



St. Gabriel Catholic Church, built in 1776, is located in Louisiana. The transcribed records can be found at the Library and Archives of Canada.

FOR THE RECORDS

Parish Registers at the Library and Archives Canada

Over the years, the Public Archives of Canada has acquired copies of parish registers from various areas of former and current French Territories in North America. While not generally within the purview of their collection, being good archivists, they kept them anyway and made them available to researchers on microfilm. These appear to be transcripts of the original records, sometimes handwritten, sometimes typed

These parish registers typically include births (baptisms), marriages, and deaths (funerals). The bulk of the records date from the late 18th and early 19th century, but some go back to the 1600s. The record set includes documents from all of the former French territory in North America including Québec, the Canadian Maritime Provinces, Ontario, the Mississippi Valley, and the Gulf Coast. Many genealogists will find a treasure trove of information about their families within them.

With the inexorable march of time, the Public Archives of Canada merged with the National Archives of Canada, which in turn merged with the National Library of Canada to become the Library and Archives Canada.

Accessing the Records

The Library and Archives Canada digitized the rolls of microfilm and made them available to researchers at no charge on their website. <https://heritage.canadiana.ca/>. Most researchers will find searching the website by the microfilm number to be the easiest way to access records for the individual parishes. History & Genealogy has a geographical index of all of the locations, dates available, and film numbers on our website: <https://www.slcl.org/content/parish-registers-public-archives-canada>.

One drawback of this approach arises because searching by film number produces a list of results rather than just that film number. This seems to be unavoidable. Fortunately, the records for the parish typically appear at the top of the list, labeled something like “Quebec Parish Registers” or “Ontario Parish Registers.” Even records from Illinois, Louisiana, and Michigan are labeled as being from Quebec or Ontario. Although this does not make a lot of sense, most researchers can live with this quirk if they know it exists.

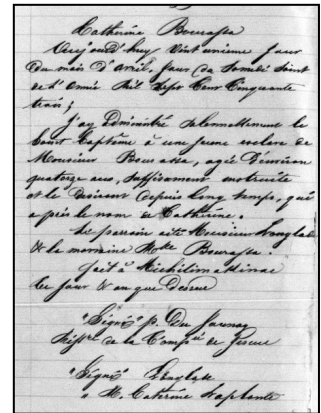


Figure 1

History & Genealogy has another, more detailed finding aid available for some of the rolls. The specific rolls were selected because they would likely be of interest to people with St. Louis ancestry. History & Genealogy digitized the finding aid and placed it on our website: <https://www.slcl.org/content/finding-aid-parish-registers-french-north-america>.

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(BOURASSA), CATHERINE, B. 21-04-1753, âgée d'environ 14 ans, esclave de M. Bourassa. Suffisamment instruite; Par. M. Langlade; Mar. Mme Bourassa (Catherine Laplante) P. du Jaunay s.j.

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Figure 2

Examples from the Records

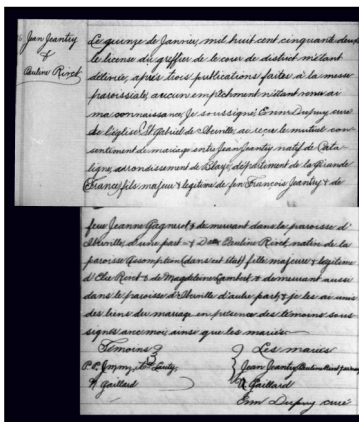


Figure 3

Baptism:

In the records of Mission St-Ignace de Michilimackinac, we find the baptism record for Catherine, slave of Mr. Bourassa on 21 April 1753.¹ [see Figure 1] According to the record she had been desiring to be baptized for a long time. As an aside, typically in North America when we see the word slave we assume the enslaved individual was of African descent. In the great lakes region during the mid-eighteenth century, we need to consider the possibility that she was Native American.

Marthe Faribault’s Beauregard’s La population des forts français d’Amérique, XVIIIe siècle : répertoire des baptêmes, mariages et sépultures célébrés dans les forts et les établissements français en Amérique du Nord au XVIIIe siècle also records the marriage.² [see Figure 2]

Marriage:

The 1852 marriage of Jean Jeantry and Pauline Rivet at St. Gabriel Church, Iberville Parish, Louisiana, is a typical example of the type of information found in the records.³ [see Figure 3] We can see the groom, Jean Jeantry, named as the adult son of François Jeantry and Jeanne Gagnerot and that he was a native of Cataligne, district of Blaye, in the Gironde department. We also learn Pauline Rivet, the daughter of Elie Rivet, and Magdeleine Lambert, a native of Assumption Parish of Louisiana. The marriage occurred on 15 January.

