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Use *Footnote* database for free at St. Louis County Library

Footnote is now available in the Special Collections Department or at public computers at any St. Louis County Library branch. Besides access to primary sources from the National Archives and other repositories, Footnote has other features that make it a unique and valuable research tool.

One such feature is the database's social networking function. Users with a *Footnote* account can add valuable information through annotation, upload their own images, and find possible connections with other researchers. Users can also save images to their accounts for retrieval later. Establishing a user account is free and can be done from any computer with Internet access.

For Missouri researchers *Footnote* includes St. Louis city directories, 1863-1923 and Missouri Union and Confederate Civil War service records,. Users can get a good overview of available record sets by clicking the "Site Map" link on the extreme bottom-right corner of the *Footnote* homepage. *Footnote* document images are very high quality and frequently clearer than microfilm.

When using *Footnote* for the first time at the library, it is helpful to read "Using *Footnote* at the St. Louis County Library." The page is linked from the *Footnote* homepage when accessed at a library computer.

Want to know more about using *Footnote*? The database has been added to the Special Collections Department's genealogical database classes. See the Calendar on page 8 or the library's online event schedule <http://host7.evanced.info/stlouis/evanced/eventcalendar.asp> for specific dates and times.

Although users can search *Footnote* at home for free, downloading and printing documents usually requires payment. Here's a tip: search at home, and then come to the library to print out your finds. Letter-size prints are just 10 cents each. 11" x 17" prints (available only in the Special Collections Department) are 20 cents each.

New registration procedures in effect

St. Louis County Library has implemented new signup procedures for classes and other library-sponsored events requiring advanced registration. Registrations will now be accepted beginning four weeks in advance of each class or event. Patrons can register for Special Collections Department classes by calling 314-994-3300, or in person at any St. Louis Library branch location. The class and event schedule can be browsed or searched on the St. Louis County Library website <http://host7.evanced.info/stlouis/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>.

Learn more! Workshops from Special Collections Department

The Special Collections Department is offering a series of workshops to help researchers sharpen their skills. While some workshops will offer an introduction to the Department and teach basic research skills, others will feature more advanced topics. Initial workshop offerings are listed below. The Department plans to add more workshop sessions and topics in the future.

Pre-registration required

Each workshop is free and open to the public but space is limited. Registration will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis beginning four weeks in advance of the workshop date. To register for a workshop or for more information, call the Special Collections Department at 314-994-3300, ext. 208.

Workshop topics and dates

Genealogical Research: Getting the Most out of the Special Collections Department

■ **Thursday, July 16, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Headquarters Auditorium**

This introductory course will have three main emphases:

- An overview of genealogical research, including how to get started, citing sources and organizing research findings.
- Basic library skills, including a discussion of the Dewey Decimal system, the online library catalog, resource formats (print, microform and electronic), and collection guides and finding aids
- An overview of resources available in the Special Collections Department.

This workshop is appropriate for beginning researcher and who have little or no previous experience. Registration is limited to 18 participants.

Learning How to Read and Write Township and Range Land Descriptions

This workshop will be offered on two dates:

■ **Saturday, July 25, 9:30 am – 11:30 pm, Headquarters Auditorium**

■ **Wednesday, July 29, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Headquarters East Room**

The ability to read and understand land descriptions is essential for unlocking important information found in deeds, probate files, and court case documents in states using township and range property descriptions. Participants will learn:

- How to plat property on a township grid
- How to write a land description from a plat map

States using township and range descriptions are Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio, Wisconsin, and all states west of the Mississippi except Texas and Hawaii.

Besides the presentation and hands-on activities, the class will include a brief tour of the Special Collections Department with emphasis on specialized resources needed for land research.

This workshop is designed for researchers who would like to advance their research skills. Knowledge of basic research skills and previous experience in doing genealogical or property research is recommended. Registration is limited to 12 participants per session.

Ancestral Timelines: Records for Researching Your Family History

This workshop will be offered on two dates:

■ **Saturday, August 22, 9:30 – 11:30 am, Headquarters Auditorium**

■ **Wednesday, August 26, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Headquarters Auditorium**

New researchers or those wanting a refresher will find this workshop useful. The presenter will offer an overview of basic records used in genealogical research, including birth, marriage, death, immigration and naturalization, census, city directories and newspapers. The session will include lively discussion and hands-on activities. Participants should compile and bring with them existing genealogical information or documentation (please do not bring valuable originals).

This workshop is appropriate for beginning researchers who have little or no previous experience. Registration is limited to 20 participants.

