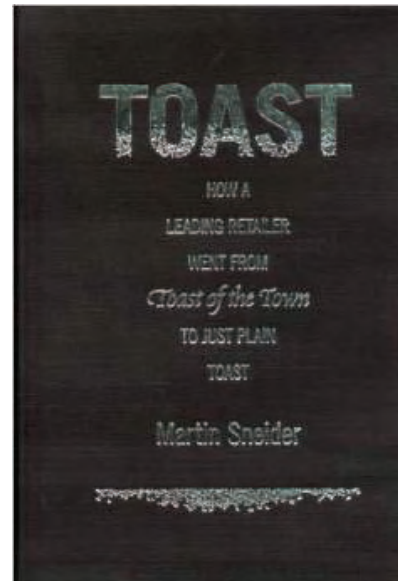


Finding information about St. Louis business and industries

- “I would like to research the provenance of an antique desk I bought at an auction.”
- “Where can I find information about the architecture of St. Francis de Sales Church?”
- “How can I find what businesses were in the vicinity of Overland? My grandfather lived in Overland in St. Louis County, and I only know he worked in ‘a market.’”
- “How did the airline industry get started in St. Louis?”
- “I’m doing a report for school, and I need to find out about early St. Louis businesses and industry.”

Researching business and industry can be as challenging as researching family history, and finding information can be as elusive as finding an ancestor. Whether your motivation is genealogical or historical, resources available for finding the information about St. Louis businesses and industries are abundant and varied. Creative thinking may be the key to your search.

Using the example above, information about the architecture of St. Francis de Sales church can be found in the published history of the church. Victor Klutho, an immigrant from Alsace-Lorraine, is listed as the architect, with Art Glass entrepreneur Emil Frei creating the stained-glass windows.



Information is often present but elusive. You would probably not think of looking for information about the shoe trade in a book called “Toast.”

However, more information can be found in at least one of the numerous books about St. Louis architecture. George McCue’s “The Building Art in St. Louis: Two Centuries”

has two entries about Victor Klutho’s architecture, and St. Francis de Sales church is cited in the index. In Gould’s City Directory of 1900, Victor Klutho is listed three times under “Architects,” “Architects & Superintendents,” and “Builders.” There is much more to be discovered about his activities.

Community and neighborhood histories are also rich sources of information about businesses, historical buildings and homes, and entrepreneurs. The following is an entry in “Dictionary of Missouri Historic Places,” vol. 2, in the chapter, “St. Louis Independent City:”

“Louise Apartments, 2900 Lindell Blvd. and Vandeventer Ave., St. Louis ...the Crabtree Court Apartments (originally built as the Louise apartments) consist of two red brick buildings three stories high which were constructed in 1908. Designed by St. Louis architect Charles Deitering, the complex is located in the west end of St. Louis...”

A natural tendency is to look for business information in a source that leaps out from a title or subject in the library catalog or what would seem to be

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Friday, July 4 — Independence Day

All St. Louis County Library locations will be closed.

Tuesday, July 15 — Early closing

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St. Louis Genealogical Society General Meeting Tuesday, June 10, 7:00 p.m

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Genealogical Research in the St. Louis Area

Featured Speaker: Ilene Murray

Just beginning? Learn about tried and true St. Louis repositories. Been researching for a while? Explore the many other places we are fortunate to have in St. Louis including many that have an active online presence.

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Meeting Tuesday, July 8, 7:00 p.m.

Headquarters Auditorium



In die Kirche gehen: German Churches in St. Louis

Featured Speaker: Scott Holl

The church was an important institution in the lives of many German immigrants and a vital source of records for genealogical research. The speaker will provide an overview of German denominations active in St. Louis and tips for finding and researching their records.

StLGS Italian Special Interest Group Monday, July 14, 7:00 p.m.

Headquarters East Room

U.S. Census Reports: Federal, State and Special

The speaker will review federal, state, and special census reports, including a detailed examination of the data collected for each and a discussion as to why the information was important at the time a census was taken.

Featured speaker: Ken Webb

StLGS Irish Special Interest Group Tuesday, July 22, 7:00 p.m.

Headquarters Auditorium

Using Passenger Lists for Genealogical Research

Passenger lists document an ancestor's entry into U.S. history. This presentation will cover the importance of passenger lists, when they were created, what clues they provide and the ports to which they relate.

