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Austrian Exulanten in Franconia, Germany

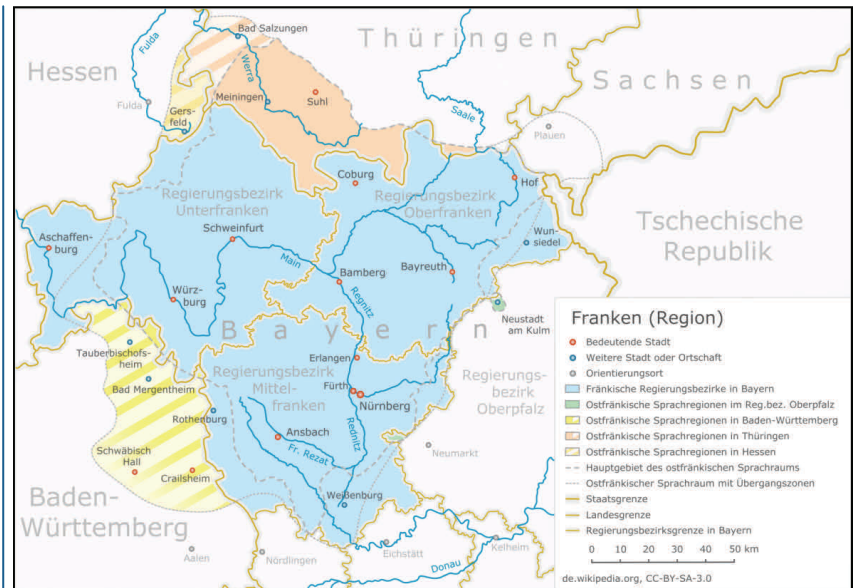
The year 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the publication of Martin Luther's 95 theses offering points of debate about church doctrine and practice. The ensuing Reformation not only split the Church, it unleashed more than a century of conflict and unrest. Large numbers of people were forced to emigrate to areas that aligned with or otherwise tolerated their religious beliefs. The French Huguenots and Salzburger Lutherans are two well-documented groups.

History & Genealogy has recently acquired 17 volumes listing the names of Lutheran *Exulanten* (Protestant refugees) who were expelled from Upper and Lower Austria and resettled in the Protestant territory of Franconia. Most of the territory was incorporated into Bavaria in 1806, but it also includes small sections of present-day Baden-Württemberg, Thuringia, and Hesse (see map at right).

Historical background

Protestantism was accepted by many German princes, which brought them into conflict with the Holy Roman Emperor. The Peace of Augsburg of 1555 created a treaty that temporarily ended hostilities and established the rule of *cuius regio, eius religio*, meaning that the religion of the ruler determined the religion of his subjects. This provision was reaffirmed in the Peace of Westphalia in 1648 that ended the Thirty-Year's War and expanded to include Calvinists.

The Austrian population was likewise receptive to the Reformation, and Lutheran teachings spread rapidly throughout all territories except Tyrol. Protestant nobles made their estate chapels available for Lutheran



Map of Franconia | The blue areas indicate the Bavarian districts of Upper, Middle and Lower Franconia. The yellow striped area is in Baden-Württemberg, the orange striped area is in Hesse, the solid orange area is Thuringia, and the small green areas are in the Bavarian Upper Palatinate district. Source: [Wikimedia Commons](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Franken_Region_Uebersicht.png)

worship, and free towns and cities built Lutheran churches and schools. Pastors and teachers were imported from Germany to minister to growing congregations. It was estimated that as much as 90% of the Austrian population accepted Protestant beliefs by the mid-16th century.

Lutheranism took root in Austria despite a 1523 ban on the Reformation by the Catholic ruling Hapsburg family. The Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V (1500–1558) was himself a Hapsburg, which further solidified Austria's ties to the Catholic Church and the Empire. Lutheranism was grudgingly allowed to take root, however, because the Hapsburgs depended on the Lutheran nobility for support in the war against the Ottoman Empire.

