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OF NOTE

Watch National Genealogical Society Book Loan Collection video on the web

A video describing the National Genealogical Society (NGS) Book Loan Collection housed at St. Louis County Library can now be viewed on the [World Wide Web](http://broadcast.lds.org/elearning/FHD/Community/en/NGS/NGS_Book_Loan_Collection/Player.html) <http://broadcast.lds.org/elearning/FHD/Community/en/NGS/NGS_Book_Loan_Collection/Player.html>. FamilySearch videotaped the lecture, presented by Special Collections Department staff member Ruth Ann Hager, at the 2011 NGS Conference in Charleston, S.C. in April. The video not only covers the contents of the collection, but reviews its history and how items can be obtained through interlibrary loan services.

Catalog searches are easier with Encore

St. Louis County has added new search capabilities to its [online library catalog](http://webpac.slcl.org) <<http://webpac.slcl.org>>. The new interface, called Encore, allows users to search the catalog by keyword and refine the results by clicking on filters, such as availability, location, and format (print, electronic, etc.), and descriptive tags. Encore also searches St. Louis County Library databases for relevant articles and displays them at the bottom of the results page. If a search term is misspelled and not found in the catalog, Encore responds with “Did you mean...?” and the correct spelling.

Searching using Encore is currently an option but will eventually become the default when logging on to the library catalog. Searching using the “classic catalog” will continue to be an option once the changeover is made. For a demonstration of Encore’s features and capabilities, talk to a library staff member at any of St. Louis County Library’s branches.

Department seeks missing magazine issue

Vol. 35, No. 3, (Oct.-Dec. 2009) of *NGS Magazine* is missing from Special Collections Department holdings. Anyone who has a copy and would like to donate it, please contact the Department.

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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The Special Collections Department presents
A special genealogical event

The Special Collections Department is pleased to bring nationally known genealogical expert, author and speaker John P. Colletta, Ph.D. to St. Louis on 17 September 2011. Dr. Colletta's presentation will include four lectures:



- **Passenger Arrival Records, 1820-1957
(with brief overview of pre-1820 period)**
- **Naturalization Records, 1790-1920s
(with brief overview of colonial period)**
- **Turning Biographical Facts into
Real-Life Events: How to Build
Historical Context**
- **Using Newspapers for Family
History Research**

John Colletta

John Philip Colletta is based in Washington, D.C., where for 20 years he conducted workshops for the National Archives and taught courses for the Smithsonian Institution. He lectures nationally, teaches at local schools, and is a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University (Birmingham, Ala.) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (Salt Lake City).

**Saturday
17 September 2011
Headquarters Auditorium**

**Doors open 9 am
Program begins 9:30 am**

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

FOR THE RECORDS

Discover your English ancestors at St. Louis County Library

The U.S. Census Bureau reports that 24,515,138, or 8.7% of respondents to the 2000 census, consider themselves to be of English ancestry, making it the third largest national group reported after German (15.2%) and Irish (10.9%)*. This should come as no surprise, since the U.S was established as a direct result of English colonization and received millions of English immigrants during the 19th century.

The Special Collections Department has numerous resources to help researchers find their English ancestors. Books are listed with call numbers. Items with call numbers not beginning with “R”, or where “circulating copy” is noted can be checked out or requested through interlibrary loan. The term “English” in this article includes the Cornish and Welsh, which are sometimes regarded as separate groups.

Colonial English research

For many researchers, genealogical investigation will lead to English ancestors who came to America prior to the Revolution. Collections of published genealogies or genealogical abstracts for various states will often offer clues to ancestral origins in Europe. Some examples include:

- Jourdan, Elise Greenup. *Early Families of Southern Maryland*, 10 vols. Westminster, Md. Willow Bend, 1999 – 2002. R 975.2 J86E
- Foley, Louise Pledge Heath. *Early Virginia Families along the James River: Their Deep Roots and Tangled Branches*, 3 vols. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1979. 975.5 F663
- Genealogies of Virginia Families from the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, 5 vols. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1981. R 975.5 G326 and circulating copy

* “Table D-2P-2: Profile of Selected Social Characteristics: 2000.” U.S. Census Bureau.