Researching orphans, orphanages, and adoption

FOR THE RECORDS

The issues surrounding orphans can pose significant roadblocks to genealogical research. The growth of privacy laws and a change in philosophy away from institutional care in the 20th century makes such research even more difficult. The Special Collections Department has a number of resources to help researchers find information, create a research strategy, and learn the history of this complex subject.

Orphanage records

Many orphanages were founded in the 19th century by civil and religious institutions, and St. Louis was no exception. Orphanages were not only established to provide care for homeless, abandoned, and parentless children, they also took in children who had parents. Many of these were "half-orphans," children whose one remaining parent could not provide care or support. Although institutions commonly sought to return their wards to the parental home, this was frequently not possible. Many children lived in the orphanage until reaching the age of majority. The Special Collections Department has records for several local institutions:

■ *German General Protestant Orphans' Home Intake Records, 1878-1943*. Microfilm. Located in Microfilm Drawer 2.

An index to these records is available at call no. R 977.866 I38. See below for a history of this institution.

■ *St. Louis City Registrar Journal of Commitments to House of Refuge, 1854-1899* Microfilm. Located in Microfilm Drawer 2.

An index to this set was published in the *St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly,* Vol. 25, Nos. 3-4 (1992) and Vol. 26, Nos. 1-3 (1993), also available in the Department. Inquire at the Department's reference desk.

■ "St. Louis Orphanages in the 1900 Census."

This index, located on the finding aids counter in the Special Collections Department, lists residents and employees at ten St. Louis institutions.

Histories, general and local

The Special Collections Department has a number of books for readers interested in the history of the subject:

■ Cary, E. Wayne, ed. *Adoption in America: Historical Perspectives.* Ann Arbor, Mich.: University of Michigan Press, 2004. Call no. R 362.734 A239.

This collection of ten scholarly essays from various authors investigates specific historical aspects of adoption. Essays include "A Good Home: Indenture and Adoption in Nineteenth-Century Orphanages" by Susan L. Power, "Adoption Agencies and the Search for the Ideal Family, 1918 – 1965" by Brian Paul Gill, and "When in Doubt, Count: World War II as a Watershed in the History of Adoptions" by E Wayne Carp and Anna Leon-Guerror.

■ Patrick, Michael D. and Evelyn Goodrich Trickel. *Orphan Trains to Missouri.* Columbia, Mo.: University of Missouri Press, 1997. Call no. R 362.73 P314O and circulating copy.

In 1853, Charles Loring Brace founded the Children's Aid Society in New York to provide homes for children living on the street. The society's inability to provide for so many children led Brace to devise a program of sending orphans west to live with farm families. This book recalls the history of these "orphan trains" in Missouri and tells the experience of some of the orphans who lived with foster families in the state.

The Department is fortunate to have several histories relating to local institutions. Their individual stories illustrate how the services of orphanages established in the 19th changed radically during the course of the 20th.

■ Sartori, Glenn J. *Still Caring: The Evolution of a St. Louis Orphanage.* St. Louis: G.J. Sartori, 2003. Call no. R 977.865 S251S.

Now known as YouthBridge Campus, the German General Protestant Orphan's Home was founded in 1877 and was related to two important St. Louis German Protestant congregations: the Independent German Evangelical Protestant Church of the Holy

Ghost Church (later known as Holy Ghost United Church of Christ) and the Independent German Evangelical Protestant Congregation (now Christ the King United Church of Christ in Florissant).

■ Ray, Jo Colay. *These Little Ones: The History of the Missouri Baptist Children's Home.* St. Louis: Missouri Baptist Children's Home, 1986. Call no. R 977.866 R263T.

Founded at 2651 Morgan St. in 1886, the organization moved to its present campus in Bridgeton in 1906.

■ Faden, Regina M. "The German St. Vincent Orphan Home: The Institution and its Role in the Immigrant German Catholic Community of St. Louis, 1850-1900." Ph.D. dissertation, St. Louis University, 2000. Call no. R 977.866 F144G.

St. Vincent's Home was founded in 1849 and originally served the German Catholic community in response to the number of orphans left by a devastating cholera epidemic.

Research on living persons

The Department frequently receives inquiries from adoptees searching for birth family and vice-versa. Privacy laws and the policies of individual institutions can make this type of research extremely challenging. The Department has several published guides and other information for those interested in pursuing such research. Inquire at the Department's reference desk.

TIPS

■ **When examining an image from a search result in** *Ancestry***,** look at the images that follow, also—they might include related information. In the case of a particular passport application search, for example, *Ancestry* returned only a single hit for a specific name. Clicking on the "view image" link led to an image within a group of several hundred others. Paging forward revealed three more consecutive documents related to the application. The last two images had no direct links to them but were more genealogically rich than the first, which was a cover letter.

