

Figure 1: Homes in the Maryland Terrace Historic District located in St. Louis County, Missouri. This location is listed in the National Register of Historic Places ([National Register of Historic Places listings in St. Louis County, Missouri, Wikipedia](#)).



FOR THE RECORDS

Historic Site Research for Genealogists and Family Historians

Historic sites hold a special significance for genealogists as they often serve as a tangible connection to the places where their ancestors lived, worked, and thrived. By researching and visiting these locations, genealogists can better understand their family's journey and the environments that influenced their ancestors' lives. Walking the same streets, visiting ancestral homes, or standing in the presence of significant landmarks can evoke a sense of connection and bring family history to life.

The National Register of Historic Places

Established in 1966 by the United States government, the National Register of Historic Places is an authoritative record of significant historic sites, structures, and districts nationwide.

The register is a national program administered by the National Park Service (NPS), and its primary purpose is to identify and preserve places of historical significance, from individual buildings to entire districts. The NRHP recognizes the importance of these locations and works to ensure their protection for future generations.

NPS Form 10-900 (Oct. 1990) OMB No. 10204-0018
 United States Department of the Interior
 National Park Service
 National Register of Historic Places
 Registration Form

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 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

1. Name of Property
 historic name Maryland Terrace Historic District
 other name/site number n/a

2. Location
 street & number 7001 to 7412 Maryland Ave., 7001 to 7384 Westmoreland Dr. [n/a] not for publication
 city or town University City and Clayton [n/a] vicinity
 state Missouri code MO county St. Louis code 189 zip code 63130

3. State/Federal Agency Certification
 As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this [] nomination [] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60, to my satisfaction. [] I recommend that this property be considered significant.
 [] nationally [] statewide [] locally
 (See continuation sheet for additional comments [])
 Signature of certifying official/Title Claire P. Blackwell/Deputy SHPO Date 30 July 1998
 Missouri Department of Natural Resources
 State or Federal agency and bureau
 In my opinion, the property [] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria.
 (See continuation sheet for additional comments [])
 Signature of certifying official/Title
 State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification
 I hereby certify that the property is:
 [x] entered in the National Register See continuation sheet []
 [] determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet []
 [] determined not eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet []
 [] removed from the National Register
 [] other, explain See continuation sheet []

Figure 2: The first page of the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form for the Maryland Terrace Historic District ([link to full registration form](#)).

Criteria for Listing

To be considered for inclusion in the National Register, a site must meet specific criteria established by the NPS. These criteria encompass historical, architectural, and cultural significance. A property may be eligible if it is associated with an important event, person, or period in history or possesses distinctive architectural features. Furthermore, a property must retain its historic integrity, meaning it should closely resemble its original appearance or reflect its historical significance (Fig. 2).

Accessing the National Register

The NRHP is accessible to the public through various means. The easiest way to explore the register is through the official website of the National Park Service. (<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/database-research.htm>)

The online database provides a wealth of information, including a comprehensive list of registered properties, locations, and relevant historical data. Additionally, many state and local historical societies, libraries, and archives maintain collections of NRHP materials, making them excellent resources for in-depth research (Fig. 3).

Utilizing the National Register for Local History Research

Identifying Historic Sites: The NRHP is valuable for identifying local historic sites. By searching on the official website or through local resources, researchers can locate properties of interest within their area. These sites range from landmarks and buildings to bridges, parks, and archaeological sites. Identifying registered properties is the first step in understanding the historical significance of an area.

Accessing Documentation: The NRHP provides extensive documentation for each registered property. This documentation typically includes a detailed description of the property, historical background, photographs, maps, and relevant architectural information.

Uncovering Historical Significance: Through the NRHP, researchers can discover the historical significance of a site and its role within the broader context of local, regional, or national history. The documentation often includes information about important events, notable individuals, or cultural movements associated with the property. By exploring these details, researchers can create a more complete narrative of the past.