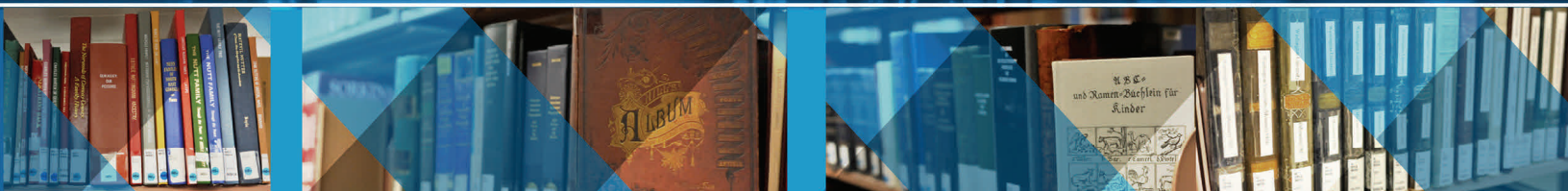
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Lutheran suppression increased after 1576, when the Hapsburgs allowed the Jesuit order to begin re-catholicizing Lutheran areas. When Ferdinand II (1578–1637), a stringent Catholic, came to power in 1596, he brought the full force of the Counter Reformation to bear on his Lutheran subjects. In 1600, nobles and knights were forced to expel Lutheran pastors and teachers from their estates, and Lutheran baptisms were forbidden. In 1620, Lutheran nobles who refused homage to Ferdinand II were charged with rebellion, their property confiscated, and their estates

pillaged and burned. Lutheran churches in the free cities and towns were confiscated and converted for Catholic use or destroyed. Bibles and Lutheran publications were collected and burned. The final blow came in 1628, when Lutheran nobles lost the last vestiges of religious freedom and were forced to convert or emigrate. Those who chose the latter were forced to leave their minor children behind to be raised as Roman Catholics.

Lutheran nobility, city dwellers, and tradesmen were able to move immediately to Protestant cities. Without available farm land on which to settle, however, most peasants had no place to go and were forced to remain.

Meanwhile, the Thirty-Years War (1618–1648) had decimated as much as half of the population in Franconia, providing an area where the *Exulanten* could resettle. Lutheran refugees from Upper and Lower Austria began flowing into Franconia by 1632, a movement that continued until about 1670. At the end of the Thirty-Year's War, they comprised an estimated 25–50% of the population in Upper and Middle Franconia. The *Exulanten* are credited not only with rebuilding areas laid waste by war, but also with revitalizing church life in Franconia.

Lutherans who by choice or circumstance did not emigrate continued to live under the religious suppression of the Hapsburgs. Many converted, but others became only outwardly Catholic while secretly holding to the Lutheran faith. Lutherans were finally allowed to worship openly beginning in 1781. Today, Austrian Lutherans are united with a small group of Reformed (Calvinist) churches in the Evangelical Church of Austria with 295,000 members.

Exulanten lists

Members of the Gesellschaft für Familienforschung in Franken (Society for Family Research in Franconia) examined church records for traces of Austrian *Exulanten* and published the results in the volumes that are the subject of this article (see page 7).

History & Genealogy Lineage Society Fair



The History & Genealogy Department hosted a lineage society fair on Saturday, June 18. Representatives of 15 societies—some of them in historic costume—turned out to inform the public about their organizations, answer questions about the membership process, and assist applicants with their genealogical research. Participating societies included Children of the American Revolution, Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century, Continental Society of Daughters of Indian Wars, Daughters of the American Colonists, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the Union, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Magna Charta Dames and Barons, Mayflower Society, New England Women, St. Louis Genealogical Society, Society of Colonial Wars, Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Union Veterans, and United States Daughters of 1812.

355 Fuchs, Eva < ?E >, 1654 in Deffersdorf, 1658 in Obermosbach
 * err. 1615, + in Obermosbach, begr. 05.04.1665 in Wieseth, Alter: 50 Jahre.
 Von Nensingen (Nennslingen), vor 1645 in Bechhofen a.d.H., (Vater: Fuchs, Hans
 <siehe 354>, lebte in Nennslingen)
 1656 Taufpatin bei Walburg, Tochter des Hans Brunner zu Burk.
 1.oo 23.09.1645 in Wieseth mit
 Löll, Michael < E >, aus dem Ländlein o.d.E., siehe (844)
 Kinder (1. Ehe):
 a) Löll (Löhl), Catharina < ?E >, siehe (845)
 b) Löll, Georg, * 08.11.1654 in Deffersdorf, get. 08.11.1654 in Wieseth
 Taufpate: Hans Brunner zu Burk.
 c) Löll, Regina, * 23.08.1658 in Obermosbach, get. 23.08.1658 in Wieseth
 Taufpate: Ehefrau des Hans Brunner zu Burk.
 2.oo 27.02.1660 in Wieseth mit
 Schumann, Georg < E >, aus dem Ländlein o.d.E., siehe (1173)