■ **Looking for a recent St. Louis obituary?** The *St. Louis*

Post-Dispatch is available electronically at St. Louis County Library. Though the database covers 1988 - present, obituaries are only available beginning Nov. 4, 1999. The database is available on the library's database page <http://www.slcl.org/databases/newspapers.htm>. The database can be accessed at home with a valid St. Louis County Library card.

■ **Are you from out of town or otherwise unable make it to the library this summer?** The Special Collections Department staff will do lookups and send the results by mail. Lookup possibilities include marriage and death records, church records, books, newspaper obituaries, and other published sources. The source must be indexed unless the request is specific enough for that staff to locate the information quickly.

Send lookup requests to scollections@slcl.org. There is a limit of three lookups per request. The cost is 25 cents per microfilm copy, 15 cents for 8-1/2" x 11" and 30 cents for 11" x 17" photocopies, plus a $1 handling fee, payable by invoice sent with the lookup results. Please allow two weeks for a response to a lookup request.

WEB NEWS

Web finds

■ **Hoosier Heritage** <http://www.hoosierheritage.net/HH.html>: This website provides a listing of digital records available in the state of Indiana. The site's search engine will search all of the listed databases at once.

■ **Missouri State Highway Map Archive** <http://www.modot.mo.gov/newsandinfo/publications/MoStateHighwayMapArchive.htm>: View road maps dating from as early as 1918 at this Missouri Department of Transportation website. Images are high-resolution digital files in PDF format.

■ **Louisiana Obituary and Biography index** <http://neworleanspubliclibrary.org/obits/obits.htm>: The New Orleans Public Library has recently completed this online index featuring obituaries and death notices published in New Orleans newspapers from 1804-1972 and biographical information published in older Louisiana collective biographies.

■ **North Carolina Maps** <http://www.lib.unc.edu/dc/ncmaps/>: Search or browse

historic maps of the Tarheel State in this online collection from the University of North Carolina. Maps are drawn from the collections of the North Carolina State Archives, the North Carolina Collection at UNC-Chapel Hill, and the Outer Banks History Center. The project, when completed, will offer access to more than 1,500 maps, ranging from the late 1500s to the 1970s and include detailed maps for each county in the state.

New on the web

■ **Familysearch.org** <http://familysearch.org> continues to add more digitized records to its website. A news release from July 17 reports that the Louisiana and Idaho death records are now available, and Delaware, the District of Columbia, Michigan, Nevada, New Hampshire, and New Mexico were added to the 1920 U.S. Census collection.

New on *Ancestry*

■ **1861, 1871, and 1881 Census of Canada:** The 1861 census, taken before Canada was independent, only includes schedules for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island and Quebec, although some provinces only recorded the heads of household. All Canadian census databases include original images and an every-name index (except as noted for the 1871 census).

■ **NARA Collections Database:** This database serves as the catalog of all the National Archives (NARA) collections available on *Ancestry*. The collection is searchable by series number (e.g., T288 or M262), NARA title or *Ancestry* title. The database can also be browsed.

■ **Official Army Register of the Volunteer Force of the United States Army, 1861-1865, Parts 1-8:** Published in 1865, this register contains listings for all Union Civil War regiments, including the dates of regiment formation and dissolution with lists the officers. In many cases entries also list the battles in which a regiment honorable served.

Ancestry continues to add titles to the German and Canadian Collections, as well as update existing databases regularly. Check often for recent additions.

SAVE THE DATE!

Special German genealogy event

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009

9:30 am – Noon (Doors open at 9 am)

Headquarters Auditorium

Presenter: **John T. Humphrey, CG**

■ Researching German Ancestors: "The Agony and the Ecstasy"

More Americans claim descent from German ancestors than from any group who emigrated from the British Isles. This introduction to German research explores obstacles like language and custom, and it looks at a variety of records kept by Germans in the U.S. and Germany that will open the way to a rich source of research material.

■ Using Published Sources to Find German Ancestors

A variety of sources published in Germany are available in the United States that offer genealogists the opportunity to find information on ancestors who came from areas where information is limited.

John Humphrey is president of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society, and past vice president of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. He is also the former Director of the National Genealogical Society Learning Center in Arlington, Va. An award-winning author, Mr. Humphrey has published numerous books and articles.

The event is free and open to the public. No pre-registration is required

NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

The following is a selection of new items added to the collection. Additional items may have been received which are not listed here. The Department is grateful to the St. Louis Genealogical Society, the National Genealogical Society, Julius K. Hunter and Friends, and our patrons for their donations.