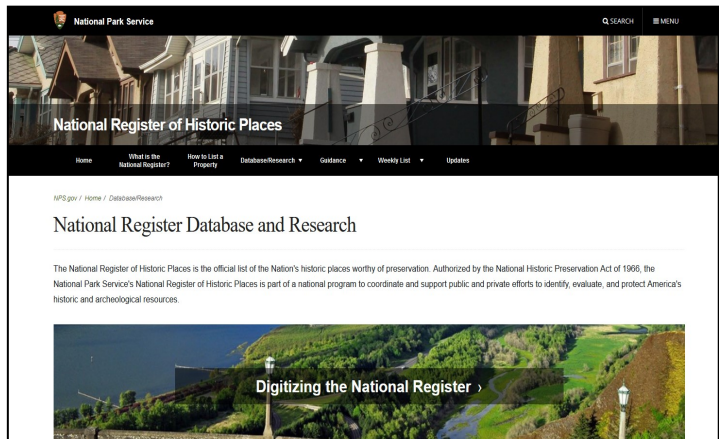


Figure 3: The National Register of Historic Places website (www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/index.htm).

Exploring Preservation Efforts: The NRHP serves as a record and promotes the preservation and restoration of historic properties. Many registered sites have undergone preservation efforts, and the NRHP documentation often highlights these initiatives. Researchers can learn about restoration projects, ongoing preservation efforts, and the organizations involved. This information can inspire local communities to engage in similar endeavors and contribute to preserving their heritage.

Supplementing Research with Additional Sources: While the NRHP is invaluable, it is important to supplement the information obtained from the register with other primary and secondary sources.

The History and Genealogy Department of the St. Louis County Library has several books and resources that can provide additional information and context when researching historic sites.

Missouri State Parks and Historic Sites: Exploring Our Legacy (call no. R 977.8 M678), edited by Susan Flader, is a great place to start if you want to discover what sites are in your local area. It includes an alphabetical index of historic sites so that readers can browse and locate information on a specific

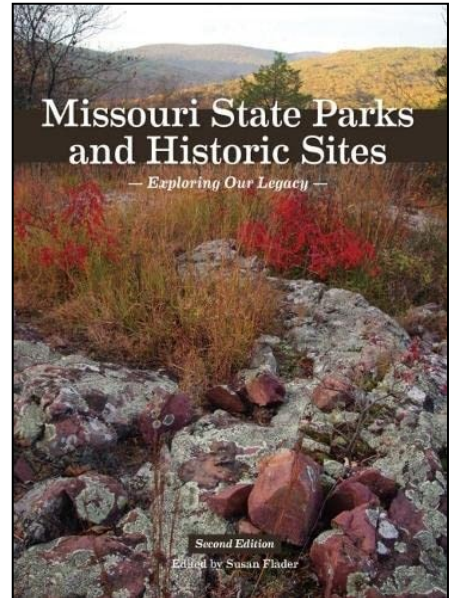


Figure 4: *Missouri State Parks and Historic Sites: Exploring Our Legacy* (R 977.8 M678).

site. The sections for each historic site include photographs along with a historical overview. It is a great way to learn about the sites and see what they look like if you cannot visit them in person (Fig. 4).



Figure 5: *Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue* (R 977.8 M678).

Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue (call no. R 977.8 M678), edited by Dorothy J. Caldwell, is another excellent resource for identifying historic sites in Missouri. The book is organized by county and includes photographs and descriptions of each site (Fig. 5).

Conclusion

The National Register of Historic Places is a treasure trove for local history researchers, offering a gateway to the past. By exploring the NRHP, individuals can identify significant historical sites, access detailed documentation, uncover historical significance, and learn about preservation efforts. The NRHP serves as a starting point for research, guiding researchers toward additional sources and materials that enrich the understanding of local history. Engaging with the NRHP opens doors to the fascinating stories within our communities, allowing us to connect with our collective heritage and preserve it for future generations.

SPOTLIGHT ON



FRAKTUR

Fraktur is a calligraphy script that was used from the 16th to the 20th centuries. Although it looks like it may have been difficult to write, it was actually relatively easy and practical, as the letters are made up of individual strokes instead of continuous ones. The name “Fraktur” comes from the Latin work “fractūra,” or “fracture.” The script is most often associated with Germany, as it remained popular there for longer than other places in Europe.