Sample entry from the published *Exulanten* lists. Source: *Exulanten im Evang.-Luth. Dekanat Feuchtwangen*, p. 151

information is presented in family groups, and individuals are numbered to allow cross-referencing. Entries use symbols common in German genealogy, so it is not necessary to know the language once the symbols and patterns are understood ([a list of common symbols is available on the library website](http://tinyurl.com/hdelhgy) <http://tinyurl.com/hdelhgy> and symbols). Researchers familiar with *Ortssippenbücher* (local genealogical registers) should easily be able to decipher the information

Written in German, the books can be divided into two groups. The first focuses on specific Austrian homelands where the *Exulanten* originated. Volumes include the Upper Austrian Mühl-, Hausruck-, and Traunviertel, the Lower Eisenwurzel, and western and southern Waldviertel. The second group, comprised of 12 volumes, focuses on areas in Franconia where *Exulanten* settled. Ten of these are organized by *Dekanat* (an ecclesiastical district) covering the areas of Altdorf bei Nürnberg (Nuremberg), Ansbach, Feuchtwangen, Leutershausen, Markt Erlbach, Neustadt an der Aisch, Nuremberg, Regensburg, Wassertrüdingen, and Windsbach. Two additional volumes cover the regions of Neumarkt in Oberpfalz (Upper Palatine) in Bavaria, and Oettingen and Heidenheim in Baden-Württemberg.

Organization and content of each book vary, but all include lists of *Exulanten* with information about their places of origin in Austria and settlement in Franconia. Some volumes include historical information about the migration, as well. Researchers with the ability to read German will find the historical sections informative in understanding the migration and their ancestors' experiences.

Each volume includes a list of *Exulanten* in alphabetical order by surname. Some volumes divide the lists by place of origination or resettlement. Genealogical

in this source. The example shown in Figure 3 can be interpreted as follows:

355 Fuchs, Eva <probable exile>.
 [documented in] Deffersdorf in 1654, in Obermosbach in 1658.
 Born (*) reportedly 1615, died (+) in Obermosbach, buried 5 April 1665 in Wieseth, age: 50 years.



Map showing current Austrian states | Most *Exulanten* who settled Franconia came from Upper and Lower Austria. Protestants from other territories (Inner Austria) migrated mostly to Transylvania in Hungary. Salzburg, an independent principality that did not become part of Austria until 1803, expelled Protestants in 1731. Source: [Wikimedia Commons](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Austria#/media/File:Austria_location_map.svg) <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Austria#/media/File:Austria_location_map.svg>.

From Nensingen (Nennslingen), before 1645 in Bechhofen a.d.H [an der Heide] (father: Fuchs, Hans <see number 354>, lived in Nennslingen). In 1656 was a baptismal sponsor in Walburg for the daughter of Hans Brunner in Burk.

First marriage (1.oo) on 23 Sept. 1645 in Wieseth with Löll, Micahel <exile> from Upper Austria (Ländlein ob der Enns), see number 844.

Children of the first marriage:

- a) Löll (Löhl), Catharina <probable exile>, see number 845.
- b) Löll, Georg, born (*) 8 Nov. 1654 in Deffersdorf, baptized 8 Nov. 1654 in Wieseth. Baptismal sponsor: Hans Brunner in Burk.
- c) Löll, Regina, born (*) 23 Aug 1658 in Obermosbach, baptized 23 Aug 1658 in Wieseth. Baptismal sponsor: wife of Hans Brunner in Burk.

Second marriage (2.oo) 27 Feb. 1660 in Wieseth to Schumann, Georg <exile> from Upper Austria, see number 1173. (*Exulanten im Evang.-Luth. Dekanat Feuchtwangen*, p. 151).