Featured Speaker: Ken Webb

obvious business sources; however, business history is a part of the larger history of the community. Wherever there are people, throughout history, there is industry. This means information can show up in unexpected sources.

For example, in the book, “St. Louis at War: The Story of a City” by Betty Burnett, there are many descriptions of industries, companies, and their proprietors. Some St. Louis companies adjusted their corporate plan or mission in order to survive those lean years, in addition to supporting America’s war effort. Monsanto, according to this source, converted almost totally to war production.

“It manufactured sulfuric acid for TNT, chlorine gas, and phenol. It also produced phosphorus pentoxide used for refining aviation gasoline...Perhaps its most lasting contribution to the war effort was the production of sulfa compounds which all but eliminated gangrene, saving both lives and limbs.”

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Historical newspapers are another source filled with information about business and industry. Information can be found in ads and articles, but also in marriage notices and obituaries. The intent of the following obituary and marriage announcements from the April 24, 1909 issue of the Carondelet News may have been to announce the life events of the citizens, but they both mention businesses in the community where they lived:

“Edgar W. Anderson, aged 43 years, died suddenly at 8:55 a.m., Monday, at his home, 7903 Alabama Avenue. Deceased was a teamster employed by the Hudgen Coal Co.... The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kahmann of Washington, where she is well known. Mr. Brandt, formerly lived in Washington, where he became acquainted with Miss Kahmann. During the past two years, he has been a druggist at the Bribach Pharmacy.”

Ads for these companies appear throughout the Carondelet News, and an index covering 1903 – 1908 is available on the [library’s website <http://tinyurl.com/k7hm2o4>](http://tinyurl.com/k7hm2o4). If searching for a specific company, it is helpful to find its location by researching city directories first. Then check community newspapers and neighborhood histories, as well as books about industry in St. Louis.

Local histories can be a valuable source for business history. “Overland Trails and Trials” by Robert Parkin, for example, includes descriptions of early store, markets, bakeries, and manufacturing in the community of Overland, along with their address and related personalities.

Business journals are another source that should be considered. The Special Collections Department has issues of St. Louis Commerce Magazine dating back to 1975 (with gaps). In Vol. 54, No. 5, there is an article about the Grande Prairie neighborhood from a growth and commerce viewpoint:

“An education and commercial enterprise of landmark status in the Ville area was Poro College. It was tangible evidence of the successful business founded by Mrs. Annie T. P. Malone...”

Another article in volume 49, no. 4, describes “St. Louis’s Great Pool Emporium:”

“On Jan 2, 1913, Frank Arata opened the door of the sporting palace in the days when billards was a swanky sport.”

The article, complete with photos, describes other establishments, as well. Not all articles are historical in nature in this publication. The journal reflects commerce growth and change throughout the changing times in St. Louis, including the predictable ladder-climbs of the executives and business leaders. The journal is not indexed, but the tables of contents for issues covering 1975–1998 is located with finding aids in the Special Collections Department.

Browsing library shelves is another method for finding books with the desired information. An acquaintance with the Dewey Decimal classification system can help ([the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana has an excellent guide](http://tinyurl.com/252p7x7) <<http://tinyurl.com/252p7x7>>). For example, some books about St. Louis architecture are located in call numbers beginning in the 720s (ignore any letters that come before a call number). Others, however, will turn up on the shelves in the Dewey classification for St. Louis County (977.865) and St. Louis City (977.866).

Sometimes the information is lurking in a book but hard to find through even a very careful search of the library catalog. One such subject is shoe

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THIS MONTH IN SAINT LOUIS HISTORY

July 4, 1859

First street car

On the July 4, 1859, the Missouri Railroad Company offered the first streetcar ride to the St. Louis public. Thousands of citizens came to see this new attraction, if not to take a ride. The streetcar line ran east-west on Olive Street from 4th to 12th Streets. The ride was rocky, with derailments due to obstructions in the roads. Adjustments to the rails were made, and tracks had to be re-laid.

Before the introduction of street cars, most business was conducted in the vicinity of the riverfront. St. Louis citizens arrived at their destination on foot, unless they could afford to hire a carriage. By the mid-1840s, “horse buses” arrived on the transportation scene. Street cars offered a smoother ride on paved streets and offered larger capacity.

Problems emerged in abundance, but the advent of this new improved form of transportation allowed for the city boundaries to expand. Accessibility to the suburbs and land was a boom to the economic growth of St. Louis.