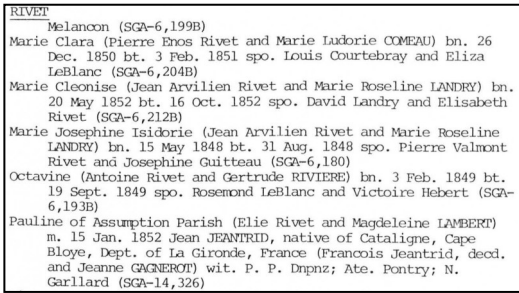


Figure 4

Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Church Records, Vol. 7 (1848-1852) records the same marriage but curiously only under the name of the bride. It also names the groom as Jean Jeantry. The other details remain the same.⁴ [see Figure 4]

Burial:

On 27 August 1746, Geneviève, wife of Lajeunesse of the Mission of the Holy Family in Cahokia drowned in the Mississippi River opposite Fort de Chartres in Illinois. We know this because of a funeral record in the parish register of Ste-Anne du Fort de Chartres.⁵ While the register itself does not give any details of this tragedy, a researcher could begin searching other sources to learn more. [see Figure 5]

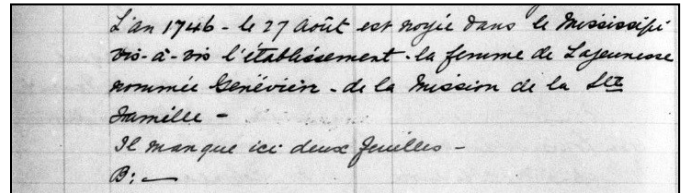


Figure 5

Marthe Faribault-Beauregard’s second volume provides additional information about Geneviève but does not add any additional details about the incident.⁶ [see Figure 6]

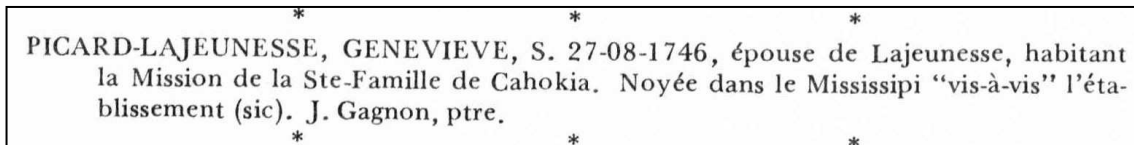


Figure 6

All of these are examples of typical items in church records. Sometimes other documents, not typically associated with the church can be located. Consider the following, all taken from the register of Fort Ponchartrain de Détroit.

The Table of Lands in Roture granted in perpetuity Extract from the Stewardship and Superior Council Registers.⁷ is one such record. This title is self-explanatory except for the word Roture. This term refers to a grant of property to a non-noble individual, typically in the amount of 40 to 200 square arpents. One square arpent is approximately one acre. The list of names reads like a “Who’s who” of colonial Detroit’s residents, many of whom have descendants in the area today. [see Figure 7]

Figure 7

Other interesting documents from Detroit include a List of Officers who served in the area from 1703-1743.⁸ [see Figure 8] and the list of Priests who served at Fort Ponchartrain.⁹ [see Figure 9] It is highly probable that some of the officers stayed in the area after their term of service, and they probably have many descendants there today. While it is unlikely anyone alive is descended from one of the priests, their siblings or other relatives may have settled in the area too.

Final Thoughts

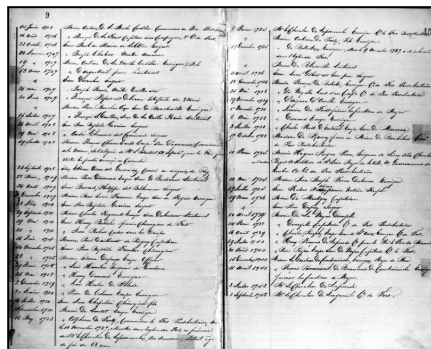


Figure 8

Parish registers typically provide information about our ancestors not easily be found elsewhere. They usually go back farther in time than most other easily accessible records. As more and more records become digitally available, resources such as these parish record transcripts should become an important tool for researchers.

In addition to the parish registers, the Library and Archives of Canada has digitized other items that may be of interest to genealogical researchers. If you are researching ancestors from Canada they may have other valuable records about your family. Check the lists on their website for details.

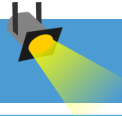
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SPOTLIGHT ON



LOCAL HISTORY INDEXES

Did you know that History & Genealogy at the St. Louis County Library has indexes that go along with several of the local history books in our collection? The indexes have been created by staff members and volunteers. Over the next couple of months, we'll put a spotlight on these indexes and their books.

Neighborhoods and Communities Index

One of our most utilized indexes is the [Neighborhoods and Communities index](#). Patrons can browse for their ancestors who are mentioned in books written about the various neighborhoods and communities in St. Louis City and County.