Coulter, E. Merton and Albert B. Saye, eds. *A List of the Early Settlers of Georgia*. Reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1996 R 975.8 L773 and circulating copy

Foley, Janet Wethy. *Early Settlers of New York State, Their Ancestors and Descendants*. Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1999. 974.7 F663E

Sets that cover an entire state are shelved at the beginning of the collection for that state. Titles that deal with a specific area within a state are shelved with other materials for that area or county. One example among many is:

David, Charles Henry Stanley. *History of Wallingford Conn., from Its Settlement in 1670 to the Present time: Genealogies of Early Settlers of Wallingford Connecticut*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1979. 974.971 C774G

Those who discover a Pilgrim ancestor will also find extensive documentation. See the [November 2010 issue of PastPorts](http://www.slcl.org/pastports/2010/11.pdf) <<http://www.slcl.org/pastports/2010/11.pdf>>.

An ancestor’s place of origin might also be found in Colonial-era immigration lists, many of which deal with indentured servants or those accused of petty crimes. Volumes in this vein produced by Peter Wilson Coldham are an important source of information. The following Coldham volumes are published by Genealogical Publishing, Baltimore unless otherwise noted:

- The Bristol Registers of Servants Sent to Foreign Plantations, 1654 – 1686*. 1988. R 973.0042 C688B
- Emigrants from England to the American Colonies, 1773 – 1776*. 1988. R 973.0042 C266E and circulating copy
- English Adventurers and Emigrants, 1609 – 1660: Abstracts of Examinations in the High Court of Admiralty with Reference to Colonial America*. 1984. 929.373 C88E
- English Adventurers and Emigrants, 1661 – 1733: Abstracts of Examinations in the High Court of Admiralty with Reference to Colonial America*. 1985. 929.373 C88E.
- More English Adventurers and Emigrants, 1625 – 1777: Abstracts of Examinations in the High Court of Admiralty with Reference to Colonial America*. 1984. 929.373 C88M

Bonded Passengers to America. 1983. R 929.3 C688B and circulating copy

The Complete Book of Emigrants, 4 vols. 1988. R 973.0042 C668C. Covers years 1607 – 1776. Vols. 1 and 2 circulate.

The Complete Book of Emigrants in Bondage, 1614 – 1775. 1988. R 929.3 C668C and circulating copy

More Emigrants in Bondage, 1614 – 1775. 2002. R 929.3 C668C and circulating copy

The King's Passengers to Maryland and Virginia. Family Line Publishing, 1997. R 929.373 C688K and circulating copy

Other titles with Colonial-era immigration information include:

Anderson, Robert Charles. *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620 – 1633*, 3 vols.

Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1995. R 974.02 A549G and circulating copy

Anderson, Robert Charles, George F. Sanborn, Jr., and Melinde Lutz Sanborn. *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England 1634 – 1635*, 6 vols. Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1999. R 974.02 A549G

Banks, Charles Edward. *Topographical Dictionary of 2885 English Emigrants to New England, 1620 – 1650*. Baltimore: Southern Book Company, 1957. 973.0042 B218T

Fothergill, Gerald. *Emigrants from England, 1773 – 1776*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1976. 973.0042 F761E

Hotten, John Camden, ed. *The Original Lists of Persons of Quality, Emigrants, Religious Exiles... Who Went from Great Britain to the American Plantations, 1600 – 1700...* Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1968. R 929.3 B834O and circulating copy

Tepper, Michael, ed. *New World Immigrants: A Consolidation of Ship Passenger Lists and Associated Data from Periodical Literature*, 2 vols. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1979. 929.3 N532

Wareing, John. *Emigrants to America: Indentured Servants Recruited in London, 1718 – 1733*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1985. R 929.3 W273F and circulating copy.

Another source worth consulting is:

Filby, William P., ed. *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index*, 3 vols. plus annual supplements. Detroit: Gale Research, 1981 – . R 929.3 P288. Also available on CD-ROM #591 with supplements up to 2000 only.

Commonly referred to simply as “Filby’s,” this source indexes names of immigrants found in various published sources. Each name is followed by a numerical key, which refers to the publication in which the name is mentioned. No cumulative index in print has been published, which means that the index to the original three-volume set and to each supplemental volume must be searched. The CD-ROM version is searchable, however. Coverage includes immigrants who came to America from the 16th to mid-20th centuries.

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Nineteenth-century research

Population growth, industrialization, and economic changes caused millions of English people to immigrate to the U.S. in the 19th century. For example, the depletion of mines in Cornwall beginning in the mid-19th century caused thousands of Cornish families to immigrate to Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and other areas where miners could find opportunities to practice their trade.

