's History Month events**

<u>See the complete lineup of St. Louis County Library Women's History Month events online</u> <a href="https://bit.ly/2Vs1Ta0">https://bit.ly/2Vs1Ta0</a>

#### Women's History & Genealogy subject guide

<u>Download the "Women's History and Genealogy" guide to the History & Genealogy Department</u>

<a href="https://bit.ly/2GRM8px">https://bit.ly/2GRM8px</a>

*Memphis Belle: Biography of a B-17 Flying Fortress.* R 940.5449 P448M

On the Highways of the Skies: The 8th Air Force in World War II. R 940.5449 B787O

Protect & Avenge: The 49th Fighter Group in World War II. R 940.5449 F353P

Ridgewell's Flying Fortresses: The 381st Bombardment Group (H) in World War II. R 940.5449 M153R

Squadron of Deception: The 36th Bomb Squadron in World War II. R 940.5449 H985S

Victory Roll: The American Fighter Pilot and Aircraft in World War II. R 940.5449 W855V

Warpath: The Story of the 345th Bombardment Group in World War II. R 940.5449 W285

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# **CLASSES & PROGRAMS**

#### **CLASSES**

Classes are free and open to the public, but registration is required. Register online at <a href="www.slcl.org">www.slcl.org</a> 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.

March 19 2:00 p.m. Grand Glaize | Register
April 8 2:00 p.m. Headquarters | Register

#### **Library Skills for Genealogical Research**

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

March 42:00 p.m.Headquarters | RegisterApril 172:00 p.m.Headquarters | RegisterApril 302:00 p.m.Daniel Boone | Register

#### 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.

March 14 2:00 p.m. Headquarters | Register
April 2 2:00 p.m. Daniel Boone | Register
April 9 10:00 a.m. Cliff Cave | Register

#### **CLASSES TO EXPAND RESEARCH SKILLS**

#### **Researching Newspaper Databases**

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

April 4 2:00 p.m. Headquarters | Register

April 16 2:00 p.m. Florissant Valley | Register

#### **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.

March 12 10:00 a.m. Cliff Cave | Register

March 20 2:00 p.m. Headquarters | Register

#### **Identifying Ancestral Military Veterans**

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

March 5 2:00 p.m. Daniel Boone | Register

March 26 10:00 a.m. Weber Road | Register

March 27 2:00 p.m. Headquarters | Register

#### **SPECIAL TOPICS AND SOURCES**

#### Introduction to the FamilySearch Website

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

March 19 6:30 p.m. Grants View | Register



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#### **Cliff Cave**

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#### **Daniel Boone**

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#### **Eureka Hills**

156 Eureka Town Center Eureka, MO 63025

#### **Florissant Valley**

195 New Florissant Rd, S. Florissant, MO 63031

#### **Grant's View**

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#### Headquarters

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8400 Delport Dr. St. Louis, MO 63114

#### Jamestown Bluffs

4153 N. Highway 67 Florissant, MO 63034

#### Lewis & Clark

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

#### **Meramac Valley**

625 New Smizer Mill Rd. Fenton, MO 63026

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7821 Maryland Ave. St. Louis, MO 63105

#### **Natural Bridge**

7606 Natural Bridge Rd. St. Louis, MO 63121

#### Oak Bend

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

#### **Prairie Commons**

915 Utz Lane Hazelwood, MO 63042

#### **Rock Road**

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

#### Samuel C. Sachs

16400 Burkhardt Place Chesterfield, MO 63017

#### Thornhill—OPENS FEB. 13

12863 Willowyck Dr. St. Louis, MO 63146

#### Weber Road

4444 Weber Rd. St. Louis, MO 63123

#### **General information**

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#### **PROGRAMS**

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

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

#### Genealogy: World War I Veterans of St. Louis

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

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

#### **English Church Records**

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting Explore church and civil records related to Catholics and Protestants, and learn key terminology for identifying the denominational affiliation of your English ancestors. Jake Eubanks, speaker.

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

### Finding Your German Ancestor in Emigration and Immigration Lists

StLGS German Special Interest Groups

Emigration and immigration lists might reveal the ancestral hometown of your family. Learn how to research in these seldom-used resources. Dan Lilienkamp, speaker. Wednesday, April 3, 6:30 p.m. | Cliff Cave

# Genealogy: Finding Your Ancestors at the Missouri History Museum Library & Research Center

Discover more about your St. Louis ancestors using genealogy resources curated by the Missouri Historical Society. Dennis Northcott, speaker.

Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m. | Headquarters

### Help Your Documents & Photographs Last Longer: Archival Advice

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting
Learn how to preserve original documents and
photographs so they will last another century or more.
Topics will include handling, housing and storage, and
environmental conditions. Diane Everman, speaker.

Tuesday, April 23, 7:00 p.m. | Headquarters

#### Irish Emigration: Post Famine to Early 1900s

StLGS Irish Special Interest Group

The speaker will discuss immigration during the post famine years to the early 1900s, the period of greatest exodus from Ireland. Gabrielle Woeltje, speaker.