

FOR THE RECORDS

Periodicals for researching national and ethnic groups

The History and Genealogy Department at St. Louis County Library has many periodicals to help you with your ethnic genealogical and historical research. The following is an annotated list. The dates provided with each citation are dates of publication; the library's holdings may have gaps. All publications are in English unless otherwise noted. Periodicals are shelved in a staff-only area and will be retrieved upon request.

The department has other ethnic periodicals pertaining to specific areas of any given country, especially for Great Britain and Germany. Check the library's online catalog <<http://webpac.slcl.org>> for additional holdings. An index to many titles is available in PERSI (Periodical Source Index), which can be searched for free at the [FindMyPast database](http://bit.ly/2iWKRO4) <<http://bit.ly/2iWKRO4>>. The library's subscription provides additional full content to the FindMyPast database and can be used at any St. Louis County Library branch.

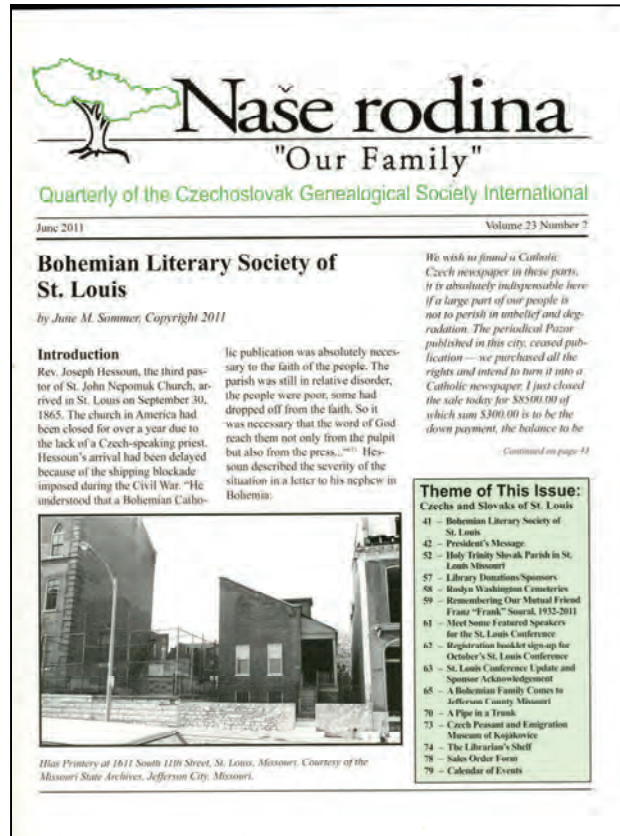
Belgian

Belgian Laces. Holyoke, Mass.: Belgian Researchers, Inc., 1978–present. R 949.3 B429.

The Belgian Researchers, Belgian American Heritage Association publishes this quarterly bulletin. Each issue individually indexed.

Central and Eastern Europe

FEEFHS Journal [Federation of East European Family History Societies Journal]. Salt Lake City, Utah: The Federation, 1999–2008. R 943 F2932.



Naše rodina
"Our Family"
Quarterly of the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International

June 2011 Volume 23 Number 2

Bohemian Literary Society of St. Louis
by June M. Sommer, Copyright 2011

Introduction
Rev. Joseph Hessoum, the third pastor of St. John Nepomuk Church, arrived in St. Louis on September 30, 1865. The church in America had been closed for over a year due to the lack of a Czech-speaking priest. Hessoum's arrival had been delayed because of the shipping blockade imposed during the Civil War. "He understood that a Bohemian Catholic publication was absolutely necessary to the faith of the people. The parish was still in relative disorder, the people were poor, some had dropped off from the faith. So it was necessary that the word of God reach them not only from the pulpit but also from the press."¹ Hessoum described the severity of the situation in a letter to his nephew in Bohemia.

