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OF NOTE

Slight format change to *PastPorts*

The Special Collections Department staff has appreciated the many compliments it has received concerning *PastPorts* since its debut four years ago. The Department strives to make the publication useful and informative. Demands on staff time have made it necessary to introduce a slight change, however.

Beginning with this issue, *PastPorts* will publish a slightly abbreviated issue every other month. Every issue will still include “Of Note,” featuring news about the Department; “Web News,” with updates on *Ancestry LibraryEdition* and interesting Internet sites; “New in the Special Collections Department,” listing new acquisitions, and a calendar of library-sponsored genealogical events. “For the Records” column, which offers in-depth information about sources held by the Special Collections Department, will return in June and run every other month thereafter.

As always, suggestions regarding the publication’s content, including possible articles, are welcomed. Please submit your suggestions to scollections@slcl.org.

John Colletta to speak in September

Nationally-known speaker and genealogist John Colletta will speak at St. Louis County Library Headquarters on Saturday, 17 September at an all-day event. Details about the event will appear in future issues of *PastPorts*. Save the date!

Library summer schedule begins 29 May

All St. Louis Library locations, including the Special Collections Department, will be closed on Sundays beginning Sunday, 29 May. Sunday hours will resume on 11 September. The library will observe holiday closings on the following days:

Memorial Day—Monday, 30 May
Independence Day—Monday, 4 July
Labor Day—Monday, 5 September

The library will otherwise maintain normal hours:

Monday through Thursday, 9 am – 9 pm
Friday, 9 am – 5 pm
Saturday, 9 am – 5 pm

NEWS AND TIPS FROM THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

PastPorts is a monthly publication of the Special Collections Department located on Tier 5 at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters, 1640 S. Lindbergh in St. Louis County, across the street from Plaza Frontenac.

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Regularly scheduled tours of the Special Collections Department are conducted on the first Wednesday and third Saturday of the month at 10:30 am. No advance registration is required. Group tours are gladly arranged with advance notice. Please call the Special Collections Department at 314-994-3300, ext. 2070 for scheduling

More St. Louis guardianship case files added

The Special Collections Department has added additional years of St. Louis guardianship case files on microfilm. The Department's original holding included records from 1802 – 1875. The acquisition expands coverage to 1901. The microfilm set is located on Tier 5 in drawers 29 – 48. Indexes on microfilm are available for 1802 – 1875 and 1876 – 1901.

WEB NEWS

Web finds

■ **Civil War in the American South** <<http://american-south.org>>: Sponsored by the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL), this website provides a central portal to digital collections relating to the Civil War and hosted by ASERL member institutions. Collections include personal papers and diaries, historical newspapers, maps, and photographic collections. The collections can be searched by title, subject and keyword or browsed.

■ **John Carter Brown Library** <http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/John_Carter_Brown_Library>: An independently funded center for advanced research in Providence, R.I., the Brown Library possesses a premier collection of [rare books and maps](#) relating to the European discovery and settlement of the New World up to 1820. The library's website includes access to online exhibits, discussions and digitized images of many items from its collection.

New at Ancestry LibraryEdition

■ **New user interface:** On 13 April, *Ancestry LibraryEdition* introduced a new user interface that features more options for searching and displaying data. Tips for using the new version will appear in future issues of *PastPorts*.

■ **U.S. School Yearbooks:** This growing collection features elementary, junior high, high school and college yearbooks from across the United States, including many produced by schools in St. Louis City and County. Availability varies by school and year. Yearbooks are not searchable but original images from each yearbook can be browsed.

In honor of the Civil War sesquicentennial, Ancestry has added a number of new databases for researching Civil War ancestors, including the following:

■ **U.S., Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865:** Four drafts instituted between 1863 and 1865 produced 3.175 million records. This digital collection includes 631 volumes that list individuals who registered for the draft. Records are split into two different classes, Class I are those aged 20-35 and those 36-45 and unmarried; Class II included everyone else who registered. Registry information can include: class, congressional district, county, state, residence, name, age, race, profession, marital status, birthplace, former military service, and other remarks. The database can be browsed or searched and includes images of original records.