Nineteenth-century genealogical research involves utilizing genealogical sources common for finding information about immigrants regardless of origin. These include census records and passengers lists (available on *Ancestry LibraryEdition* database), church records and other common sources. The Department does, however, have a few titles specific to 19th-century English immigration research:

Duncan, Mary Lou Straith. *Passage to America, 1851 – 1869: The Records of Richard Elliott, Passenger Agent, Detroit, Michigan*. Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, 1999. R 997.434 E46P

Glazier, Ira A. *Emigration from the United Kingdom to America*, 15 vols. Lanham, Md.: Scarecrow Press, 2006 – . R 929.3 E53 (the first three vols. circulate). Covers the years 1870 – 1880.

Filby's (see above) might also be consulted.

Research in England

The discovery of the ancestral town or village will naturally lead the genealogist to research records originating in England. Fortunately, much information is available in print or microfilm in the U.S., making a trip across the Atlantic often unnecessary.

Consulting guides to English genealogical research will make beginning the task easier and will identify the opportunities and pitfalls a researcher might encounter. They also provide a good introduction to appropriate sources. The Department's holdings include:

Chater, Kathy. *Tracing Your Family Tree in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales*. London: Lorenz Books, 2009. R 929.1 C492T

Hamilton-Edwards, Gerald. *In Search of British Ancestry*, 4th ed. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1983. 929.1 H222I.

Herber, Mark D. *Ancestral Trails: The Complete Guide to British Genealogy and Family History*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1998. R 929.1 H535A and circulating copy

Pelling, George. *Beginning Your Family History in Great Britain*, 7th ed. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1998. 929.1 P391B

Bibliographies to published genealogical sources are also very useful:

Filby, P. William. *American & British Genealogy & Heraldry: A Selected List of Books*, 3rd ed. Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1983. R 929.1 F479A and circulating copy.

Filby, P. William. *American & British Genealogy & Heraldry: 1982 – 1985 Supplement*. Boston: Genealogical Publishing, 1987. 929.1 F479A

Humphery-Smith, Cecil. *A Genealogist's Bibliography*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1985. 942 H926G

Gazetteers (geographical dictionaries) are helpful for locating villages and other places:

Mills, A.D. *A Dictionary of English Place Names*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1991. R 942 M657D and circulating copy

Smith, Frank. *A Genealogical Gazetteer of England: An Alphabetical Dictionary of Places with Their Location, Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Population, and the Date of the Earliest Entry in Registers of Every Ancient Parish in England*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1982. 942 S647G

One of the most common sources of genealogical information is church records, and England has many going back to the mid-16th century. Due to the English Reformation, the Roman Catholic Church was outlawed in 1531 and all existing parishes were brought under the administration of the Church of England, also known as the Anglican Church. Parishes were required to keep registers beginning in 1538, although some exist before that period. A number of lists and inventories useful for finding parish records are available, including:

Burke, Arthur Meredyth. *Key to the Ancient Parish Registers of England & Wales*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1971. Call no. R 942 B959K and circulating copy

Humphrey-Smith, Cecil. *The Phillimore Atlas and Index of Parish Registers*, 3rd ed. Chichester, England: Phillimore, 2003. R 942 P556 and circulating copy

National Index of Parish Registers, 12 vols. London: Phillimore, 1968 – 1996. 941 S813N and circulating copies. Besides registers for Church of England parishes, this set also includes information about Nonconformists (see below) and Jewish records.

During the Reformation, the Church of England became the “Established Church,” that is, the only legally recognized denomination. Religious groups refusing to cooperate with the Established Church, including Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Baptists, Quakers, Catholics and Jews, were called “Nonconformists” and suppressed until 1828.

While Nonconformists kept their own records, the acts they recorded were not considered legally valid. As a result, many Nonconformists were married in Church of England parishes to ensure the legitimacy of their children. The English government passed an act in 1840 to collect Nonconformist records (also called non-parochial records) for placement in the Public Records Office (National Archives). This met with limited success with some denominations, although the Quakers in particular were extremely cooperative.