We wish to find a Catholic Czech newspaper in these parts. It is absolutely indispensable here if a large part of our people is not to perish in unbelief and degradation. The periodical Pástor published in this city, ceased publication—we purchased all the rights and intend to turn it into a Catholic newspaper. I just closed the sale today for \$2500.00 of which sum \$300.00 is to be the down payment, the balance to be

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Naše Rodina

This publication often contains articles about the St. Louis Czechs and Slovaks.

This annual journal ceased publication in 2008, but it remains an outstanding resource for Central and Eastern European research, including Jewish.

Czech

Nase rodina [Our families]: *Newsletter of the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society*. St. Paul, Minn.: The Society, 1989–present. R 973.08991 N246.

An ideal quarterly publication for anyone researching Czech or Slovak ancestors. It often includes articles about St. Louis' large Czech and Slovak communities.


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Dutch

Vlaamse Stam: maandblad van de Vlaamse Vereniging voor Familiekunde. Merkssem-Antwerpen: De Vereniging, 1965–present. 949.31 V865.

Vlaamse Stam is published monthly in Flemish by the Flemish Association for Family Studies. Indexes are available.

English

British Heritage. Harrisburg, Pa., etc.: Historical Times, Inc., 1980–2016. R 941 B862.

A beautifully-illustrated bimonthly magazine designed for the North American with British roots.

The Genealogist. Exeter, England: William Pollard & Co., 1877–1922. R 942 G326.

This well-known British genealogy magazine was published for almost fifty years and remains an excellent resource for British research.

The Genealogists' Magazine. London: The Society of Genealogists, 1925–present. R 941 G326.

The main quarterly genealogical publication from England.

The History and Genealogy Department has also has British periodicals from the following areas: Berks,

Bucks, Essex, Herts, Kent, London, Middlesex, Surrey, and Sussex. Please check the library's [online catalog](http://webpac.slcl.org) <<http://webpac.slcl.org>> for holdings and call number.

The Department has recently subscribed to the following British periodicals: *Journal of the East Surrey Family History Society*, *Liverpool Family Historian*, *Manchester Genealogist*, *Journal of the Shropshire Family History Society*, *Suffolk Roots*, *Sussex Family Historian* and *West Middlesex Family History Society Journal*.

French, French Canadian, Acadian and Huguenot

American-Canadian Genealogist: Official Journal of the American-Canadian Genealogical Society. Manchester, N.H.: American-Canadian Genealogical Society, 1991–present. 973.0411 G3261.

A New Hampshire-based organization publishes this quarterly periodical which emphasizes Acadian, French-Canadian and Franco-American ancestry. Back issues are in processing at this printing.

French Canadian and Acadian Genealogical Review. Québec: Centre canadien des recherches généalogiques, 1968–1981. 971.4 F873.

Even though this quarterly review was only published for a few years, it is an excellent resource for French-Canadian and Acadian genealogical and historical research.

Le Journal. Center for French Colonial Studies. Prairie du Rocher, Ill.: Center for French Colonial Studies, 1983–present. R 973.0441 J86.

Articles published in this quarterly emphasize the French Colonial past in North America.

Mémoires de la Société généalogique canadienne-française. Montréal: Société généalogique canadienne-française, 1944–present. R 971.4 M533.

Genealogists' Magazine

A view of the *Agamemnon*, circa 1857, anchored near Greenwich, England.

Mémoires de la société généalogique canadienne-française

Were the Maccabées French, Scottish, Irish or Jewish?

This is the principle quarterly publication for French-Canadian genealogical research. It is in French, but researchers should easily recognize names and dates.

The Huguenot. [U.S.?]: The Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia, 1926–present. R 975.5355 H897H1.

Manakintown, Virginia was a large Huguenot (French Protestant) settlement in the 1700s. Descendants of these settlers are now scattered all over the U.S. *The Huguenot* is published biennially.

German

Der Blumenbaum [The Flower Tree]. Sacramento, Cal.: Sacramento German Genealogy Society, 1985–present. R 979.454 B658.

This quarterly publication includes information of both a genealogical and historical nature.

Der Kurier [The Courier]. Silver Spring, Md.: The Society, 1982–present. R 973.0431 K96.