■ **U.S., Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958:** Pension records for soldiers who served in the Confederate Army or their widows are included in this index. Most former Confederate states provided relief payments to veterans or widows because the Confederacy was dissolved after the war leaving no central government agency to distribute pensions. Pension award requirements generally included residency in the state the pension was claimed in for a certain amount of time, and disablement or indigence. The roster does not provide a complete index of all pensioners as the records are compiled from different states, at different times, and by different offices after the Civil War. In addition, not all soldiers who fought for the Confederacy are registered; however, some information on missing files or rejected applications can be found. Besides names, residences, and dates, a pension file can yield information about the circumstances of the veteran, such as how long he resided in the state where the pension was collected, where he was born, his address and occupation, what command he served under, length of time served, and the name of the company. Pension applications often were submitted to the state where the veteran resided as opposed to the state where he enlisted and served. Records include name, county of residence, approved pension number, rejected pension number and home pensions issued. Records can be browsed or searched and include images of original documents.

Ancestry LibraryEdition and Footnote databases can be used for free in the Special Collections Department and any St. Louis County Library branch. Many other databases can be accessed through the Internet at home with a valid St. Louis County Library card (some limitations apply).



SPRING / SUMMER 2011

Civil War Genealogy Classes

Headquarters Computer Lab

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

Was He a Civil War Soldier?

Learn about record types and resources in Special Collections which can help you determine if a person served in the Civil War, and if he did, how to find his military records. You are invited to bring information about your potential soldier. Class size is limited to 12. Choose one of three dates:

- Tues., 17 May, 2:00–4:00 pm (Registration is now open)
- Mon., 13 June, 2:00–4:00 pm (Registration begins 16 May)
- Mon., 11 July, 2:00–4:00 pm (Registration begins 13 June)

Using St. Louis County Library Databases for Civil War Research

This workshop is an introduction to St. Louis County Library databases that facilitate Civil War military research. Each registrant will have access to a computer. Participants are encouraged to bring basic information about a Civil War soldier. Class size is limited to 12. Choose one of two dates:

- Wed., 15 June, 2:00–4:00 pm (Registration begins 18 May)
- Wed., 13 July, 2:00–4:00 pm (Registration begins 15 June)

Exploring Major Civil War Reference Sets in Special Collections

Discover how selected multi-volume Civil War reference sets work and how you can utilize these sources. The first half hour of class will be in the computer lab; the remaining hour and a half will be in Special Collections Department where the sets are located. Students will have “hands-on” activities using worksheets. Class size is limited to 8. Choose one of two dates:

- Wed., 22 June, 2:00–4:00 pm (Registration begins 25 May)
- Wed., 18 July, 2:00–4:00 pm (Registration begins 20 June)

Classes are free. Registration is required.

Call (314) 994-3300 or see a librarian to register.

Program sites are accessible. Upon two week's notice, accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Call 314 / 994-3300.

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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. **Please note: 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.**

Print resources

Call numbers follow each title. Complete bibliographic information for each item is available in St. Louis County Library's [online catalog](http://webpac.slcl.org). < <http://webpac.slcl.org>>. Titles are abbreviated unless italicized.

■ States and counties

ILLINOIS

Cass County, Illinois, Beardstown City Cemetery. 1997.
R 977.3465 D262C

KENTUCKY

Allen County, Kentucky History & Biographies. 2000?
R 976.9732 A425

Barren County, Kentucky History and Biographies.
2000. R 976.972 B271

*Genealogical Collection of Kentucky Birth and Death
Records*, Vol. 1. 2007. R 976.9 E21G

*Hardin County, Kentucky, Marriage Records, 1813-
1850*. 2000. R 976.9845 I52H

*Hardin County, Kentucky, Part 1 Marriage Records,
1825-1835*. 200? R 976.9845 I52H