Due to the complexity of researching Nonconformist ancestry, a number of research guides have been published:

Breed, Geoffrey R. *My Ancestors Were Baptists: How Can I Find out More about Them?* London: Society of Genealogists, 1995. 942 B832M

Clifford, D. J. H. *My Ancestors Were Congregationalists in England & Wales: With a List of Registers*. London: Society of Genealogists, 1992. 942 C637M

Gandy, Michael. *Tracing Catholic Ancestors*. Richmond, Surrey: Public Record Office, 2001. 942 G196T

Gandy, Michael. *Tracing Nonconformist Ancestors*. Richmond, Surrey: Public Record Office, 2001. 942 G196T

Lists of Non-parochial Registers and Records in the Custody of the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages. London: H.M.S.O., 1859. R 942 L773

Milligan, Edward H. and Malcolm J. Thomas. *My Ancestors Were Quakers: How Can I Find out More*

about Them? London: Society of Genealogists, 1983. 942 M654M

For those seeking original records, many parish registers and other documents have been filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah and are available on microfilm from the Family History Library. Search the [Family History Library catalog](https://www.familysearch.org/#form=catalog) <<https://www.familysearch.org/#form=catalog>> by place name to see what is available for a specific locality. Microfilm rolls can be ordered through and viewed in the Special Collections Department (contact the Department for more information).

[FamilySearch](http://www.familysearch.org) <<http://www.familysearch.org>>, a free website affiliated with the Family History Library and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, has an ongoing program to digitize English parish and other records and has already placed a number of them online.

The Department also has a selection of published transcriptions, indexes and abstracts to English church and probate records. These are shelved with other titles with call number beginning 942 dealing with English genealogy.

For those doing 19th-century research in England, *Ancestry LibraryEdition* offers a searchable database of census records for England and Wales, 1841 – 1911.

[FamilySearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) provides online access to census records for 1841 – 1861 and 1881 – 1901.

Research on English soil

Those planning a research trip to England will find the following guides helpful in addition to those already listed above:

Kaminkow, Marion J. *Genealogical Manuscripts in British Libraries: A Descriptive Guide*. Baltimore: Magna Charta Book Co., 1967. 942 K15G

Reid, Judith Prowse. *Genealogical Research in England's Public Record Office: A Guide for North Americans*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1996. 9 29.1 R356G.

Moulton, Joy Wade. *Genealogical Resources in English Repositories*. Columbus, Ohio: Hampton House, 1888. R 942 M927G

The Department has other titles not mentioned here. The complete collection can be searched using the [library catalog](http://webpac.slcl.org) <<http://webpac.slcl.org>>, or consult a Department staff member for assistance.

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

ARKANSAS

Conway County Heritage: Then and Now, Conway County, Arkansas. 2006. R 976.731 C767

KENTUCKY

Livingston County, Kentucky History and Families. 2010. R 976.9895 L786

MISSOURI

Audrain County R 977.8332

Marriages, 1837-1861. 1998.

Rock Hill Cemetery, Prairie Township. 1990.

Barry County R 977.876

Marriage Book F, 1886-1890... 2003.

Marriage Book G, 1890-1895... 2002.

Marriage Book H, 1895-1897... 2003.

Probate Letters, 1835-1853. [StLGS] 2001.
(circulating copy)

Probate Letters, 1865-1869. 2001.

Record of Estates... 1908-1917. 2001.

Laclede County R 977.8815

Index to the Histories of Laclede County, Missouri... 1985. R 977.8815 W587I

Mount Rose Memorial Park, 1953-2003. 2003.

Palmer Funeral Books. Vol. 1926-1934. 19--.

Other Missouri titles

Best of the St. Louis Luminary. 2011. R 977.866 B561

Buchanan County Index to Wills, Vol. 1, 1839-1910.
[StLGS] 977.8132 B918

Civil War Records, Missouri Enrolled Militia Infantry Regiments, St. Louis Regiments. Vol. 12. 2011.
R 973.7478 W362C

Clay County, Missouri, Vol. 1. 2011.
R 977.816 W362C

Greene County Courthouses. 1988. R 977.878 G799

Great Heart of the Republic: St. Louis and the Cultural Civil War. [NGS] 2011. 977.866 B681G

History of Saint Mary's Church of Perpetual Help, Hawk Point, Missouri. [Lincoln County] 1994.
R 977.837 H673

Illustrated Atlas Map of Howard County, Mo... 1876.
R 977.8285 I29

Index to Biographies of Chariton County, Missouri: from History of Howard and Chariton Counties, Missouri... 1883. 19--. R 977.82 E47I

Index to the Historical Sketches of Cedar County, Missouri. 1993. R 977.8743 K96I

New Madrid: A Mississippi River Town in History and Legend. 2009. R 977.8985 A634N