Published quarterly by the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society, *Der Kurier* covers Germans in the Mid-Atlantic area, but also includes articles of interest to German researchers throughout the U.S.

German Genealogical Digest. Pleasant Grove, Utah: Jensen Publications, 1985–2004. R 943 G373.

Considered by many to be the premier resource for German genealogical research, the quarterly *German Genealogical Digest* ceased publication in 2004. It remains widely used to this day.

Journal of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia. Lincoln, Neb.: American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, 1978–present. R 973.0431 A512J.

Beginning in 1762, many Germans migrated to Russia during the reign of Catherine the Great. By the end

of the 19th century, there were about 1.8 million Germans living there. In 1872, they began to emigrate to the United States, Canada, Brazil, and Argentina. This quarterly journal covers their history in Russia and elsewhere.

Mennonite Family History. Elverson, Pa.: Mennonite Family History, 1982–present. R 289.7 M547.

An excellent resource for Mennonite, Amish and Brethren genealogy and family history, *Mennonite Family History* is published quarterly.

Irish

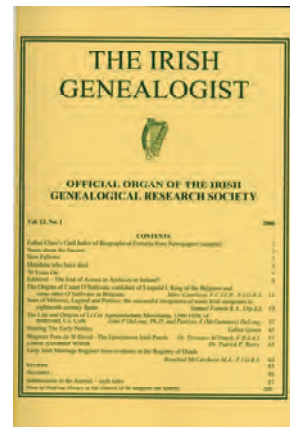
The Irish Genealogist. London: Irish Genealogical Research Society, 1937–present. R 941.5 I68.

This is a very professionally-written quarterly journal for Irish researchers.

The Journal of the American-Irish Historical Society. Boston, Mass.: American-Irish Historical Society, 1898–1941. R 973.049162 J86.

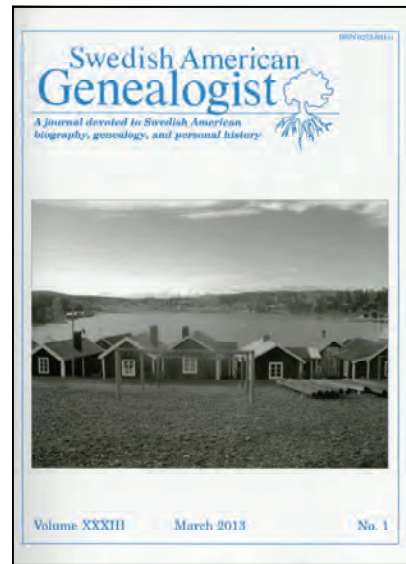
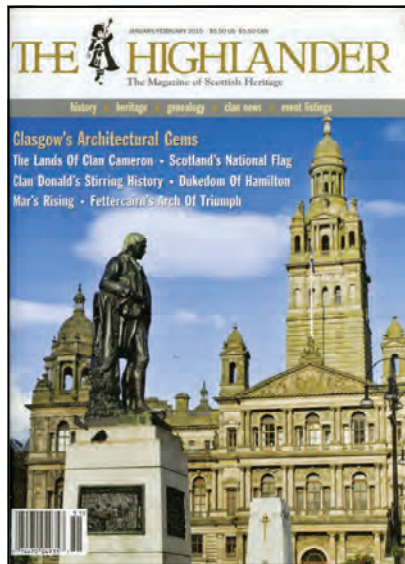
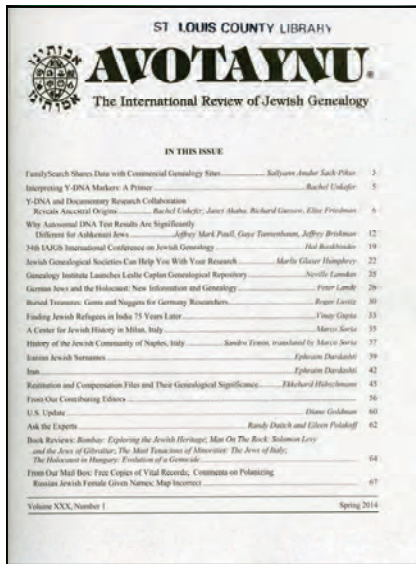
Published for almost fifty years, the *Journal of the American-Irish Historical Society* is a rich resource for Irish family and historical research.