*Kentucky 1850 Agricultural Census for Letcher, Lewis,
Lincoln, Livingston, Logan, McCracken, Madison,
Marion, Marshall, Mason, Meade, Mercer, Monroe,
Montgomery, Morgan, Muhlenburg, and Nelson
Counties*. 2003. R 976.9 G796K

Webster County, Kentucky Biographies. 2000.
R 976.9883 W378

MISSOURI

Audrain County R 977.8332

Applemans Chapel Cemetery. 1989

Death Notices from the Intelligencer, 1894-1896. 1992

*Death Notices from the Mexico, Missouri Newspapers
1897-1899*. 1990

*Genealogical Extractions from the Vandalia Leader
1876-1898*. 1992

Littleby Baptist Church Cemetery. 1989

Marriages, 1837-1861. 1998

Plat Book, 1898. 1999

Pleasant Grove Church Cemetery. 1989

Sims Cemetery. 1990

Callaway County

*Fulton, Missouri, 1820-1920: A History in Stories &
Photographs*. 2010. R 977.8335 B816F

Clay County

*1836 Clay County, Missouri State Tax List: All
Taxpayers and Land Owners are Identified
Including Mormons, and the 1835 Missouri Tax
Law*. 2003. R 977.816 C978E

Gentry County

Gentry County, Missouri Probate Index, 1885-1902.
[StLGS] 977.8145 G339

Jackson County

*Early Independence, Missouri: "Mormon" History
Tour Guide*. 1994. R 977.841 R773E

Elmwood Cemetery: Stories of Kansas City.
R 977.8411 M429E

Scotland County

Scotland County, Missouri: Our First 150 Years. 1991.
R 977.8312

A Town Called Memphis. 1975. R 977.8312 D644T

St. Louis City and County

*Church on the Hill: A History of Manchester United
Methodist Church, Manchester, Missouri*. 2011.
R 977.865 B365C

*Gaslight Square Illuminated: The Rise & Fall of St.
Louis' Premier "Hot Spot"*. 2010.
R 977.866 F953G

MONTANA

*Montana's Genealogical and Local History Records:
Selected List of Books, Manuscripts, and
Periodicals*. 1981. R 978.6 R514M

NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

SOUTH CAROLINA

Edgefield County, South Carolina, Deed Books, Books 13-15. 1997. R 975.737 W453E

TENNESSEE

Carroll Co., TN Deeds. 2001. R 976.825 H973C

History of Obion County: Towns and Communities, Churches, Schools, Farming, Factories, Social and Political. 1997. R 976.813 M367H

Sumner County, Tennessee Bible, Family & Tombstone Records. 2004. R 976.847 S956

TEXAS

Kentucky Colonization in Texas: History of the Peters Colony. 1983. R 976.4 C752K

■ French genealogy

Family name books for the following départements (abbreviated titles):

Alpes-de-Haute-Provence. 2010. R 944.95 N799

Alpes-Maritimes. 2006. R 944.94 N799

Aude. 2008. R 944.87 N799

Bouches-du-Rhône. 2007. R 944.91 N799

Haute-Garonne. 2006. R 944.736 B448N

Hautes-Alpes. 2010. R 944.97 N799

Hérault. 2007. R 944.84 N799

Jura. 2008. R 944.47 N799

Pyrénées-Orientales. 2009. R 944.89 N799

Var. 2007. R 944.93 B452N

Vosges. 2008. R 944.389 N799

■ German genealogy

Ortssippenbücher (Local family genealogical registers, abbreviated titles)