Click on the appropriate index (Fig 1), then browse the alphabetical list for your ancestor in the book (Fig. 2). The title and call number will also be displayed at the top of the screen. You are welcome to visit us to view the page from the book (Fig. 3) in person at H & G, or you may opt to put in a [lookup request](#) and we will scan the page and email it to you.

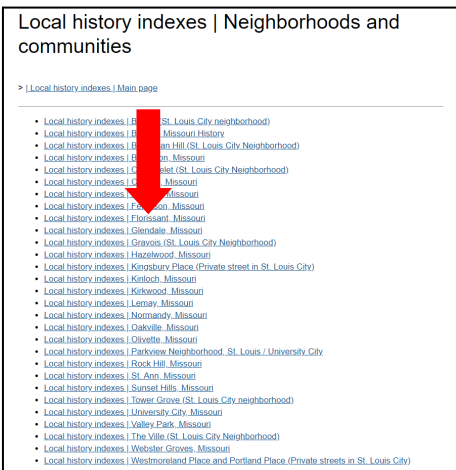


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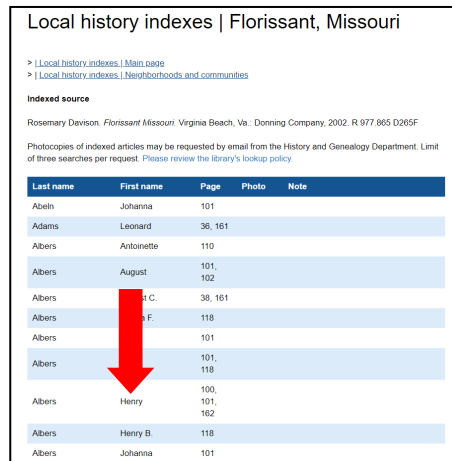


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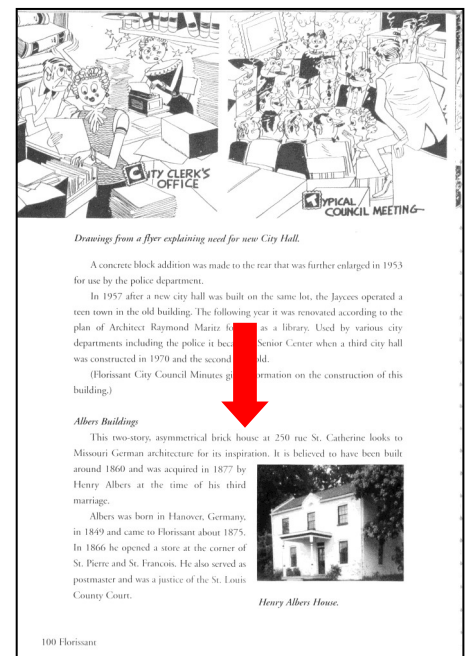


Fig. 3

TECH TALK

Looking for a creative way to present your ancestry finds to your family? Learn about PowerPoint by attending the following virtual SLCL programs:

Virtual Program: PowerPoint I

June 13, 2:00-3:30 pm

Create a basic slideshow presentation using layouts and design templates, images, text boxes and bulleted lists with Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2016. Registration required. Participants will receive Zoom information via email immediately after registering.

Virtual Program: PowerPoint II

June 14, 2:00-3:30 pm

Modify a slideshow presentation with backgrounds, transitions, and audio and video clips using Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2016. Master views and printing will also be covered. Registration required. Participants will receive Zoom information via email immediately after registering.

Virtual Program: PowerPoint III

June 15, 2:00-3:30 pm

Add animations and hyperlinks to a slideshow presentation using Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2016. Photo album features will also be explored. Registration required. Participants will receive Zoom information via email immediately after registering.

Register at <https://www.slcl.org/events>. Choose "Computer Club/Tech Talks."

NEW LIBRARY NAMED

St. Louis County Library's New Ladue Branch to be Named for the Robert G. Clark Family

The Clark Family has made a \$4 million donation to the St. Louis County Library and St. Louis County Library Foundation to be used toward the new library branch in Ladue. The new branch, to be named the Clark Family Branch, is expected to be completed in late 2023 and will replace the current Headquarters building at 1640 S. Lindbergh



Boulevard. The gift includes an additional \$2 million dollars for the St. Louis County Library to curate educational programming that furthers the Library's mission.

See <https://www.slcl.org/content/st-louis-county-library%E2%80%99s-new-ladue-branch-be-named-robert-g-clark-family> for more details.