Bankruptcy, the war years, the Depression, and competition from automobiles and buses contributed to the demise



of the street cars. The last one, on the Hodiament line, made its last run on May 21, 1966.

The plans for the new Delmar Loop Trolley, the 2.2-mile heritage trolley line that will serve the Delmar Loop district in St. Louis and University City, may give us the opportunity for a nostalgic look back to a time when St. Louis took the streetcar.

For further reading

- Baker, James F. *King Trolley and the Suburban Queens*. Kirkwood, Missouri: Meramec Highlands Books, 2005. R 388.46 B167K.
- Eschbach, Walter L. *The Clayton 04: A Kaleidoscope of Streetcar Memories*. St. Louis: Bluebird Publishing, 2011. R 977.865 E74C.
- Young, Andrew D. *St. Louis and its Streetcars: The Way it Was*. St. Louis: Archway Publishing Company, 1996. R 388.4 Y68S and circulating copy.
- Young, Andrew D. *The St. Louis Streetcar Story*. Glendale, California: Interurban Press, 1988. R 388.4 Y68S and circulating copy.

NEW TITLES ADDED IN JUNE: 125

NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT



View the list of new books on the web

A list of new books received during the previous month now appears on the [library's website](#). View the list by clicking on the graphic, left, or by typing the URL into your browser:

<<http://tinyurl.com/ktha6fr>>.

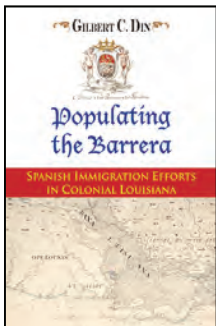
Looking for a specific state, or county ?

Books pertaining to specific states (and counties within states) begin with the same call number. [A chart of Dewey Decimal numbers for states and counties is posted on the library website](#) <<http://tinyurl.com/oqy8xp8>>. Other subjects are also grouped by call number. For example, family histories begin with 929.2. Materials for Scotland begin with 941 and those for Germany begin with 943.

To find new titles on the book list, note the Dewey Decimal Number for the state / county or subject you are interested in. Scroll through the book list until you find items beginning with that call number.

Books with call numbers **not beginning with "R"** are listed in Dewey Decimal order first, followed by those beginning with "R" (denoting "Reference" books that may be used only in the library). Book titles can be selected from the online list and emailed, printed, or saved to a file. An additional feature for library card holders is the ability to login to their library accounts and save titles to a customized list. [You can also download the list as a PDF from the library's website](#) <<http://tinyurl.com/okz4vvs>>.

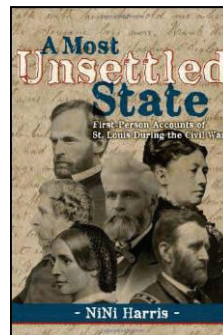
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Populating the Barrera: Spanish Immigration Efforts in Colonial Louisiana

By Gilbert C. Din
University of Louisiana at Lafayette,
2013 | 222 pp. | R 976.3 D583P

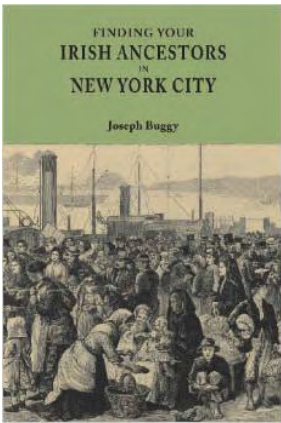
As the French and Indian war ended, Spain acquired the huge and undefined French province of Louisiana. It accepted the colony to protect other Spanish North American possessions farther to the west and south, particularly silver-rich Mexico. For nearly forty years, Spain struggled against the encroachment of Great Britain and later the United States to hang on to this vast territory inhabited largely by Native Americans. This study explains the efforts initiated by Louisiana's governors to bring in settlers, the changes made in the Catholic Crown's immigration policies to accommodate immigrants, and the results of their work.—*Publisher's website*



A Most Unsettled State: First-Person Accounts of St. Louis During the Civil War

By NiNi Harris
Reedy Press, 2013 | 192 pp.
R 977.866 H313M

During the Civil War, St. Louis was under martial law. The city was divided to the core. "A Most Unsettled State" conveys this precarious dynamic through the pens of those who experience it. Author NiNi Harris has collected memoirs, letter, sermons, and accounts that reveal a critical time in a volatile place. Learn firsthand about the women who nursed wounded soldiers, the ministers who were appalled by slavery, and southern sympathizers whose resentment grew as the Union gained control of St. Louis. The book contains eyewitness accounts of significant events that occurred in the streets, not to mention the writers' insights and feelings.—*Book Jacket*