The Septs. St. Paul, Minn.: Irish Genealogical Society International, Inc., 1990–present. R 941.5 S4793.



Der Blumenbaum
This publication provides an eye-opening look at German ancestors and their lives.

The Irish Genealogist
Read about the Irish in Belgium and Spain in this issue.



Avotaynu
Discover Jewish communities around the world.

The Highlander
Learn more about your Scottish ancestor in this colorfully-illustrated magazine.

Swedish American Genealogist
In this issue, read about Samuel Magnus, Augusta, and August Hill's voyage to America in 1868.

The Septs is published quarterly and covers the Irish in America and throughout the world.

Jewish

Avotaynu. Teaneck, N.J.: G. Mokotoff, 1985–present. R 929.1089 A962.

Avotaynu is the international review of Jewish genealogy and treats all aspects of Jewish history and genealogy.

American Jewish History. Waltham, Mass.: American Jewish Historical Society, 1978–present. R 973.0492 A5121.

American Jewish History, published quarterly, features scholarly articles on Jewish history.

Polish

Rodziny: the Journal of the Polish Genealogical Society of America. Chicago, Ill.: Polish Genealogical Society of America, 1993–present. 973.04918 R697.

Rodziny is a wonderful resource for anyone researching Polish genealogy. The department recently purchased all available back issues, which will be made available soon.

Scottish

The Highlander. Barrington, Ill.: A.J. Ray, 1963–present. R 941.1 H638.

The Highlander is published six times a year and contains articles on Scottish history, heritage, genealogy, and clan news.

Swedish

Swedish American Genealogist. Rock Island, Ill.: Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, 1981–present. R 973.0435 S974.

The *Swedish American Genealogist* is the go-to resource for Swedish American biography, genealogy and personal history.

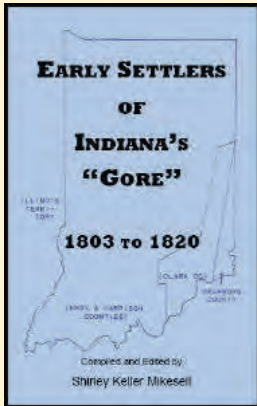
Swiss

Review / Swiss-American Historical Society. Chicago: Swiss-American Historical Society, 1989–present. R 973.0435 S9793.

This tri-annual publication of the Swiss-American Historical Society is the most widely-used periodical for Swiss-American history.

Shelf life

BOOK | Early Settlers of Indiana's "Gore," 1803–1820



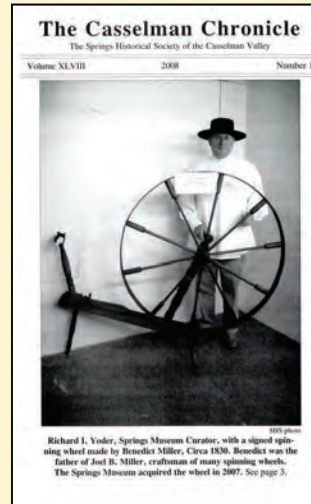
Before the opening of the Indiana Territory, a sliver of Indiana was part of Ohio. This southwestern section of Indiana is known as the Gore region, and it became home to some of the state's earliest Anglo-American settlers, who ventured across the Ohio River from the turn of the eighteenth century. The Indiana Gore region includes the current counties of Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio, Randolph, Switzerland, Union, and Wayne. In her book *Early Settlers of Indiana's "Gore," 1803 to 1820* (R 977.2 M363E), compiler Shirley Keller Mikesell brings together the records of historical Dearborn County, from which the other Gore counties were formed.