MO HISTORY LOCAL INDEX

After checking the local history indexes at H & G, check out the "[Genealogy and Local History Index](#)" on the Missouri Historical Society's website. This index contains references that appear in selected library, archives and photograph collections at the Missouri Historical Society. The indexed collections contain primarily St. Louis area resources. Researchers can search by personal name, business, street address or source. Sources can be viewed at the Missouri Historical Society Library located at 225 S. Skinker Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63105, or copies can be requested for a fee.

PHOTOGRAPH DRIVE

The Missouri State Archives is holding a historical photograph drive through August, 2022 as part of its 2021 Missouri Bicentennial celebration. Members of the public can submit up to 7 seven photographs each, focused on Missouri culture, events, people and places. Submissions may be made online or in person. For more information, see <https://s1.sos.mo.gov/BicentennialPhotoDrive>.



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Current and past issues can be downloaded from the web <http://www.slcl.org/pastports>.

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STLGS Events

“Reassembling a WWII Service Record”

Monthly Meeting

Saturday, June 11, 10:00 am (Hybrid)

Learn how to research a WWII veteran’s service record if it was impacted by the 1973 fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis.

Featured speaker: Thomas Richardson

“WWI on the Missouri Home Front: The German American Experience”

German Special Interest Group

Wednesday, June 15, 7:00 pm (Hybrid)

Dr. DeWitt will discuss organizations initiated during mobilization and explain how they impacted the German American community.

Featured speaker: Dr. Petra DeWitt

Visit stlgs.org for more information and to register.

SLCL CATALOG

Need more help navigating the new SLCL catalog? Check out the following program:

Internet: SLCL Catalog

June 16, 9:30-11:30 am (Daniel Boone Branch)

June 23, 10:00-11:00 am (Virtual)

Learn how to use the St. Louis County Library’s catalog by searching for books, movies and more. This class will cover how to request items from home, renew items and general use of the catalog. Adults. Registration required.

Register at <https://www.slcl.org/events>.

History & Genealogy services

The following H&G services are free and available to researchers who are unable to visit the library.

Lookup service

H&G can provide photocopies, prints, or digital scans of many library materials from indexed sources or when given a specific citation:

- Up to 30 pages from one book or one article from a journal issue. Staff can also photocopy or scan tables of contents and index pages.
- Microfilmed records—A list of microfilm available in the H&G collection can be viewed [online](https://bit.ly/3jrqw3j) <<https://bit.ly/3jrqw3j>>.
- Print outs from database records if patrons cannot access the database at home.
- Please use the [online lookup request form](https://bit.ly/2UQXJKE) <<https://bit.ly/2UQXJKE>> to submit requests.

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Print collection

More than 27,000 books in the collection can be checked out. The entire collection is included in the library's [online catalog](https://slouc.na2.iivega.com/) <<https://slouc.na2.iivega.com/>>. Books with call numbers that do not begin with "R" are available to check out. Patrons can request books online or by calling 314-994-3300.

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Research guidance

H&G staff members can provide research assistance by phone.

Book-a-Genealogist

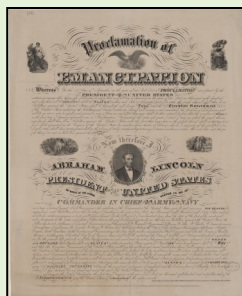
Researchers encountering brick-walls or who would like assistance in developing a plan to achieve specific research goals can schedule a phone consultation with an H&G staff member. Requests can be made using the online [Book-a-Genealogist form](https://bit.ly/3fQbB0r) <<https://bit.ly/3fQbB0r>>.

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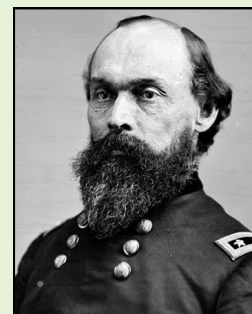
Many library [databases](https://bit.ly/3hBmF3Y) <<https://bit.ly/3hBmF3Y>> can be used at home by St. Louis County Library card holders living in the metropolitan area. For more information, please contact the History & Genealogy Department at 314-994-3300 or genealogy@slcl.org.

This month in history

Last year, the United States officially observed “Juneteenth” as a federal holiday for the first time. Juneteenth recognizes and honors the day news finally spread that all African Americans had been emancipated from the bonds of slavery. At the stroke of midnight on January 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation came into effect and declared enslaved people in the Confederacy free on the condition that the Union won the war. Even after Lee had surrendered to Grant, however, many enslaved people throughout the south still did not know they were free.



On June 19th, 1865, General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and delivered the news of emancipation. His announcement of “General Order No. 3” proclaimed freedom for enslaved people in Texas, which was the last state in the Confederacy with institutional slavery. The proclamation brought the news of freedom to approximately 250,000 enslaved people and read, “The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property, between former masters and slaves and the connection heretofore existing between them, becomes that between employer and hired labor.”