Print resources

Call numbers follow each title. Complete bibliographic information for each item is available in the St. Louis County Library's online catalog. < http://webpac.slcl.org>.

■ Family Maps by Gregory A. Boyd (abbreviated title)

IOWA

Jones County, Iowa R 977.763 B789F
Saline County, Iowa R 977.3992 B789F

MISSISSIPPI

Amite County R 976.224 B789F
Attala County R 976.2644 B789F
Carroll County R 976.2633 B789F
Copiah County R 976.252 B789F
Grenada County R 976.2635 B789F
Hinds County R 976.251 B789F
Lauderdale County R 976.2676 B789F
Lawrence County R 976.2536 B789F
Lee County R 976.2935 B789F
Pike County R 976.223 B789F

A surname index for Arphax Family Maps is available online <http://www.arphax.com>.

■ States and Counties (abbreviated titles unless italicized)

ARKANSAS

Arkansas Prior Birth Index, Vol. 6. R 976.7 A721

ILLINOIS

Jasper County Veterans. 1985. R 977.374 H321J

LOUISIANA

Southwest Louisiana Records: Church and Civil Records, Vol. 43, 1911 – Vol. 44, 1912. 2009. R 976.3 H446S

MAINE

Maine Families in 1790, Vol. 9 and Vol. 10. 2009. R 974.1 M225

MISSOURI

110th Anniversary Jubilee of the Salem Methodist Church, Kingshighway & Cote Brilliante, St. Louis, Mo. 1951. R 977.866 O58

1890 Personal Assessment of Iron County, Missouri. 2006. R 977.8883 A153E

"East St. Louis, Illinois: A Transportation and Freight Traffic Center" [dissertation]. 1959. R 380 D274E

History of Cuba. 1957. R 977.862 M968H

"The History of the Acquisition, Development and Restoration of Forest Park, 1870-1910" [dissertation]. 1967. R 977.866 K24H

"The History of the Sisters of Loretto in the Trans-Mississippi West" [dissertation]. 1935. R 271.9 O97H

Iron County, Missouri, Naturalizations, 1871-1906. 2007. R 977.8883 H123I

Oakland Baptist Church Cemetery [Jefferson County]. 2000. [STLGS] R 977.867 O11

"Pope's Theatre and St. Louis Theatrical History 1879-1895" [dissertation]. 1955. R 977.866 H224P

A Report on the Early Germans at Lake Creek, Dutzow. 1999. R 977.8386 K26R

River City: A Home-Town Remembrance of Cairo, Illinois. 1966. R 977.3999 H465R

St. John's United Church of Christ, Bern, Mo. 1869-1969. 1969. R 977.861 S143

St. Louis Yesterday & Today. 2009. R 977.866 B964S

Small Glories: A Memoir of Southern St. Charles County and the Formation of the Francis Howell School District. 2003. R 977.839 B877S

Souvenir Book of Holy Trinity Slovak Parish St. Louis, Missouri: Diamond Jubilee of Parish, Golden Jubilee of Present Church, Celebrated November 4, 1973. 1973. R 977.866 S729

NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

OHIO

Lucas County R 977.112
   Birth, Death, Marriage, and Lawsuit Records

   Chancery records, 1836-1853

   Infirmary register

   Military pension applications, 1875-1889

   Naturalizations

   Supreme Court Journals

VIRGINIA

Norfolk County, Virginia Death Records, 1904-1910.
   2009. [NGS] 975.5523 G115N

■ German genealogy

*Germans in the Civil War: The Letters They Wrote
   Home.* 2006. R 973.7092 G373

German Immigrants in American Church Records,
   Vol. 7, *Iowa West Protestant* [new volume added to
   the series]. 2009. R 929.3089 G373

Map Guide to German Parish Registers: Thuringia
   [new volume added to the series]. 2009.
   R 943 H249M

*Ortssippenbuch Oberschwandorf, jetzt Stadtteil von
   Haiterbach, Kreis Calw in Württemberg, 1650-1930*
   [Genealogies of the Families of Oberschwandorf,
   now a part of Haiterback, District of Calw in
   Wurttemberg, 1650-1920]. 1992. R 943.47 O29O

Ortssippenbuch Wittenweier, Landkreis Lahr in Baden
   [Genealogies of the Families of Wittenweier, County
   of Lahr in Baden]. 1970. R 943.46 E16O