Do you have German ancestors whose records are written in Fraktur? Struggling to read it? Check out this handy H&G cheat sheet!

The German alphabet in *Fraktur*

ⱱ	A	Ɀ	P	a	a	q	q	1	1
Ɱ	B	Ɱ	Q	b	b	r	r	2	2
Ɱ	C	Ɱ	R	c	c	ſ	s	3	3
Ɱ	D	Ɱ	S	d	d	ſ	s	4	4
Ɱ	E	Ɱ	T	e	e	t	t	5	5
Ɱ	F	Ɱ	U	f	f	u	u	6	6
Ɱ	G	Ɱ	V	g	g	v	v	7	7
Ɱ	H	Ɱ	W	h	h	w	w	8	8
Ɱ	I	Ɱ	X	i	i	x	x	9	9
Ɱ	J	Ɱ	Y	j	j	y	y	0	0
Ɱ	K	Ɱ	Z	k	k	z	z		
Ɱ	L	Ɱ	Ä	l	l	ä	ä		
Ɱ	M	Ɱ	Ö	m	m	ö	ö		
Ɱ	N	Ɱ	Ü	n	n	ü	ü		
Ɱ	O			o	o	ß	ß		

Three letter forms used for “s”

ſ occurs in the middle of a syllable

zu **Haufe**
zu Hause

ß occurs only at the end of a syllable

Hausfrau
Hausfrau

ß equals “ss”

daß daß (dass)

Easily-confused letter forms

ⱱ	Ɱ	Ɱ	Ɱ	Ɱ	Ɱ	Ɱ	Ɱ	Ɱ	Ɱ		
AU	BV	IJ	KR	CE	GS						
f	ſ	l	i	j	r	r	n	y	o	v	
f	ſ	k	l	i	j	r	x	n	y	o	v
ch	ck	sch	st	ft	ss	ff	fi	tz			

H&G Classes & Programs

The following History & Genealogy classes and programs are offered for September 2023:

[Exploring FamilySearch.org](#)

Monday, September 11, 2:00 pm, Virtual
FamilySearch.org is a free website offering access to millions of records for genealogy and family history research. Learn how to search for ancestors, navigate the catalog, and take advantage of other features. Adults. Registration required.

[Author Event: David Lange, "Soccer Made in St. Louis, Second Edition"](#)

Wednesday, September 13, 7:00 pm, Daniel Boone
St. Louis has played soccer since the 1870s and has produced 90 national champions, 77 players on the U.S. National Team, and 34 members of U.S. national soccer halls of fame. "Soccer Made in St. Louis" chronicles the successful drive to bring a Major League Soccer franchise to St. Louis while sharing the early history of St. Louis soccer.

[Preservation @ Rock Road: Digitize Your Files and Photos](#)

Thursday, September 14, 3:00-6:00 pm, Rock Road
A History and Genealogy staff member will be available to assist with scanning and saving old pictures and documents. Up to 20 items permitted, 8 ½ x 11 or smaller. Attendees are encouraged to bring a digital storage device, such as a flash drive, if possible, and are responsible for handling their own items. Attendees may arrive at any time during the event, and wait times may vary depending on scanner availability. Adults. Registration required.

[Beginning Genealogy Research](#)

Tuesday, September 19, 2:00 pm, Jamestown Bluffs
If you have little or no research experience, this is the class for you. Learn about the genealogical research process, the many resources available through History & Genealogy at the St. Louis County Library, and how to get started. Adults. Registration required.

[History of The Hill and Italian Ancestry](#)

Thursday, September 21, 6:00 pm, Oak Bend
Presented by LynnMarie Alexander, Director/Archivist and Mary Ann Pirone, Volunteer Genealogist at The Hill Neighborhood Center Are you interested in St. Louis Italian culture? Do you have Italian ancestry? This program is for you! Explore the history of The Hill neighborhood. Then learn about how to research Italian family history both here and back in Italy. Ci vediamo li (See you there!). Adults. Registration required.