Early Juneteenth celebrations included church services, public readings of the Emancipation Proclamation, and social events like rodeos and dances. In 1980, Texas became the first state to recognize June 19 as a state holiday. Forty-eight more states, the District of Columbia and ultimately the United States federal government would follow suit over the next forty-one years, giving the “second independence day” its rightful due.

SLCL HISTORY PROGRAMS

St. Louis County Library's Department of Adult Programming will present the following history programs in the month of June:

Virtual Program: Gratiot Street Prison

June 7, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

Presented by the National Park Service. Learn about the Gratiot Street Prison, which housed Confederate POWs, spies, and civilians suspected of disloyalty during the civil war right here in St. Louis. Adults. Registration required. Participants will receive Zoom information via email immediately after registering. A recording of this virtual program will be available on the SLCL Youtube page within three business days.

Virtual Program: The Stonewall Uprising

June 8, 10:00-11:00 am

Presented by the National Park Service. Learn about Stonewall Uprisings in 1969 from Park Rangers at the Stonewall National Monument. There will be an opportunity to swear in as a Junior Ranger at the end of the program. In celebration of Pride Month. All ages. Registration required. Participants will receive Zoom information via email immediately after registering.

Black Life in Early St. Louis

June 11, 11:00 am-12:00 pm, Rock Road Branch

June 25, 3:00-4:00 pm, Lewis and Clark Branch

Presented by Cecily Hunter, Public Historian for the African American Initiative for the Missouri Historical Society. Learn about the lives of African Americans in our region before and after emancipation in 1865. In honor of Juneteenth. Adults. Registration required.

SLCL HISTORY PROGRAMS

East St. Louis Race Riot

June 11, 3:00-4:00 pm, Lewis and Clark Branch

June 13, 7:00-8:00 pm, Oak Bend Branch

June 21, 7:00-8:00 pm, Rock Road Branch

June 25, 9:00-10:00 am, Natural Bridge Branch

Presented by Cecily Hunter, Public Historian for the African American Initiative for the Missouri Historical Society. Learn about the East St. Louis race riot of 1917 and the Silent Protest Parade held in New York City as a response. In honor of Juneteenth.

Virtual Program: Flight Jackets of World War II

June 13, 7:00-8:00 pm

Learn about American history through the flight jackets worn by our pilots and aviators and World War II. Adults. Registration required. Participants will receive Zoom information via email immediately after registering.

Virtual Program: The History of Queer Liberation in St. Louis

June 27, 6:00-7:00 pm

Presented by the St. Louis Queer+ Support Helpline (SQSH), Black Pride STL and PROMO. Panelists and audience members are invited to contribute to the collective memory as we look back on the social, political, and cultural moments that shaped the landscape of St. Louis' queer community today. In celebration of Pride Month. Adults. Registration required. Participants will receive Zoom information via email immediately after registering. This program will be recorded and available on our YouTube channel within three business days.

Register for these and other events at <https://www.slcl.org/events>.

NEW AT ANCESTRY

Do you have English ancestors? Ancestry Library Edition has recently added the following new record collections:

- East Sussex, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812
- East Sussex, England, Church of England Births and Baptisms, 1813-1920
- East Sussex, England, Church of England Confirmations, 1813-1927
- East Sussex, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1936
- East Sussex, England, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1995
- West Sussex, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812
- West Sussex, England, Church of England Births and Baptisms, 1813-1920
- West Sussex, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1936
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Ancestry Library Edition can be used in any St. Louis County Library Branch.

YOUR LIBRARY RENEWED

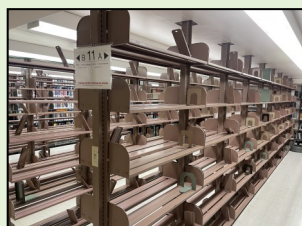
The final “Your Library Renewed” project, the new Clark Family Branch in Ladue to replace Headquarters, will begin this year. The Headquarters location, home to History & Genealogy, closed on May 28 in preparation for demolition. H & G will reopen at a temporary location within the Daniel Boone Branch, 300 Clarkson Road in Ellisville, later this summer. Check <https://www.slcl.org/content/planning-your-visit> for the latest information.



The new branch is slated to be completed in late 2023. H & G will be located on the second floor. We are looking forward to providing our researchers with a bright, new space. The collection will be located on one level, making all items easily accessible.

The H & G staff is currently working hard to move over 100,000 books, over 400 boxes of microfilm, and many other items to their temporary locations.

Please continue to subscribe to PastPorts for future updates. The July 2022 “For the Records” article will feature information about all of the resources that will be available to patrons at the temporary location. As always, Ancestry Library Edition is available at your closest branch, and many of our databases are available from home with your library card. If Headquarters is your closest library, check out the nearby Oak Bend Branch, Thornhill Branch or Mid-County Branch. See <https://www.slcl.org/your-library-renewed> for more information on the new branch.