An 1826 courthouse fire in Lawrenceburg, the county seat of Dearborn, destroyed many of the genealogist's go-to records. To help mitigate this loss for researchers, Mikesell transcribed settlers' names from letters, petitions, and War of 1812 muster rolls in the first part of her book. While genealogical data from these sources can be sparse compared to birth, marriage, and death records, there is enough to ground an ancestor or family in place and time.

The majority of the book is comprised of abstracts of various land records from the Gore counties. These record types include, among others, tract books, deeds, mortgage deeds, quitclaims, and bonds up to 1820. Because the Gore was originally part of Ohio, its early land records survived in Cincinnati. Ohio County was formed later, so its deeds are included with the Dearborn records. An index is provided in the back of the book.

SAMPLINGS FROM THE PRINT COLLECTION

JOURNAL | The Casselman Chronicle



As Americans pushed west from the Mid-Atlantic States, many of them passed through the Casselman River Valley in western Maryland and Pennsylvania. Consequently, *The Casselman Chronicle* should be of interest to many researchers.

Typical issues include articles about people living in the area (much like a county history),

and information about the historic practices of the area, such as drying apples (Vol. XLVII, 2007 No. 1) or making sauerkraut (Vol. XLVII, 2007 No. 2). This type of article will usually include recipes so modern readers can experience making the foods of their ancestors. Other articles tell the history of a local congregation, such as Zion Lutheran Church in Jennings, Maryland (Vol. XLIX, 2009 No. 1).

Occasionally the publication will include indexed information such as the 2012 survey of Lower Springs Cemetery, Springs, Pennsylvania (Vol. LII, 2012 No. 1), or a list of Amish ministers and bishops originating from the Old Order Church of Somerset County, Pennsylvania from 1894 to November 2010 (Vol. L, 2010 No. 2).

History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library has a complete run of this periodical. Additionally, indexes for all years are available in the collection. Researchers can find articles of interest by searching PERSI (Periodical Source Index). Browsing the pages is another option. A subscription to the quarterly is included with a membership in the Springs Historical Society of the Casselman Valley.

SELECTED NEW TITLES



The Oxford Dictionary of Family Names in Britain and Ireland

Patrick Hanks, Richard Coates, and Peter McClured, eds.
Oxford University, 2016
R 929.42 H2410

- Covers over 45,000 family names in the UK, including immigrant names
- Each entry includes the current and 1881 frequencies of the name, its main GB location, and its language or culture of origin
- Each main entry explains the name's origins and history, supported by a selection of early bearers taken from a wide range of sources such as wills, tax records, court records, parish registers, Nonconformist circuit records, and many other documents
- Entries for variants direct the reader to the main entry where the history and etymology of the name is covered
- Contains a full list of published and unpublished sources consulted
- Introductory essay explains the origin, history, and typology of family names in Britain, Ireland, and elsewhere in the world, the research methods used, the sources used, and some of the problems encountered in researching family names

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- Explains many surnames never previously explained and corrects many widely believed errors in the light of new evidence—*Publisher*



Profiles in Survival: The Experiences of American POWs in the Philippines During World War II

By John Shively
Indianapolis Historical Society, 2012
R 940.5472 S558P

The stories of seven men and one woman from Indiana who survived the horrors of captivity under the Japanese in the Pacific during World War II are captured in vivid detail. These Hoosiers stationed in the Philippines were ordered to surrender following the fall of Bataan and Corregidor in 1942. It was the largest surrender of American armed forces in U.S. history. For many, it was the beginning of three years of hell, starting with the infamous Bataan Death March, facing brutal conditions in POW camps in the Philippines, and horrific journeys to Japan on what came to be known as “hellships.”—*Adapted from book jacket*



Children Bound to Labor

Ruth Wallis Herdon and John E. Murray, eds.
Cornell University, 2009
R 331.31 C536

The history of early America cannot be told without considering unfree labor. At the center of this history are African and Native American adults forced into slavery; the children born to these unfree persons usually inherited their parents' status. Immigrant indentured servants, many of whom were young people, are widely recognized as part of early American society. Less familiar is the idea of free children being taken from the homes where they were born and put into bondage.