[Forensic Genealogy: From Genes to Crime Scenes](#)

Thursday, September 28, 6:30 pm, Virtual
Learn about how DNA and genealogy are used in the area of law enforcement, from solving crimes to identifying remains. Speaker: Josiah Schmidt, Professional Genealogist and Private Investigator. Adults. Registration required.

Coming in October. . .

[Family History Month Scavenger Hunt](#)

October 1-31, Daniel Boone
Enter to win a DNA test kit!

[Family History Month Series: Advanced Techniques in American Research](#)

Monday evenings in October, Virtual

[One-Step Webpages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools with Steve Morse](#)

Thursday, October 12, 6:00 pm

[Recently Digitized Maps at the Missouri Historical Society](#)

Thursday, October 19, 2:00 pm

Register at www.slcl.org/events, choose event type "Genealogy."

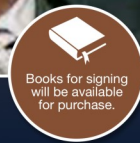
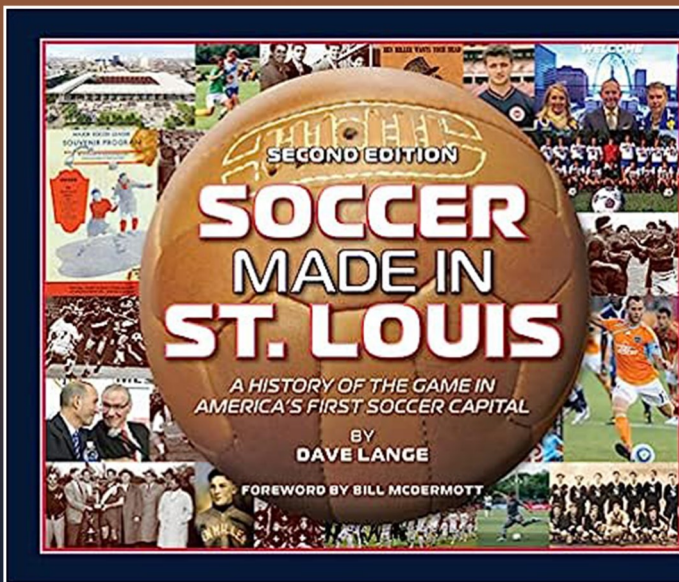
St. Louis County Library's History & Genealogy Department
presents

DAVID LANGE

Author of
"Soccer Made in St. Louis: A History of the Game in America's
First Soccer Capitol, Second Edition"

Wednesday, September 13, 7:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.



Daniel Boone Branch
300 Clarkson Rd. | Ellisville, MO 63011 | 314-994-3300



Program sites are accessible. With at least two weeks' notice, accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Call 314-994-3300 or visit www.slcl.org



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
- Print outs from database records if patrons cannot access the database at home.
- Please use the [online lookup request form](#) to submit requests.

*Some items may be temporarily unavailable due to construction

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](#). 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 consultation with an H&G staff member. Requests can be made using the online [Book-a-Genealogist form](#).

Database access

Many library [databases](#) 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.

STLGS Events

The St. Louis Genealogical Society presents the following events:

Using the Periodical Source Index (PERSI)

September 9, 10:00 am, Thornhill

Sponsored by the St. Louis Genealogical Society. The Periodical Source Index (PERSI), produced by the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center in Indiana, is the largest subject index to genealogy and local history periodical articles in the world. Learn how to use this index and access articles about your ancestors. Featured speaker: Robin McDonough, St. Louis County Library.

Fall Speaker Series: St. Louis Through the Ages: Exploring the City of Your Ancestors

September 16, Hybrid, STLGS Office

Learn about the following topics, presented by Emily Jaycox and Dennis Northcott of the Missouri History Museum:

- St. Louis History Through Maps
- Finding Your Ancestors at the Library & Research Center
- Depression-Era St. Louis: Legacies on the Landscape
- If These Walls Could Talk: Researching Your House's History

German SIG Meeting: Searching for Your Elusive Prussian Ancestors: A Case Study

September 20, 7:00 pm, Hybrid, Oak Bend

Prussia once controlled parts of what are now modern Germany and Poland. Gain a better understanding of historical Prussia in the pursuit of records with numerous examples and resources. Featured speaker: Stephen Wendt, instructor and writer.