SLCL AUTHOR EVENT

St. Louis County Library will present the following history author event:

Michael Loynd

“The Watermen: The Birth of American Swimming and One Young Man’s Fight to Capture Olympic Gold”

SLCL Authors @ the J and the Westfall Politics and History Series. In conversation with Three-Time Olympic Gold Medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey.

June 15, 7:00-9:00 pm (Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Seating is limited; early arrival is recommended.)

Mirowitz Performing Arts Center

2 Millstone Campus Drive

St. Louis, MO 63146

Sports attorney Michael Loynd is chairman of the St. Louis Olympic Committee. His new book “The Watermen” shares the underdog story of the first American swimmer to win Olympic gold. In the early twentieth century, few Americans knew how to swim, and swimming as a competitive sport was almost unheard of. That is, until Charles Daniels took to the water. Escaping a troubled family life, Charles’s only source of joy was swimming. He caught the eye of two immigrant coaches hell-bent on building a U.S. swim program that could rival the British Empire’s seventy-year domination of the sport. Interwoven with Charles’s story is the compelling history of the struggle to establish the modern Olympics in an era when competitive sports were still in their infancy. Books available for purchase from [Left Bank Books](#).

ZOOM HELP

St. Louis County Library’s virtual programs are being offered through Zoom, a free video conferencing program. If you’d like some assistance getting started with Zoom, see the “Zoom Help” page on the library’s website: <https://www.slcl.org/content/zoom-help>.

HISTORY MUSEUM EXHIBIT

Check out the Missouri History Museum’s popular exhibit:

ST. LOUIS SOUND

8/28/2021–1/22/2023

Admission to the Missouri History Museum and this special exhibit is free.

“St. Louis just can’t stay quiet. The region has produced legends who are on a first-name basis worldwide, like Ike & Tina, Miles, Chuck, and Nelly. It’s been home to the “Velvet Bulldozer” Albert King, the “Black Venus” Josephine Baker, and the original “king” of pop music, Scott Joplin. And don’t forget world-class songwriters like John Hartford, Jay Farrar, Jeff Tweedy, and Willie Mae Ford Smith. Few cities anywhere can claim so many leading lights in such a wide range of style.

It’s time for St. Louis to raise a loud voice about its contributions to American popular music. This exhibit serves as your introduction to that music—it can’t cover everything, but inside you’ll find familiar tunes, deeper cuts, and a new musical outlook on the city you love. So lend the city your ears. We guarantee you’ll hear something incredible. Bring your headphones to listen to our playlist of St. Louis artists as you explore the exhibit!” Organized by the Missouri History Museum.

As an added bonus, see one of our own H & G staff members, Kelly Draper, featured in one of the displays! Kelly was a member of the all-girl, punk rock band, ‘The Welders.’

See the Missouri History Museum’s website for more information: <https://mohistory.org/society/exhibits>.

LIBRARY CLOSURES

Sunday, June 19, all SLCL locations will be closed for the Juneteenth holiday.

Monday, June 20, all SLCL locations will be closed for the Juneteenth holiday (observed).



PASTPORTS REWIND

In July, 2009, PastPorts published the following table of abbreviations that were found in various St. Louis City directories. With a renewed interest in the directories due to the release of the 1950 census, we have decided republish these abbreviations. City directories can be found in print and on microfilm at H & G (see [City Directories | Missouri-St. Louis City and County](#) for a list of directories), as well as in the [Fold3 database](#).

Abbrev.	Meaning	Year
ab.	above	1860
acct.	account	1940
add.	addition	1870
adj.	adjuster	1952
adm.	administrator/ administration	1952
adv.	advertising	1930
agcy.	agency	1952
agrl.	agricultural	1930
agt.	agent	1860
al.	alley	1860
Am.	American	1930
appr.	apprentice	1930
apts.	apartments	1930
archt.	architect	1930
asmlr.	assembler	1930
assn.	association	1930
assoc.	associate	1952
asst.	assistant	1860
atndt.	attendant	1930
atty.	attorney	1930
aud.	auditor	1952
auto.	automobile	1930
av.	avenue	1860
b.	between	1860
bartdr.	bartender	1890
bdg.	boarding	1930
bds.	boards	1860
bel.	below	1860
bet	between	1860
bgemn.	baggage man	1930
bkbndr.	bookbinder	1930
bkpg.	bookkeeping	1940
mach. op.	machine operator	
bkpr.	bookkeeper	1880
bldg.	building	1860
bldr.	builder	1940
blk.	block	1860
blksmith.	blacksmith	1930
blrmkr.	boilermaker	1940
blvd.	boulevard	1930
bmo.	business machine operator	1952
br.	branch	1930