Using the Exulanten lists in genealogical research

The *Exulanten* lists provide evidence of religious exiles in 17th century Franconia, so the researcher must first trace his or her family back to that area using the usual methods (see “[Finding Ancestors in German Church Records](#)” in the June 2016 issue of *PastPorts* <http://www.slcl.org/sites/default/files/pastports/06_2016.pdf>). If an ancestor lived in one of the communities listed and in the time period covered, the surname will be in the one of the name indexes included in the volumes. Placename indexes for Franconia and Austria are also included.

Research in Franconia can be challenging, because church records are not available on microfilm and few *Ortssippenbücher* (OSBs) for the area have been published. Fortunately, the Landeskirchliches Archiv der

Evangelisch-Lutherischen Kirche in Bayern (Lutheran State Church Archives for Bavaria) has contributed digitized parish records to the [Archion.de website](http://www.archion.de/en/) <<https://www.archion.de/en/>>, where the records can be viewed for a fee.

History & Genealogy has a few OSBs for Franconian villages, and they demonstrate how they can correlate and complement the *Exulanten* lists. Using *Ortsfamilienbuch Heuberg, 1643–1920* as an example, the following entry appears on page 81, here translated:

Matthias Kattinger, tailor and mercenary from Hofingen in Gasperzhofen Parish in “Ländlein ob der Enns” (Hofing, Gaspolshofen Parish, Upper Austria), reportedly born in 1656, died in 1734 in Dornstadt at the age of 78 years old.

Matthias’s wife and children are also listed. Note that “Ländlein ob der Enns” is a reference to Upper Austria.

The OSB states Hofing in Upper Austria as the village of origin, a clue that Matthias was a religious exile. Heuberg is a village in the *Dekant* of Oetting and Heidenheim in Baden-Württemberg. A search in *Österreichische Exulanten in den Evang.-Luth. Dekanatsgebieten Oettingen und Heidenheim* resulted in a match. An entry on p. 284 states that Mathias Kattringer (Kattinger), a tailor in Heuberg, came from Hofing, Gaspolshofen Parish, Upper Austria. A note in the *Exulanten* book states that a baptismal record was not found in the Gaspolshofen church records, but Matthias’ parents are noted in a cross-reference to another entry in the same volume.

Volumes cover broad areas of Franconia and Upper and Lower Austria. Researchers who suspect that an ancestor originated in one of these areas can use the name indexes to look for clues to origin. If the specific ancestor is not found, the indexes might at least point to an area where the surname originates.

The *Exulanten* lists provide evidence of religious exiles in 17th century Franconia.

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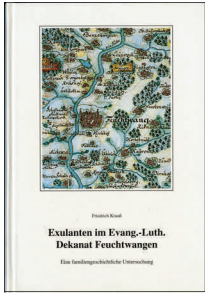
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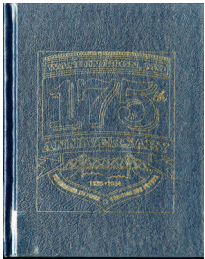
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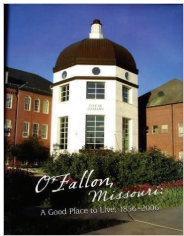


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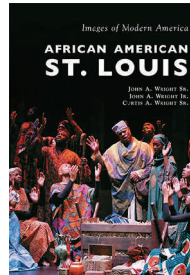
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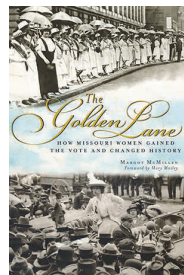


African American St. Louis

By John A. Wright, Sr., John A. Wright, Jr., and Curtis A. Wright, Sr.