Finding Your Irish Ancestors in New York City

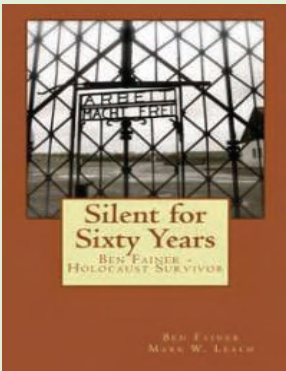
By Joseph Buggy
Genealogical Publishing, 2014
165 pp. | R 974.71 B931F

Since the late 1600s, but especially through the 1800s, millions of Irish men, women, and children immigrated to North America, primarily through Manhattan's welcoming harbor. From 1846 to 1851 alone, the tragic years of the Irish Famine, upwards of one million persons immigrated to the U.S. and Canada, mostly through

the port of New York. Descendants of the Irish exodus to New York will discover that this book is a publication worthy of this proud heritage. Mr. Buggy presents a comprehensive overview for anyone wishing to trace Irish ancestors within New York City. In the process, he has incorporated recent developments in New York Irish genealogy, such as the discovery of the records of the Emigrant Savings Band, and builds upon them with additional insight. Since the immigrant ancestor who arrived in New York represents the best chance of finding the place of origin in Ireland, helping the researcher find the place of origin of that immigrant ancestor is the central objective of this work. Toward that end, the author provides detailed information about records, resources, and strategies for achieving this objective.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT SPECIAL EVENTS HEADQUARTERS AUDITORIUM

■ Wednesday, July 23 | 7 p.m.



Silent for Sixty Years

Holocaust survivor **Ben Fainer** discusses his memoir about the six years he spent in six different concentration camps and his eventual

liberation by an American soldier. Sixty years later, Fainer and the American soldier were reunited by chance, an experience that inspired Ben to finally tell his story through this memoir.

■ Saturday, August 9 | 9:30 a.m.

St. Louis Germans: Insiders or Outsiders?



Dr. Walter D. Kamphoefner, professor of history at Texas A&M University and a native of St. Charles County, will discuss German-American culture and society in St. Louis from the early 1830s through the mid-1930s,

including issues surrounding political and economic patterns, bilingual education, and language preservation.

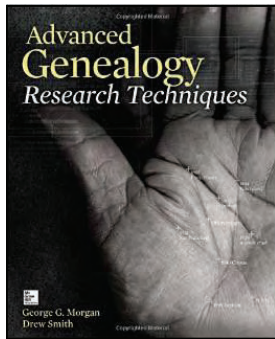
9:30-10:30 a.m.

Part I: The Heroes of the Union

11 a.m.-Noon

Part II: The Scapegoats of World War I

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



Advanced Genealogy Techniques

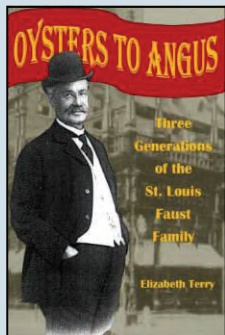
By **George G. Morgan and Drew Smith**
McGraw-Hill Education, 2014 | 233 pp. | R 929.1 M848A

Learn how to use innovative methods to unearth hard-to-find ancestors. “Advanced Genealogy Research Techniques” shows you, step by step, how to

uncover elusive details by taking advantage of specialized tools and software programs and using proven best practices for breaking through the brick walls that have hindered your progress. You’ll get professional advice on formulating a research strategy, understanding the details you discover, keeping careful track of your data, analyzing the evidence, and developing hypotheses. Real-world case studies demonstrate how you can apply the systematic procedures presented in this practical guide to your own research—and achieve success!—*Book jacket*

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL EVENT
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■ **Monday, August 25 | 7 p.m.**



Oysters to Angus: Three Generations of the St. Louis Faust Family

The Faustus moved through history alongside the iconic

Busch family as they firmly entrenched themselves as movers and shakers in the St. Louis scene.

St. Louis author and historian **Elizabeth Terry** will discuss her book which is both an academic study and a must-read account of one of America’s influential families.