See stlgs.org for more information.

**HISTORY
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Oak Bend Branch

842 S. Holmes Ave. | St. Louis, MO 63122 | 314-994-3300

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PARDON OUR DUST

The St. Louis County Library has recently upgraded its website. The History & Genealogy page can be accessed by clicking on “Research & Learn,” and then “History & Genealogy.” Unfortunately, some of the H&G links have been broken during the upgrade process, and we were unable to upload PastPorts. Please be patient as our hardworking SLCL technology team works to get everything back on track, and enjoy this PastPorts triple issue! Please contact H&G at 314-994-3300 or genealogy@slcl.org for help locating any of our online materials.



HOLIDAY CLOSURE

All St. Louis County Library locations will be closed on Monday, September 4, for Labor Day.

PastPorts is published by History & Genealogy at the St. Louis County Library

Subscribe at slcl.org/pastports. Current and past issues can be downloaded from the web.

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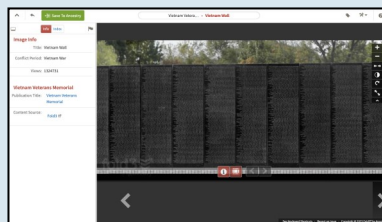


The St. Louis Science Center is hosting **Mandela: The Official Exhibition**. “This exhibit takes guests on a personal journey through the life of the world’s most iconic freedom fighter and political leader, Nelson Mandela.”—St. Louis Science Center.

See slsc.org for more details. The exhibit runs through mid-September.

FOLD3 MEMORIAL WALLS

Do you have military ancestors? Do you enjoy military history? Take a look at Fold3’s new USS Arizona and Vietnam War memorial walls. Users can zoom in and view all names inscribed on the memorials. Access Fold3 through the St. Louis County Library in any branch or at home with your library card at www.slcl.org/resources/fold3.



Virtual Program

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NEW Books

History & Genealogy is home to almost 20,000 family history books. Our recent acquisitions include the following surnames:

Abercrombie
Achenbach
Acheson
Allison
Ames
Applegate
Baskerville
Braford
Cochran
Dameron
Deweese
Dimock
Donaphin
Eckhardt
Esquer
Irvine
Kressin
Lato
Linossier
Mack
Marfell
Monagan
Root
Scalise
Steagall
Treptow
Werstler

Please see the SLCL [catalog](#) for more information about these and other titles.

Many family history books circulate and can be checked out or transferred through interlibrary loan. Those designated as “reference” (R before catalog number) may be requested and sent to H&G at the Daniel Boone Branch for viewing, or a [lookup form](#) may be completed (not to exceed 30 pages).

DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know that Sears sold “kit houses?” Beginning in 1908, blueprints and building supplies could be ordered from the Sears “Modern Homes” catalog and shipped to the customer. Each kit included a detailed instruction booklet. The framing lumber and other supplies were even pre-cut and labeled. The kits were designed to be completed in about 90 days, either by the homeowner or a hired contractor. The homes reflected the style of the times in which they were sold, and included craftsmen, colonial, and Cape Cod designs. Sears houses put the dream of home ownership within the reach of many in the middle class.



The last Sears Modern Homes catalog was published in 1940, with homes possibly built as late as 1942. There are no surviving Sears sale records, but it is estimated that there were 70-75,000 kits sold, and that about 70% of the houses are still standing.



There were other kit house companies that existed during this time, so homeowners who suspect they may have a Sears house must go through a rigorous authentication

process. Sears homes are popular among history buffs and home investors, and often sell for top dollar when they go on the market.

Ohio has the largest number of identified Sears kit houses with over 3400. Missouri has over 100, with several local homes built in the city of Kirkwood. See www.searsarchives.com/homes/1908-1914.htm for more information.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction of the Clark Family Branch, the future home of the History & Genealogy Department, is coming along! Check out the following photos taken on August 17. For more photos, see the St. Louis County Library's Flickr account at www.flickr.com/photos/slclevents/.