Arcadia, 2016

The city of St. Louis is known for its African American citizens and their many contributions to the culture within its borders, the country, and the world. *Images of Modern America: African American St. Louis* profiles some of the events that helped shape St. Louis from the 1960s to the present. Tracing key milestones in the city's history, this book attempts to pay homage to those African Americans who sacrificed to advance fair socioeconomic conditions for all. In the closing decades of the Great Migration north, the civil rights movement was taking place nationally; simultaneously, St. Louis's African Americans were organizing to exert political power for greater control over their destiny. Protests, voter registration, and elections to public office opened new doors to the city's African Americans. It resulted in the movement for fairness in hiring practices and the expansion of the African American presence in sports, education, and entertainment.—*Publisher*



The Golden Lane: How Missouri Women Gained the Vote and Changed History

By Margot McMillan

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It was June 14, 1916, a warm, sticky Wednesday morning. The Democratic Convention would soon meet in St. Louis. Inside the Jefferson Hotel, the men ate breakfast and met with their committees. Outside the hotel, thousands of women qui-

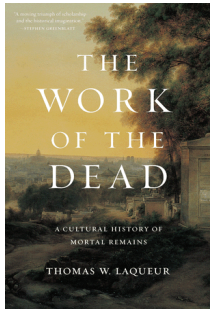


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The Work of the Dead: A Cultural History of Mortal Remains

By Thomas W. Laqueur

Princeton University, 2015

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The Greek philosopher Diogenes said that when he died his body should be tossed over the city walls for beasts to scavenge. Why should he or anyone else care what became of his corpse? In *The Work of the Dead*, acclaimed cultural historian Thomas Laqueur examines why humanity

has universally rejected Diogenes’s argument. No culture has been indifferent to mortal remains. Even in our supposedly disenchanted scientific age, the dead body still matters—for individuals, communities, and nations. A remarkably ambitious history, *The Work of the Dead* offers a compelling and richly detailed account of how and why the living have cared for the dead, from antiquity to the twentieth century.

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A fascinating chronicle of how we shape the dead and are in turn shaped by them, this is a landmark work of cultural history.—*Publisher*

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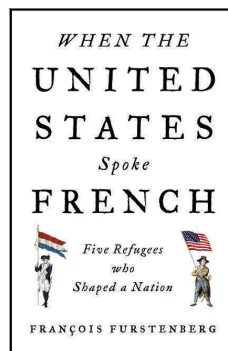
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By François Furstenberg

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In 1789, as the French Revolution shook Europe to the core, the new United States was struggling for survival in the face of financial insolvency and bitter political and regional divisions. *When the United States Spoke French* explores the republic’s formative years from the viewpoint of a distinguished circle of five Frenchmen taking refuge in America. When the French Revolution broke out, these men had been among its leaders. They were liberal aristocrats and ardent Anglophiles, convinced of the superiority of the

MEET THE STAFF



Larry Franke

Larry is a native of South St. Louis County. After graduating from Mehlville High School, he earned a B.A. in French and English from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, and a Masters in Library Science from the University of Missouri. Larry came to the History & Genealogy Department in 2000 with an extensive background in education and fluency in French and Spanish. When he is not teaching genealogy classes for the department, Larry manages the periodical collection and assists researchers. French North American history and genealogy are his particular interests. He enjoys helping researchers use French and Spanish Colonial records for the St. Louis area, including notarial records, the Kaskaskia Manuscripts, and early Catholic records, all of which are available on microfilm in the History & Genealogy Department.

British system of monarchy and constitution. They also idealized the new American republic, which seemed to them an embodiment of the Enlightenment ideals they celebrated. But soon the Revolutionary movement got ahead of them, and they found themselves chased across the Atlantic.

François Furstenberg follows these five men—Charles-Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord, Napoleon's future foreign minister; theorist reformer Rochefoucauld, the duc de Liancourt; Louis-Marie Vicomte de Noailles; Moreau de Saint-Méry; and Constantin-François Chasseboeuf, Comte Volney—as they left their homes and families in France, crossed the Atlantic, and landed in Philadelphia—America's capital, its principal port, and by far its most cosmopolitan city and the home of the wealthiest merchants and financiers. The book vividly reconstructs their American adventures, following along as they integrated themselves into the city and its elite social networks, began speculating on backcountry lands, and eventually became enmeshed in Franco-American diplomacy. Through their stories, we see some of the most famous events of early American history in a new light, from the diplomatic struggles of the 1790s to the Haitian Revolution to the Louisiana Purchase in 1803.—*Publisher*

New St. Louis deeds on microfilm

St. Louis City Deeds—History & Genealogy has recently expanded its holdings of St. Louis City deeds on microfilm. Holdings now cover vols. A–Z⁶ (1804–1854) and vols. 151–425 (1854–1871).