The authors of *Children Bound to Labor* show the various ways in which pauper apprentices were important to the economic, social, and political structure of early America, and how the practice shaped such key relations as master-servant, parent-child, and family-state in the young republic. In considering the practice in English, Dutch, and French communities in North America from the mid-seventeenth century to the mid-nineteenth century, *Children Bound to Labor* even suggests that this widespread practice was notable as a positive means of maintaining social stability and encouraging economic development.—*Publisher*

Other new titles

“How to” genealogy guides

- In Search of the “Forlorn Hope:” Comprehensive Guide to Locating British Regiments and Their Records (1640–WWI)* by F. John M. Kitzmiller, II. Manuscript Publishing Foundation, 1988. R 941 K62I
- The Family Tree German Genealogy Guide: How to Trace Your Germanic Ancestry in Europe* by James M. Beidler.

Family Tree Books, 2014. R 943 B422F and circulating copy

- The Family Tree: Polish, Czech & Slovak Genealogy Guide: How to Trace Your Family Tree in Eastern Europe* by Lisa A. Alzo. Family Tree Books, 2016. R 943 A478F
- The Family Tree Problem Solver: Tried-and-True Tactics for Tracing Elusive Ancestors* by Marsha Hofman Rising. R 929.1 R595F and circulating copy

African American

- Black and Free: The Free Negro in America, 1830: A Commentary on Carter Woodson’s Free Negro Heads*, Alan Abrams, ed. Doubting Thomas Pub., 2001. R 929.373 B627
- Black Seminoles: History of a Freedom-Seeking People* by Kenneth W. Porter. University of Florida, 2013. R 973 P846B
- Brothers to the Buffalo Soldiers: Perspectives on the African American Militia and Volunteers, 1865-1917* by Bruce A. Glasrud, ed. University of Missouri, 2011. R 355.0089 B874
- For Their Own Cause: The 27th United States Colored Troops* by Kelly D. Mezurek. Kent State University, 2016. R 973.7415 M617F

British

- The Plantagenet Chronicles*. Crescent Books, 1995. R 942.03 P713
- London and Middlesex Hearth Tax*. The British Records Society, 2014. R 942.1 L847
- The Ipswich Recognized Rolls, 1294–1327: A Calendar*. Suffolk Records Society, 1973. R 942.649 I64
- Early Yorkshire Families*. Cambridge University, 2013. R 942.81 E12
- Early Yorkshire Schools* by Arthur Francis Leach. Cambridge University, 2013. 2 vols. R 942.81 L434E
- County Durham Hearth Tax Assessment, Lady Day 1666*. British Records Society, 2006. R 942.86 C855

Colonial American

- Colonial American English, a Glossary: Words and Phrases Found in Colonial Writing, Now Archaic, Obscure, Obsolete, or Whose Meanings Have Changed* by Richard M. Lederer. Verbatim Book, 1985. R 427.973 L475C

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The Colony of New Netherland: a Dutch Settlement in Seventeenth-century America by Jaap Jacobs. Cornell University, 2009. R 974.7 J17C

Robert Love's Warnings: Searching for Strangers in Colonial Boston by Cornelia H. Dayton and Sharon V. Salinger. University of Pennsylvania, 2014. R 974.461 D276R

French and Acadian

The French in North America, 1500–1783 by W.J. Eccles. Fitzhenryn & Whiteside, 1998. R 970 E17F

Mapping the French Empire in North America. Newberry Library, 1991. R 971 B892M

German

Emigration and Settlement Patterns of German Communities in North America. NCSA Literature, 1995. R 973.0431 E53 and circulating copy

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Ortssippenbücher (genealogical registers, abbreviated titles)

Gerolsheim, Rhineland-Palatinate. R 943.43 H473G

Groß Betschkerek, Banat. R 949.71 L533F

Nermsdorf, Thuringia. R 943.224 H114F

Jewish

Dixie Diaspora: An Anthology of Southern Jewish History, Mark K. Bauman, ed. University of Alabama, 2006. R 975 D619