Presbyterianism in the Ozarks... 1834-1907. 1909.
R 285.1778 S918P

Refractories People: A History of the A. P. Green Refractories Co. [Mexico, Mo.] 1978. R 338.766 R284R

Sunset Country Club Centennial Celebration, 1910-2010. 2010. R 977.865 H434S

We Remember: A Biographical Project of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. 1996.
R 977.8411 W361

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NORTH CAROLINA

Abstracts of the Minutes of Cumberland County, NC Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions. [1823-1824] 2009. R 975.6373 G441A

Harnett County, North Carolina Will Book 1, 1885-1909, 1915-1935, with Biographical Notes. 2010. R 975.6362 G441H

SOUTH CAROLINA

Slave Records of Edgefield County, South Carolina. 2010. R 975.737 L933S

TENNESSEE

Heritage of Lawrence County, Tennessee. [1817-2008] 2008. R 976.842 H548

World War I and World War II Veterans of the United States of America Armed Forces from Van Buren County, Tennessee. 198?. R 976.8657 M491W

VIRGINIA

Tidewater Virginia Families: Generations Beyond. 1998. R 975.51 D264T

Wythe County, Virginia Marriages, Vols. 1867-1880 and 1891-1900. 2007-2010. R 975.5773 H685W

■ British genealogy

Emigration from the United Kingdom to America, Vols. 13-15. 2011. R 929.3 E53

■ German genealogy

Ortssippenbücher

Local Family Genealogical Registers, abbreviated titles
Borr, Scheuren and Drieschhof, North Rhine-Westphalia, 1643 – 1899. 2010. R 943.551 G313F

Dickenschied / Womrath-Wallenbrück, North Rhine-Westphalia, 1714 – 1798. 1998. R 943.55 G727K

Weene, Ostfriesland, Lower Saxony, 1671 – 1911. 2010 R 943.5917 H143F

Wiltingen, Kanzem and Schoden, Rhineland-Palatinate, 1752 – 1899. 2010. R 943.431 T174F

Other German titles

Inventory of the German Central Office for Genealogy in Leipzig, 1991 – 1996. [English title] R 943 D486B

Part 2, *Archival and Church Record Holdings of German Colonies in Foreign Countries, Bessarabia, Bukovina, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Siebenbürgen, the Bohemian-Moravian Territory with the Sudeten, Slovenia, and South Tyrol .*

Part 3, *Church Records of the Territories and Provinces of Germany (with the Exception of the Eastern Provinces of Prussia)*

Part 4, *Local Family Reconstitutions [Ortsippenbücher] Collected in Leipzig in Deutscher Bücherei and Deutscher Zentralstelle für Genealogie*

Map Guide to German Parish Registers, Vol. 37, Imperial Province of Alsace-Lorraine V and Vol 38, Imperial Province of Alsace-Lorraine VI. 2011. R 943 H249M

■ Irish genealogy

Erin's Sons: Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada, Vol. 4. 2010. R 971.5 P984E

Guide to Tracing Your Galway Ancestors. [NGS] 2010. 941.74 O26G

■ Jewish genealogy

Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy, rev. ed. 2011. R 929.1 M716G

■ Scottish genealogy

Directory of Scots Banished to the American Plantations, 1650-1775, 2nd ed. [NGS] 2010. 929.3 D635D

Index of the Register of Rev. John Macmillan, 1706 to 1751. [NGS] 1940. 941.1 F463I

■ Family histories

A Family Chronicle. [Waddell, Waddle, Lakeman, Wilson and Fleming families] 1998. R 929.2 W116W

Wood and Allied Families. 1988. R 929.2 W873W

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■ Other new titles

"Best" Bustle in Fayette. 1993. R 391 F694B

Civil War Guerrilla Goes on Trial: The Case of G. Byron Jones in 1864. [StLGS] 1997.
R 973.742 E11C

Confederate Death Sentences: A Reference Guide. 2008. R 973.78 L921C

Daniel Boone and the Defeat at Blue Licks. 2005.
R 973.338 H225D

Researcher's Library of Georgia History, Genealogy, and Records Sources. 1987. R 975.8 D263R

Revolutionary War Pensions Awarded by State Governments, 1775-1874, the General and Federal Governments Prior to 1814, and by Private Acts of Congress to 1905. 2011. R 973.34 B665R

"Villainy and Maddness": Washington's Flying Camp. [NGS] 2011. 973.34 B168V

WEB NEWS

Web finds

■ [Cincinnati Birth and Death Records, 1865-1912](http://digitalprojects.libraries.uc.edu/Births_and_Deaths/index.asp)

<http://digitalprojects.libraries.uc.edu/Births_and_Deaths/index.asp>. A project of the University of Cincinnati, this free database can be searched or browsed. Search results provide links to images of the original records.