Visit the History & Genealogy booth at these conferences

- **Missouri State Genealogical Society**
Columbia, Mo., Aug. 5–6
- **Federation of Genealogical Societies**
Springfield, Ill., Sept. 1–3



History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library

Founded in 1998, the History & Genealogy Department is a nationally recognized research collection. Substantial print, microfilm and electronic holdings offer information for the St. Louis area, Missouri and states east of the Mississippi, with emphasis on migration trails leading into Missouri. The department also offers substantial resources for African American, French Canadian, German, Swiss and British Isles research. The National Genealogical Society Collection makes 30,000 print items, including 10,000 family histories, available for checkout and interlibrary loan.

Classes

Classes are free and open to the public. Space is limited, and registration is required. Call 314-994-3300, or register online at www.slcl.org/events.

If you register for classes online: Once you register online, you should receive an email confirmation. If you do not receive event registration confirmation emails or reminders, send an email to verify@evancedsolutions.com from the email account you used to register. You will be sent an email verification message. Once your email address is verified, confirmations and reminders will be sent.

Beginning a Genealogical Research Project

Are you ready to start researching your ancestors? Learn about the genealogical research process, how to get started, how to organize and cite your findings, useful library skills, various formats used in research (print, microfilm, and electronic), and the rich sources available in History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library. If you have little or no experience with genealogical research, this is the class for you.

Headquarters **June 28, 2:00 p.m.**
Indian Trails **July 2, 10:00 a.m.**
Headquarters **Sept. 13, 2:00 p.m.**
Rock Road **Sept. 17, 10:00 a.m.**

Headquarters **Oct. 20, 2:00 p.m.**
Samuel C. Sachs **Nov. 5, 10:00 a.m.**

Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition Database

The Ancestry Library Edition Database is a powerful tool for genealogical research. Find out how to search for your ancestors in census, immigration, military and death records. To take this class, you should already know how to use a computer and search the Internet.

Headquarters **July 20, 2:00 p.m.**
Lewis & Clark **Aug. 6, 10:00 a.m.**
Headquarters **Sept. 22, 2:00 p.m.**
Weber Road **Oct. 15, 10:00 a.m.**
Headquarters **Oct. 26, 2:00 p.m.**
Oak Bend **Nov. 5, 2:00 p.m.**

Introduction to Fold3 and HeritageQuest Databases

Fold3 and HeritageQuest are electronic databases that offer a variety of records for genealogical research, and they can be used at home for free with a valid St. Louis County Library card. Find out how to search for your ancestors in census records, city directories, books, periodicals and government documents. To take this class, you should already know how to use a computer and search the Internet.

Rock Road **July 2, 2:00 p.m.**
Headquarters **Aug. 11, 2:00 p.m.**
Headquarters **Sept. 28, 2:00 p.m.**
Grant's View **Oct. 15, 2:00 p.m.**
Headquarters **Nov. 3, 2:00 p.m.**

History and Genealogy in Newspaper Databases

Newspaper databases make it easy to access millions of articles electronically and they can be used at home with a valid St. Louis County Library card. Databases covered in this class will include 19th-Century U.S. Newspapers, NewspaperArchive and current and historical St. Louis

Post-Dispatch databases. To take this class, you should already know how to use a computer and search the Internet.

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Headquarters **Oct. 4, 2:00 p.m.**
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Headquarters **Nov. 15, 2:00 p.m.**

Tracing Your African American Ancestors

Interested in finding your African-American Roots? This class will show you how to research your ancestors using two case studies. The first will show you how to get started, and the second will demonstrate how you can use specific source materials to solve common road blocks. The class will conclude by investigating additional records to help deepen your research.

Jamestown Bluffs **Aug. 6, 2:00 p.m.**

Finding Your Ancestors in European Church Records

Church records are some of the most valuable and easily found sources for genealogical research. Using records from Switzerland and Germany as case studies, the presenter will demonstrate the goldmine of information such records can reveal. The presentation will include tips for finding records for European towns.

Grant's View **July 21, 7:00 p.m.**

Using Periodicals for Family History Research

Genealogical and historical societies all over the country publish a wealth of information in quarterlies and other periodical publications. This class will cover the tools needed to locate genealogical periodicals and find information within them. No registration is necessary for this class.