■ Family histories

Adams….Reynolds County, Mo. [STLGS]
   R 929.2 A211

*Colonel James Boydston Armstrong: His Family and
   His Legacy.* 2008. [NGS] 929.2 A735F

Das neue Luther-Nachkommenbuch: 1525-1960 [The
   New Book of Luther's Descendants]. 1960.
   R 929.2 L973

*The Family of John Stone: One of the First Settlers of
   Guilford, Conn.* 1888. Reprint. [NGS] 929.2 S877S

*Farley - Leis family with Related Lines: Baker, Beckett,
   Donnell, Edwards, Reber, Staples & Others.* 1992.
   R 929.2 F231W

A History of the Bouligny Family and Allied Families.
   1990. R 929.2 B763M

History of the Suhr Family. 1989. [NGS] 929.2 S947S

The Lagle/Lail Family in America. 1982. [STLGS]
   R 929.2 L175

*Long - Keys Genealogy: Families from County Cork &
   County Limerick, Ireland.* 2008. [NGS]
   929.2 L848W

The Russells in Bloomsbury, 1669-1771. 1940.[STLGS]
   R 929.2 R961T

*The Missouri Descendants of William Hancock, Robert
   Young, Berry Fahy.* 1998. [NGS] 929.2 D253Y

*From Westerkappeln to St. Louis: The Story of the
   Richard Freese Family.* 2004. [STLGS].
   R 929.2 F857F

■ Other new titles

*Border People: The Böhmisch (German-Bohemians) in
   America.* 1993. R 973.0431 M589B

*Female Occupations: Women's Employment, 1850-
   1950.* 2008. [NGS] 331.709 W261F

Friedrich Hecker: Two Lives for Liberty. 2006.
   RB Hecker Friedrich

Genealogical Guidebook and Atlas of Sweden. 1998.
   R 947.8 T481G

*Loyalists Who Fled To Jamaica After The American
   Revolution: From Journal Of The House Of
   Assembly, 1785, List Of Loyalist Certificates, MS
   1841, Institute Of Jamaica, Kingston, Jamaica.* 1984
   [NGS] 972.92 M681L

*Western New York Land Transactions, 1804-1824:
   Extracted from the Archives of the Holland Land
   Company.* 1991.[NGS] 974.79 L788W

*The Windsor Border Region: Canada's Southernmost
   Frontier: A Collection of Documents.* 1960. [STLGS]
   R 971.331 L191W

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CALENDAR EVENTS AT THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY LIBRARY

Note: Dates for Special Collections Department events are displayed in blue and casses are indicated by ☎. Please register for classes in advance of the date by calling 314-994-3300. Once connected, tell the operator you would like to register for a class.

All events are free and open to the public.

JULY

☎ **Thursday, July 2, 1:30-3:30 pm**
Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class: Introduction to Ancestry Database

☎ **Wednesday, July 8, 9:30-11:30 am**
Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class:
Introduction to Footnote and Heritage Quest

Wednesday, July 8, 7 pm
Headquarters Auditorium
STLGS German Special Interest Group
Topic: How to Correspond with Germany
Speaker: Panel

☎ **Monday, July 13, 1:30-3:30 pm**
Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class:
History and Genealogy in Newspapers

Tuesday, July 14, 7 pm
Headquarters Auditorium
St. Louis Genealogical Society Meeting
Topic: "NARA: National Archives and Records Administration in Washington D.C."
Speaker: Diane Walsh

☎ **Thursday, July 16, 6:30-8:30 pm**
Headquarters Auditorium
Workshop—Genealogical Research: Getting the Most Out of the Special Collections Department

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Headquarters Auditorium
Workshop—For Land's Sake! Learning How to Read and Write Township and Range Land Descriptions

Tuesday, July 28, 7-9 pm
Headquarters Auditorium
STLGS Irish Special Interest Group
Topic: 10th Anniversary Celebration! Top Success Stories
Speaker: Sandy Brunsmann Hughes

☎ **Thursday, July 30, 9:30-11:30 pm**
Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class:
Introduction to Footnote and Heritage Quest

AUGUST

Saturday, August 8, 11 am
Headquarters East Room
STLGS African-American Special Interest Group
Topic: "Compiling Family Data"
Speaker: Round Table

Tuesday, August 11, 7 pm
Headquarters Auditorium
St. Louis Genealogical Society Meeting
Topic: "What's New in 2009 at the Missouri History Museum Research Library?"
Speaker: Dennis Northcott

Wednesday, August 19, 7 pm
Headquarters East Room
STLGS Jewish Special Interest Group
Topic: "Jewish Records at the Missouri History Musem Research Library"
Speaker: Dennis Northcott

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