Local history

The Aerial Crossroads of America: St. Louis's Lambert Airport by Daniel L. Rust. Missouri History Museum, 2016. R 387.736 R971A and circulating copy

Architecture of Forest Park Community College by Ronald E. Schmitt. R.E. Schmitt, 2009. R 977.866 S353A

Images of Midwestern Architecture: Missouri by Ronald E. Schmitt. Ronald E. Schmitt, 2015. R 977.8 S353I

The Language of St. Louis, Missouri: Variation in the Gateway City by Thomas E. Murray. P. Lang, 1986. R 427.977 M984L

St. Louis District Golf Association, 1916-2015. St. Louis District Golf Association, 2015. R 977.865 S145 and circulating copy

Civil rights

Education for Liberation: the American Missionary Association and African Americans, 1890 to the Civil Rights Movement by Joe Martin Richardson. University of Alabama, 2009. R 266.022 R523E

Stars for Freedom: Hollywood, Black Celebrities, and the Civil Rights Movement by Emilie Raymond. Seattle: University of Washington, 2015. R 323.1196 R268S

Bound for Canaan: The Epic Story of the Underground Railroad, America's First Civil Rights Movement by Fergus M. Bordewich. Amistad, 2005. R 973.7115 B728B

Beyond Civil Rights: The Moynihan Report and its Legacy by Daniel Geary. University of Pennsylvania, 2015. R 305.896 G292B

Military

The Cambridge History of the First World War. Cambridge University, 2014. 3 vols. R 940.3 C178

- The Cambridge History of the Second World War*. 3 vols. Cambridge University, 2015. R 940.53 C178
- Civil War on the Western Border, 1854–1865* by Jay Monaghan. Little, Brown, 1955. R 973.74781 M734C
- Confederate “Tales of the War” in the Trans-Mississippi* by Michael E. Banasik. Camp Pope, 2010. R 973.782 B212C
- Devotion to the Adopted Country: U.S. Immigrant Volunteers in the Mexican War* by Tyler V. Johnson. University of Missouri, 2012. R 973.62 J69D
- The Glorious Cause: The American Revolution, 1763–1789* by Robert Middlekauff. Oxford University, 1982. R 973.3 M627G
- “Honoring Those who Paid the Price:” *Forgotten Voices From the Korean War* by Randy Mills. Indiana Historical Society, 2002. R 951.9042 M657H
- King Philip’s War: The History and Legacy of America’s Forgotten Conflict* by Eric B. Schultz. Countryman Press, 2000. R 973.2 S387K
- A Leaf of Voices: Stories of the American Civil War in the Words of Those who Lived and Died, 1861–65* by Jennifer McSpadden. Indiana Historical Press, 2014. R 973.78 M175L
- Learning from the Wounded: the Civil War and the Rise of American Medical Science* by Shauna Devine. University of North Carolina, 2014. R 973.775 D489L

- Refuge From the Reich: American Airmen and Switzerland During World War II* by Stephen Tanner. Sarpedon, 2000. R 940.5349 T167R
- The Soldier’s Friend: A Life of Ernie Pyle* by Ray E. Boomhower. Indiana Historical Society, 2011. RJ B Pyle Ernie

Railroad history

- Perfecting the American Steam Locomotive* by J. Parker Lamb. Indiana University, 2003. R 625.261 L218P
- The Railroad That Never Was: Vanderbilt, Morgan, and the South Pennsylvania Railroad* by Herbert H. Harwood, Jr. Indiana University, 2010. R 385.0974 H343R

Religion

- Church and Society in Hungary and in the Hungarian Diaspora* by N.F. Dreisziger. University of Toronto, 2016. R 274.39 D771C
- Early American Methodism* by Russell E. Richey. Indiana University, 1991. R 287.0973 R529E
- History of the Old Order River Brethren* by Laban Brechbill. Brechbill & Strickler, 1972. R 289.2 B829H
- Spiritualism in Antebellum America* by Bret E. Carroll. Bloomington: Indiana University, 1997. R 133.9 C319S
- Zion on the Hudson, Dutch New York and New Jersey in the Age of Revivals* by Firth Harin Faben. Rutgers University, 2000. R 285.732 F114Z