■ [Kartenmeister](http://www.kartenmeister.com) <<http://www.kartenmeister.com>>. Locating towns and villages in formerly German areas east of the Oder and Neisse Rivers is challenging due to fluctuation of national boundaries. This online gazetteer allows users to search by German name, older German name, *Kreis* (County), nearby large town (a proximity search), current Polish, Russian or Lithuanian name, and even by family name. Results include current and historic place names, geographical location, and other useful information.

■ [Encyclopedia of Louisiana History, Culture and Community](http://www.knowla.org) <<http://www.knowla.org>>. Created by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, this free online encyclopedia can be browsed or searched by keyword or subject category. Articles include many photographs and images.

New on the web

■ The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) has added two databases of genealogical interest to their website. One is an index to JDC records documenting 500,000 individuals from all over the world whom the organization has assisted. The index is linked to high-quality scans of original documents. The second database features

a gallery of photos of its operation to aid and resettle Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazi regime during World War II. Access the databases and other information on the ["Our Shared Legacy" page](http://archives.jdc.org/sharedlegacy/) <<http://archives.jdc.org/sharedlegacy/>> of the JDC's website.

■ [FamilySearch](http://www.familysearch.org) <<http://www.familysearch.org>> has added new databases for South Carolina to its online collection. Included are South Carolina Probate Records, Files and Loose Papers, 1732-1964, and South Carolina Probate Records, Bound Volumes, 1671-1977. The site already includes South Carolina Deaths, 1915-1955, and Civil War Confederate Service Records, 1861-1865, two collections comprising millions of searchable records. FamilySearch has also announced that volunteers will begin indexing millions of historic records from the Civil War period.

■ *Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine, Vols. 1-5* are now available online at the [New England Historic Genealogical Society website](http://americanancestors.org) <<http://americanancestors.org>>, with further issues to come. The publications can be both searched and browsed.

New on Footnote

■ Footnote has begun uploading War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files. The database, will eventually include 180,000 records related to individuals who served in the U.S. military between 1812 and 1815. More information is available on the [Footnote website](http://go.footnote.com/1812pensions/) <<http://go.footnote.com/1812pensions/>>.

Footnote may be used for free in the Special Collections Department, at any St. Louis County Library branch and can be accessed remotely with a valid St. Louis County Library card (some restrictions apply).



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:

- Mon., 13 June, 2:00–4:00 pm (Registration is now open.)
- 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 is now open.)
- 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 is now open.)
- 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 weeks notice, accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Call 314 / 994-3300.

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CALENDAR GENEALOGICAL EVENTS AT THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY LIBRARY

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☎ Thursday, 9 June | 2 – 4 pm

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

☎ Monday, 13 June | 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, 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 is now open.

Wednesday, 15 June | 7 – 9 pm

Headquarters Auditorium
St. Louis Genealogical Society

Topic: City Directories, Gazetteers, Phone
Books and More
Speaker: Dennis Northcott

☎ Thursday, 16 June | 2 – 4 pm

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

☎ Tuesday, 21 June | 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.

☎ 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 is now open.

☎ Wednesday, 29 June | 2 – 4 pm

Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Department Class
Topic: History and Genealogy in Newspapers
Teacher: Larry Franke
Registration is now open.

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📞 Monday, 11 July | 2 – 4 pm

Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class
Topic: Was He a Civil War Soldier?
Instructor: Ruth Ann Hager
Registration opens 13 June.

📞 Wednesday, 13 July | 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 15 June.

Wednesday, 13 July | 7 – 9 pm

Headquarters Auditorium
St. Louis Genealogical Society
Topic: Finding Your German
Ancestral Village
Speaker: Scott Holl

📞 Wednesday, 18 July | 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 20 June.

For your information

- St. Louis County Library homepage
www.slcl.org
- Special Collections Department homepage
www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/
- St. Louis County Library online catalog
webpac.slcl.org
- St. Louis County Library event calendar
host7.evanced.info/stlouis/evanced/eventcalendar.asp
- Special Collections Department direct phone line
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