CANADIAN CENSUSES

Do you have Canadian ancestors? Familysearch.org is offering the following virtual class:

Counting the Canucks: Combing through Canadian Censuses

September 21, 10:00 am MDT

Censuses are the gateway to finding and using most other records in Canada. Census records include information about family structure, residences, occupations, and even religion. In this class, we will introduce the history and background of the censuses, introduce the genealogical value, and teach you how to find the censuses.

Register at:

www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/

[FamilySearch Library Classes and Webinars](#)

NGS CONFERENCE

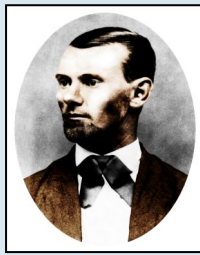


History & Genealogy was at the National Genealogical Society conference in Richmond, VA in June. We were able to see many great presentations and inform attendees about our wonderful resources, including the NGS book collection and our German Ortssippenbücher collection. We also gave away almost 200 copies of PastPorts newsletter featuring a variety of genealogy topics!



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY


Wild West legend Jesse James was born in Centerville, Missouri on September 5, 1847. Following the Civil War, Jesse and his brother Frank formed a group of outlaws who robbed banks, stores, trains, stagecoaches. In 1882, after the governor of Missouri offered a \$10,000 reward for his capture, dead or alive, a member of the gang shot 34-year-old Jesse James and claimed the reward. For books on this legendary Missouri figure, see the SLCL [catalog](#).



25TH ANNIVERSARY



The History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library celebrated its 25th anniversary on July 20, 2023. The department began as “Special Collections” in 1998, and quickly grew with the donations of the St. Louis Genealogical Society’s collection in that year, as well as the National Genealogical Society’s collection in 2001. We are grateful for all of the researchers who have used our resources and services over the years and are looking forward to many more!



Family History Month
WEBINAR SERIES

THEME:
ADVANCED TECHNIQUES FOR AMERICAN RESEARCH

OCTOBER 2-30

Adults. Registration required.
See reverse for a full schedule of events or visit www.slcl.org/events.

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Monday, October 2, 6:30 p.m.
The Scenic Route: Resolving Cases with Cluster & Collateral Research
People belong—they live, work and socialize within groups. Exhaustive research requires the thorough examination of these groups. Learn how to explore the family unit within the context of their community (cluster) and their collateral lines.

Monday, October 9, 6:30 p.m.
Extra! Extra! Read All About It!: Genealogy in Newspapers
Newspapers are an excellent source of genealogical and historical information, and digitization has made them widely available. Explore the information you can find in newspapers, and the most popular newspaper databases.

Monday, October 16, 6:30 p.m.
Does That Even Make Sense?: Online Family Trees
Are online trees a genealogist’s friend or foe? Learn tools for evaluating whether the information in online trees should be added to your own work.

Monday, October 23, 6:30 p.m.
City Directories: An Untapped “Avenue” for Genealogy Research
City directories can be used in a variety of ways to further your genealogy research. Learn how to find and use them to help you build your family tree.

Monday, October 30, 6:30 p.m.
Beyond the Document: Extracting Evidence from Context
Advanced genealogists inform their understanding of document creation, seek out ancillary documents, scrutinize record citations and thoroughly analyze documents for the implications their existence presents. Explore what information can be gleaned from a deeper understanding of context.



HOP ABOARD THE SOLDIERS MEMORIAL SHUTTLE

*Convenient transportation to the exhibition
"Vietnam: At War and At Home" in downtown St. Louis*

Wednesday, September 20, 9:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Journey to the heart of military history at Soldiers Memorial Military Museum in downtown St. Louis to explore the exhibition with the museum's Director. Shuttle tickets are \$15 per passenger. Shuttles depart promptly from the Grant's View Branch at 9:30 a.m. and will return by 12:30 p.m.



Adults. Registration required.

Visit www.mohistory.org/soldiers-memorial-shuttle or call (314) 361-9017 to reserve your ticket.



Grant's View Branch

9700 Musick Rd. | St. Louis, MO 63123 | 314-994-3300

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