Cliff Cave **Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m.**

Programs

All meetings are held in the Headquarters Auditorium and are free and open to the public. No registration required.

Saturday, June 11, 10:00 a.m. Sifting for Pay Dirt: Finding and Recycling Golden Nuggets in our Own Backyards

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Meeting

You have gathered stacks of records. You have all the hard facts. Ah, but you still have nagging questions. What did the "J" stand for in Grandpa's name? You just might already have the answer and not know it. Learn how to look at your records in a whole new light.

Speaker: Carol Hemmersmeier

Wednesday, June 22, 7:00 p.m. Exhausting U.S. Records to Find Your Germans

StLGS German Special Interest Group

If you didn't yet find your ancestral village name, what else can you do?

Speaker: Carol Whitton, CG

Saturday, July 9, 10:00 a.m. Missouri's German Heritage

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Meeting

How did Missouri become one of the most predominantly German areas in the United States? What does that legacy mean for those researching their ancestors? Germans are still the largest ethnic group in the U.S. according to the federal census, and Missouri ranks among the highest population. Why Germans were attracted to Missouri and stories of the places they settled combine to create Missouri's German Heritage Corridor.

Speaker: Dorris Keeven-Franke

(Programs continued)

Tuesday, July 26, 7:00 p.m.

Mining All of the Resources from FamilySearch

StLGS Irish Special Interest Group

Many of us search the various digital records on **FamilySearch.org** but are we mining all of the genealogical information from this old favorite web-site? See what is available to help you jump start your research.

Speaker: Pat Stamm, CG, CGL

Saturday, Aug. 13, 10:00 a.m.

Maps and What They Can Tell

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Meeting

Maps provide images of geographic areas in your ancestors' lives. Learn how that knowledge can further your research.

Speaker: Ruth Ann Hager, CG, CGL

Saturday, Sept. 10, 10:00 a.m.

Discover Your Veterans Serving Our Country

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Meeting

Which wars have records? Which records are available? What is their content? How and where can you find these records? Find out about all these things plus some websites to try.

Speaker: Carol Whitton, CG

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7:00 p.m.

Using German Newspapers When You Don't Know Much German

StLGS German Special Interest Group

German-language newspapers are a valuable source of obituaries and other genealogical information, and you do not have to be a German expert to use them.

**Speaker: Scott Holl, Manager
History & Genealogy**

Saturday, Oct. 8, 10:00 a.m.

Recent Acquisitions for English Research in History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Meeting

The generous donations that made possible the William C. E. and Bessie K. Becker and Lewis Bunker Rohrbach Collections have also significantly expanded materials for English research in History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library. Learn about these new resources, which include cartularies, registers, non-conformist records, account books, court records, county histories and trade records.

**Speaker: Jake Eubanks, Assistant Manager,
History & Genealogy**

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 7:00 p.m.

Getting Organized: Finding Your Irish Ancestor

StLGS Irish Special Interest Group

Get some tips on how you can be a better researcher. Learn to prepare ahead, create research logs in MS Word, use chronologies to sort your data and much more.

Speaker: Carol Whitton, CG

Saturday, Nov. 12, 10:00 a.m.

Meat on the Bones: Using Newspapers to Add Persona to Born, Married, Died

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Meeting

Newspapers are an excellent source of information for the day to day lives of our ancestors and they did not have to be famous to get their name in the newspapers.

Speaker: Viki Fagyal

Class Locations

Cliff Cave Branch

5430 Telegraph Road | St. Louis, MO 63129

Grant's View Branch

9700 Musick Rd. | St. Louis, MO 63123

Indian Trails Branch

6400 Delport Dr. | St. Louis, MO 63114

Headquarters

1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd. | St. Louis, Missouri 63131

Jamestown Bluffs Branch

4153 N. Highway 67 | St. Louis, MO 63034

Lewis & Clark Branch

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

Oak Bend Branch

842 S. Holmes Ave. | St. Louis, MO 63122

Rock Road Branch

10267 St. Charles Rock Rd. | St. Louis, MO 63074

Samuel C. Sachs Branch

16400 Burkhardt Place | Chesterfield, MO 63017

Weber Road Branch

4444 Weber Rd. | St. Louis, MO 63123

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