Bülstringen and Wiegitz, Saxony-Anhalt, 1654-1826. 2010. R 943.182 B283F

Eimersleben, Saxony-Anhalt, 1595-1800. 2010. R 943.182 B283F

Hakenstedt, Saxony-Anhalt, 1642-1835. 2010. R 943.182 B283F

Kippenhausen (Immenstaad), Baden Württemberg, 1612 – 1920. 2010. R 943.473 T844F

Königstein, Saxony, 1625 – 1747. 2011. R 943.214 B676F

Parish of Almenhausen / Abswangen, East Prussia, 1693-1874. 2011. R 947.24 B8990

■ Italian genealogy

La nostra Merica. 2009. R 945.21 C718N

■ United Kingdom genealogy

Emigration from the United Kingdom to America: Lists of Passengers Arriving at U. S. Ports. Vols. 4-12 [July 1871-May 1878]. 2007-2011. R 929.3 E53

■ Family histories

Charles Peckham Branch: Peckham Genealogy... [NGS] 1978. 929.2 P368P

Clevenger Families of Ray County, Missouri. 1991. R 929.2 C635P

Genealogical Record of Reverend Hans Herr and His Direct Lineal Descendants... 1908. R 929.2 H564H

Overseas and Across America: Ferrier, Heller, Inhelders, Doescher-Dasher, Levi-Leuchtweis, Robb. 1994. R 929.2 F391B

Weeks/Wickes Families: John Wickes and William Weeks and Some of Their American Descendants. [StLGS] 1998. 929.2 W395W

■ Other new titles

Angel Island: Immigration Gateway to America. 2010. R 304.873 L477A

Catherine McAuley and the Tradition of Mercy. 2000. R 271.92 S951C

First Hundred Years: A Centennial History of King & Spalding. 1985. R 338.761 W453F

Guilford Courthouse: Nathanael Greens' Victory in Defeat, March 15, 1781. 2002. R 973.337 H153G

Mosby's Rangers. 1896. R 973.74 W731M

Rails Across Dixie: A History of Passenger Trains in the American South. 2011. R 385.22 C877R

CALENDAR GENEALOGICAL EVENTS AT THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY LIBRARY

Note: Dates for Special Collections Department classes are indicated by 📞. Please register for classes in advance by calling 314-994-3300.

All events are sponsored by the St. Louis County Library and are free and open to the public.

MAY

📞 **Tues., 3 May | 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class
Topic: Library Skills That Will Enhance Your
Genealogical Research
Instructor: Larry Franke
Registration is now open.

Tues., 10 May | 7 – 9 pm

Headquarters Auditorium
St. Louis Genealogical Society
Topic: The State Historical Society of
Missouri
Speaker: Gary Kremer

📞 **Thursday 12 May | 2 – 4 pm**

Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Department Class
Topic: Introduction to Ancestry Database
Teacher: Larry Franke
Registration is now open.

📞 **Tues., 17 May | 2– 4 pm**

Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class
Topic: Was He a Civil War Soldier?
Instructor: Ruth Ann Hager
Registration is now open.

📞 **Wednesday 18 May 18 | 2 – 4 pm**

Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Department Class
Topic: Introduction to Footnote.com and
HeritageQuestOnline.com
Teacher: Larry Franke
Registration is now open.

Wed., 18 May | 7 – 9 pm

Headquarters Auditorium
German Special Interest Group
Topic: Resources for German Research
Speaker: Carol Whitton

📞 **Monday 23, May | 2 – 4 pm**

Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Department Class
Topic: History and Genealogy in Newspapers
Teacher: Larry Franke
Registration opens on 25 April.

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JUNE

Monday, 13 June | 2 – 4 pm

Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class
Topic: Was He a Civil War Soldier?
Instructor: Ruth Ann Hager
Registration opens 16 May.

Wednesday, 15 June | 2 – 4 pm

Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class
Topic: Using St. Louis County Library
Databases for Civil War Research
Instructor: Ruth Ann Hager
Registration opens 18 May.

Wednesday, 15 June | 7 – 9 pm

Headquarters Auditorium
St. Louis Genealogical Society
Topic: City Directories, Gazetteers, Phone
Books and More
Speaker: Dennis Northcott

Wednesday, 22 June | 2 – 4 pm

Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class
Topic: Exploring Major Civil War Reference
Sets in Special Collections
Instructor: Ruth Ann Hager
Registration opens 25 May.



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