Abbrev.	Meaning	Year
brklyr.	bricklayer	1930
brkmn.	brakeman	1930
bur.	bureau	1952
B'way.	Broadway	1880
c.	corner	1860
cabtmkr.	cabinetmaker	1930
capt.	captain	1930
Cardt.	Carondelet	1880
carp.	carpenter	1890
cash.	cashier	1930
Ch.	Church	1930
chauf.	chauffeur	1930
chem.	chemist/chemical	1952
chf.	chief	1930
chkr.	checker	1952
cir.	circle	1952
civ.	civil	1930
clk.	clerk	1870
cln.	cleaning/cleaner	1952
clnr.	cleaner	1930
clo.	clothing	1952
col'd.	colored	1860
coll.	collector	1890
collr.	collector	1930
com. mer.	commission merchant	1860
coml.	commercial	1930
comn.	commission	1930
comp.	compositor	1952
compt.	comptometer	1930
comr.	commissioner	1930
comnr.	commissioner	1940
cond.	conductor	1952
condr.	conductor	1952
confr.	confectioner	1930
cons.	consulting	1930
constn.	construction	1952
contr.	contractor	1930
cor.	corner	1880
corres.	correspondent	1890
ct.	court	1860
ctr.	cutter	1930
custdn.	custodian	1970

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del.	delivery	1930
dep.	deputy	1880
dept.	department	1880
dicta.	dictaphone	1930
dieln.	dietician	1952
dir.	director	1940
dispr.	dispatcher	1930
dist.	district	1880
distr.	distributor	1960
div.	division	1940
dlr.	dealer	1930
dmnstr.	demonstrator	1930
do.	ditto/same	1930
dom.	domestic	1930
dr.	drive	1940
drftsmn.	draftsman	1930
drsmkr.	dressmaker	1930
e.	east	1860
educ.	education	1952
elec.	electrical	1930
electn.	electrician	1930
electro.	electrotyper	1930
elev.	elevator	1930
embdr.	embroiderer	1930
emp.	employee	1930
emp. agcy.	employee agency	1930
eng.	engineer	1930
enqr.	engraver	1930
equip.	equipment	1952
es.	east side	1860
est.	estate	1860
exam.	examiner	1952
exch.	exchange	1930
exp.	express	1930
expmn.	expressman	1930
fcty.	factory	1940
fdry.	foundry	1952
Fed.	Federal	1952
fl.	floor	1952
flgm.	flagman	1930
fnshr.	finisher	1930
formn.	foreman	1930
forwd.	forwarding	1860
forwn.	forewoman	1930
frt.	freight	1930
ft.	foot	1930
ft.	fitter	1930
furn.	furniture	1930
furn. rms.	furnished rooms	1930
furng(s).	furnishing(s)	1930

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gasfr.	gasfitter	1930
gdnr.	gardener	1930
gds.	goods	1930
genl.	general	1930
geol.	geologist	1952
govt.	government	1930
gro.	grocer	1930
h.	householder	1930
hairdrsr.	hairdresser	1930
hd.	hand	1930
hdqrs.	headquarters	1930
hdw.	hardware	1930
hlpr.	helper	1930
hndlr.	handler	1952
hngr.	hanger	1930
hosp.	hospital	1930
hq.	headquarters	1952
hsekpr.	housekeeper	1940
htg.	heating	1952
hwy.	highway	1930
implts.	implements	1930
imptr.	importer	1930
inc.	incorporated	1930
indep.	independent	1860
ins.	insurance	1930
insp.	inspector	1860
instr.	instructor	1930
int. dec.	interior decorator	1952
int. rev.	internal revenue	1930
inv.	investment	1952
jan.	janitor	1952
jwlr.	jeweler	1930
kpr.	keeper	1930
la.	lane	1860
lab.	laborer	1860
laby.	laboratory	1952
lbr.	lumber	1930
librn.	librarian	1952
lieut.	lieutenant	1930
lino.	linotype	1930
litho.	lithographer	1890
lndrs.	laundress	1930
lndry.	laundry	1952
lndymn.	laundryman	1930
ltd.	limited	1930
lwyr.	lawyer	1952