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
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 June 12, 2:00 p.m., Lewis & Clark | [Register](#)
 June 19, 10:00 a.m., Grant's View | [Register](#)
 June 24, 10:00 a.m., Natural Bridge | [Register](#)
 June 26, 2:00 p.m., Indian Trails | [Register](#)

Census Basics for Genealogical Research

Genealogical research in the United States begins with the Federal Census. Learn how to search within the Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest databases for federal and state census records. A History & Genealogy expert will explore key strategies on how to conduct effective census research.

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 June 24, 2:00 p.m., Rock Road | [Register](#)
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 July 24, 10:00 a.m., Grant's View | [Register](#)
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Genealogy programs at Cliff Cave

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

June 19, 6:30 p.m.

My Dear Molly: The Civil War Letters of Captain James Love

Upon the outbreak of the Civil War, James E. Love enlisted as a sergeant in the United States Reserve Corps, and left St. Louis with his fellow Union soldiers on June 15, 1861. The following day, James sent the first of many letters home to Eliza Mary "Molly" Wilson, the beloved fiancée he left behind. A prolific writer, James continued to write to her, 160 letters in all, for the duration of his Civil War service. These letters are now part of the archives at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis, and the Museum published the letters as a book, *My Dear Molly: The Civil War Letters of Captain James Love*. Molly Kodner, editor of the book and archivist at the Missouri History Museum, will read excerpts from James's letters regarding his Civil War service and the great love story of James and Molly, which also evolves throughout the letters. | [Registration requested](#)

July 17, 6:30 p.m.

Cemetery Iconography

Much can be learned about individuals from the stones that mark their final places of rest. This introductory presentation will cover some basic information about various images found throughout cemeteries.

CLASSES, continued

Identifying Ancestral Military Veterans

Explore strategies for conducting military research in the Fold3 and Ancestry Library Edition databases and in print and online resources. To take this class, you should already know how to use a computer and search the internet.

June 29, 2:00 p.m., Headquarters | [Register](#)

July 29, 2:00 p.m., Thornhill | [Register](#)

Finding History and Genealogy in Newspaper Databases

Newspaper databases make it easy to access millions of articles electronically, and they can be used at home with a valid St. Louis County Library card. Databases covered in this class will include 19th-Century U. S. Newspapers, NewspaperArchive, and current and historical St. Louis Post-Dispatch databases. To take this class, you should already know how to use a computer and search the Internet.

July 19, 2:00 p.m., Headquarters | [Register](#)

PROGRAMS

Programs are free and open to the public. No registration is required. Programs listed here take place in the Headquarters Auditorium.

Railroads of St. Louis

Saturday, July 8 | 10:00 a.m.

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting

A narrative overview of the railroads in St. Louis from 1851 to present day. | Nick Fry, Curator, John W. Barriger III National Railroad Library, Speaker

Using Sources Abroad to Identify Your Ancestor's County of Origin

Tuesday, July 18 | 7:00 p.m.

StLGS Irish Special Interest Group

Did Grandpa forget to mention exactly where in Ireland he came from? Have you exhausted all the U.S. resources that you can think of, and still no clue? Come join us as we discuss the best strategies for locating the county of origin for your ancestors in foreign sources. | Mike Bridwell, St. Louis County Library History & Genealogical Society, Speaker

BRANCH LOCATIONS

History & Genealogy classes and programs are held at the following branches:

Cliff Cave

5430 Telegraph Road
St. Louis, MO 63129

Lewis & Clark

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

Prairie Commons

915 Utz Lane
Hazelwood, MO 63042

Weber Road

4444 Weber Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63123

Grant's View

9700 Musick Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63123

Mid-County

7821 Maryland Ave.
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