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



A Wicked War: Polk, Clay, Lincoln, and the 1846 U.S. Invasion of Mexico

By **Amy S. Greenberg**
Vantage Books, 2012 | 353 pp. R 973.62 G798W

Often forgotten and overlooked, the U.S.-Mexican War featured false starts, atrocities, and daring back-channel negotiations as it divided the nation, paved the way for the Civil War a generation later, and launched the career of Abraham Lincoln. Amy S. Greenberg’s skilled storytelling and rigorous scholarship bring this American war for empire to life with all its memorable characters, intricate plotlines, and enduring legacies.—*Book jacket*

Manchester Treasures: In and Around Manchester Missouri

By **Frank & Carole E. Masotto, 2013**
132 pp. | R 977.865 M412M

Local authors Frank and Carole Masotto have compiled a book featuring photographs of historic homes, businesses, public buildings, cemeteries, spring, creeks, caves, and other obvious and hidden landmarks in the Manchester, Mo. area. Photos are accompanied by historical information, and a collection of memories written by local residents completes the book.—*SC staff*

New at Ancestry Library Edition

Ancestry Library Edition can be used for free at any St. Louis County Library location.

Argentina, National Census, 1869, 1895 (in Spanish)
 Arkansas, Confederate Pensions, 1901–1929
 Armenia, Church Books, 1838–1929
 Barbados, Church Records, 1637–1887
 California, County Birth and Death Records, 1849–1994
 Colorado, Statewide Marriage Index, 1900–1939
 Czech Republic, Censuses, 1857–1921
 Czech Republic, Land Records, 1450–1889
 Denmark, Select Burials, 1640–1917 (in Danish)
 Florida, Confederate Veterans and Widows Pension Applications, 1885–1955
 Georgia, Andersonville Prison Records, 1862–1865
 Hessen–Nassau, Germany, Civil Registers and Church Books, 1701–1875
 Ireland, Indexes to Wills, 1384–1858
 Ireland, Select Catholic Birth and Baptism Registers, 1763–1912
 Japan, Village Records, 709–1949
 Kansas, County Marriages, 1855–1911
 Kentucky, Confederate Pension Applications, 1912–1950
 Louisiana, Confederate Pensions, 1898–1950
 Louisiana, War of 1812 Pension Lists
 Mississippi, Confederate Records, 1889–1942
 Mississippi, Confederate Veterans and Widows Pension Applications, 1900–1974
 Mississippi, Enumeration of Educable Children, 1850–1892; 1908–1957
 Missouri, Confederate Pension Applications and Soldiers Home Applications
 Moldova, Church Books, 1811–1936
 Nevada, County Marriages, 1862–1993
 North Carolina, Confederate Soldiers and Widows Pension Applications, 1885–1953
 North Carolina, Deaths, 1906–1930
 Ohio, County Naturalization Records, 1800–1977
 Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906–1924

Poland, Roman Catholic Church Books, 1600–1950
 Russia, Lutheran Church Book Duplicates, 1833–1885
 Slovakia, Census, 1869
 Texas, Naturalization Records, 1881–1992, 1906–1989
 Washington, County Naturalization Records, 1850–1982
 U.S., Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, Vols. I–VI, 1607–1943
 U.S., Naval Enlistment Rendezvous, 1855–1891
 U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681–1994
 U.S., Records of Confederate Prisoners of War, 1861–1865
 U.S., Second Draft Registration Cards, 1948–1959
 U.S., Union Provost Marshal Files of Individual Civilians, 1861–1866
 U.S., WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940–1947
 West Virginia, Naturalization Records, 1814–1991

St. Louis business and industry

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manufacturing. St. Louis has been described as a “shoe town,” yet searching the catalog will yield no results for a history related to this industry. Browsing the shelves also locates no obvious title. You would probably pass up “Toast: How a Leading Retailer Went from Toast of the Town to Just Plain Toast,” a memoir by Martin Sneider located at call no. R 381.141 S671T. and yet there is a surprising amount of information about the shoe industry in this book. Sneider was the first non-family member to operate the Edison Brothers Shoe Company. The book includes an overview of the shoe industry in St. Louis. The word “shoe” appears nowhere in the book’s title or the subjects listed in the in the library’s catalog record.

Finding the historical information about businesses, often requires ingenuity, creative thinking, and persistence. To help you the Special Collections Department staff has created the [“St. Louis Business and Industry Bibliography”](#) <<http://tinyurl.com/oy7n8sn>> online, which includes many print sources offering historical information about St. Louis businesses.