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mach.	machinist	1890
mdse.	merchandise	1880
mech.	mechanical	1930
med.	medical	1952
mer.	merchant	1930
mess.	messenger	1890
met.	metropolitan	1930
meter rdr.	meter reader	1952
mfg.	manufacturing	1930
mfr.	manufacturer	1930
mgr.	manager	1930
mkr.	maker	1860
mkt.	market	1880
mldr.	molder	1930
mlnr.	milliner	1930
mn.	man	1930
mnfg.	manufacturing	1880
mnfr.	manufacturer	1860
mng.	manager	1890
mono.	monotype	1940
msngr.	messenger	1930
mstr.	master	1952
mstr. mech.	master mechanic	1930
mtce.	maintenance	1952
mtge.	mortgage	1952
mtr.	motorman/motor	1952
mtm.	motorman	1930
mus.	music	1940
mus. tchr.	music teacher	1940
mut.	mutual	1930
n.	north	1860
natl.	national	1930
ne.	northeast	1860
nr.	near	1860
ns.	north side	1860
nw.	northwest	1860
o (doubled) owner		1930
ofc.	office	1952
op.	opposite	1880
opp.	opposite	1880
opr.	operator	1890
optn.	optician	1952
optom.	optometrist	1952
osteo.	osteopath	1930
P. O.	Post Office	1860
pass.	passenger	1930
pat.	patent	1930
pdlr.	peddler	1930
pharm.	pharmacist	1930

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photog.	photographer	1930
phys.	physician	1930
pk.	park	1860
pk.	packer	1930
pkwy.	parkway	1930
pl.	place	1860
plmb.	plumber/plumbing	1952
plmbr.	plumber	1930
plshr.	polisher	1940
plstr.	plasterer	1930
pntr.	painter	1930
pres.	president	1860
prfrdr.	proofreader	1952
prin.	principal	1870
priv.	private	1952
priv. sec.	private secretary	1940
pntr.	printer	1952
prod.	produce	1860
prof.	professor	1930
prop.	proprietor	1880
propr.	proprietor	1880
prov.	provision(s)	1860
prsfdr.	pressfeeder	1930
prsmn.	pressman	1930
prsr.	presser	1940
PS	Public School	1940
ptrnmkr.	patternmaker	1930
PTS	Postal Transport. Service	1952
pub.	public	1860
pub.	publisher	1880
publ.	publishing	1930
publ.	publisher	1930
purch.	purchasing	1930
R	Room	1952
r.	residence	1860
r.	roomer	1930
r.	rooms	1940
radio tech.	radio technician	1940
RC	Roman Catholic	1940
RD	Rural Delivery	1930
rd.	road	1860
rdr.	reader	1952
real est.	real estate	1930
rec.	receiving	1930
recpt.	receptionist	1960
refgr.	refrigeration/ refrigerator	1960
rep.	representative	1930
repr.	repairer	1930
reprmn.	repairman	1940

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restr.	restaurant	1930
ret.	retail	1870
Rev.	Reverend	1860
rm.	room	1952
ry.	railway	1930
RyMS	Railway Mail Service	1930
s.	south	1860
san.	sanitary	1930
sav.	savings	1930
sch.	school	1930
se.	southeast	1860
sec.	secretary	1860
sergt.	sergeant	1930
serv.	service	1952
ship.	shipping	1930
sht. mtl.	sheet metal	1952
sls.	sales	1952
slsmgr.	salesmanager	1930
slsmn.	salesman	1930
slswm.	saleswoman	1930
smstrs.	seamstress	1930
soc.	society	1930
solr.	solicitor	1930
spl.	special	1940
sq.	square	1870
srtr.	sorter	1952
ss.	south side	1860
sta.	station	1930
sta. eng.	stationary engineer	1930
stat.	statistician	1952
sten.	stenographer	1890
steno.	stenographer	1890
stereo.	stereotyper	1890
stge.	storage	1952
stmftr.	steamfitter	1930
str.	street	1930
str.	setter	1980
studt.	student	1952
stvdr.	stevedore	1952
sup.	supply	1952
supt.	superintendent	1860
supvr.	supervisor	1930
surg.	surgeon	1930
sw.	southwest	1860

Abbrev.	Meaning	Year
swtchmn.	switchman	1930
sys.	system	1952
tab. mach. opr.	tabulating machine operator	1940
tchr.	teacher	1930
tech.	technician	1940
tel.	telephone	1930
teleg.	telegraph	1930
telev.	television	1952
ter.	terrace	1900
tmkpr.	timekeeper	1930
tmstr.	teamster	1930
tndr.	tender	1930
tob.	tobacco	1952
trans.	transfer	1880
trav.	traveling	1930
treas.	treasurer	1860
trmr.	trimmer	1952
trnmn.	trainman	1952
tstr.	tester	1952
twp.	township	1930
typ.	typist	1952
undtkr.	undertaker	1930
undwrtr.	underwriter	1952
Univ.	University	1960
uphol.	upholsterer	1930
vet.	veterinary	1930
vulc.	vulcanizer	1930
w.	west	1860
whol.	wholesale	1870
whsmn.	warehouseman	1930
whseman.	warehouseman	1960
wid.	widow	1870
wkr.	worker	1930
wks.	works	1870
wldr.	welder	1960
ws.	west side	1860
wtchmn.	watchman	1930
ydmn.	yardman	1930
ydmstr.	yardmaster	1930