

FOR THE RECORDS

St. Louis Germans and the Civil War in Missouri

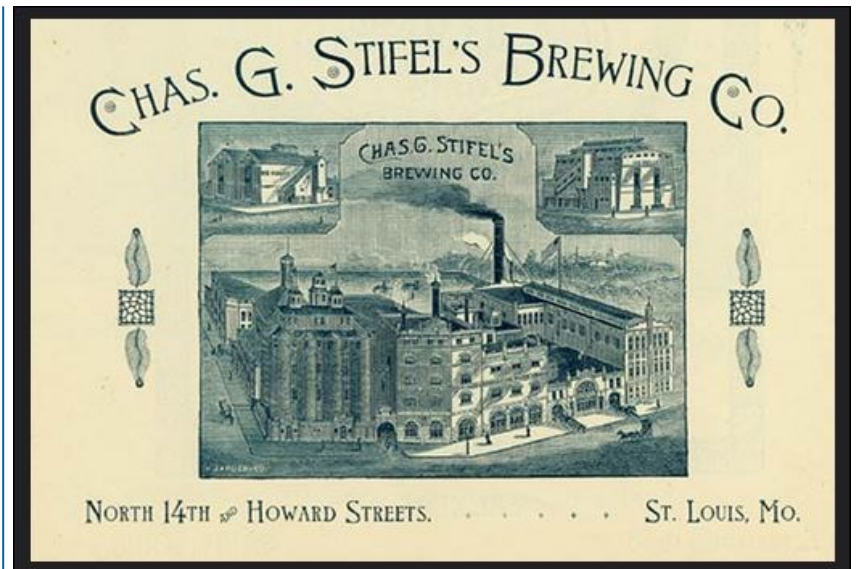
A German Soldier

On May 11, 1861, tensions were high in St. Louis. A German immigrant had just enlisted on the Union side. He met the other members of his regiment at Stifel's Brewery, located at Howard and 14th Streets. They were under the command of Colonel Charles Stifel, a German immigrant and the brewery's owner. Eventually they made their way down to the United States Arsenal at St. Louis, located just south of the city at the time. After receiving arms, they marched back to their homes in North St. Louis when a riot broke out. The next day, the incident was reported in the *Daily Missouri Republican*:

At about half past five o'clock in the evening, a large body of the German Home Guards entered the city through Fifth Street, from the Arsenal, where they had been enlisted during the day, and furnished with arms. Large crowds collected to witness their march, and they passed unmolested along until they reached Walnut, when they turned up that street and proceeded westward. Large crowds were collected on these corners, who hooted and hissed as the companies passed, and one man standing on the steps of the church fired a revolver into the ranks.¹

The newly armed and unprepared soldiers fired back in the chaos. In the end, two soldiers and six civilians lay dead.

One new recruit's name was Friederich Wilhelm Schuermann. He was born in Steinhagen, North Rhine-



Westphalia, Germany in 1820 and immigrated to the United States in 1846 aboard the *Mississippi*. He married Wilhelmina Bruner in St. Louis in 1849. In the 1860 census Friederich Wilhelm, or F.W. as he is often referred to in the records, was working as a laborer and living with his wife and three children in Ward 9. Schuermann enrolled in the United States Reserve Corp Infantry, 5th Regiment, Company G for a three-month enlistment. There were 95 privates and officers in his company, all German and from the northern part of St. Louis.

A growing rift

Missouri entered the Union in 1821 as a slave state, part of Henry Clay's "Missouri Compromise." This compromise maintained the balance of slave and free states while prohibiting slavery in the new territories. Yet due to her divided loyalties, Missouri began the Civil War early—from the rancorous debates over the Compromise of 1850 to the ideologically driven violence spilling over the border in Kansas, its residents had long seen how disagreements over the future of slavery and westward

Stifels Brewing Co. advertisement. Source: Missouri Historical Society.

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expansion would easily spark armed conflict.²

Although Missouri itself was technically a slave state, it was not typical. Despite the fact that many of its citizens and leaders were Southern sympathizers, slave ownership was relatively uncommon. The state numbered around 1.2 million residents in 1860, but only 115,000 were slaves. Only one in eight families held slaves, and of the slave-owning families, most owned fewer than five. Only 540 families in Missouri held more than twenty slaves.³ Most Missourians

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—William H. Seward

hoped to remain neutral. The majority of the population held to the view of “conditional unionism,” a rather impractical concept that slavery should be left to popular sovereignty within a state, but, conversely, there should still be a strong Federal government.⁴ This notion was upheld at the state’s Constitutional Convention in early 1861, when secession was voted down. As war approached, however, the rift grew wider between the state’s opposing sides.

If slavery was uncommon in Missouri, it was even rarer in St. Louis. St. Louis was a northern, commercial city in a southern, agrarian state, but it was divided nonetheless. Events that took place in St. Louis, such as the infamous Dred Scott trial, bear this out. Even though slave ownership was rare, many of her non-German, Anglo residents were of Southern heritage, much like the rest of the state. Another large eth-

nic group in St. Louis, the Irish, tended to side with the secessionists. These pro-South inhabitants would soon begin to clash with thousands of pro-Union St. Louis Germans.

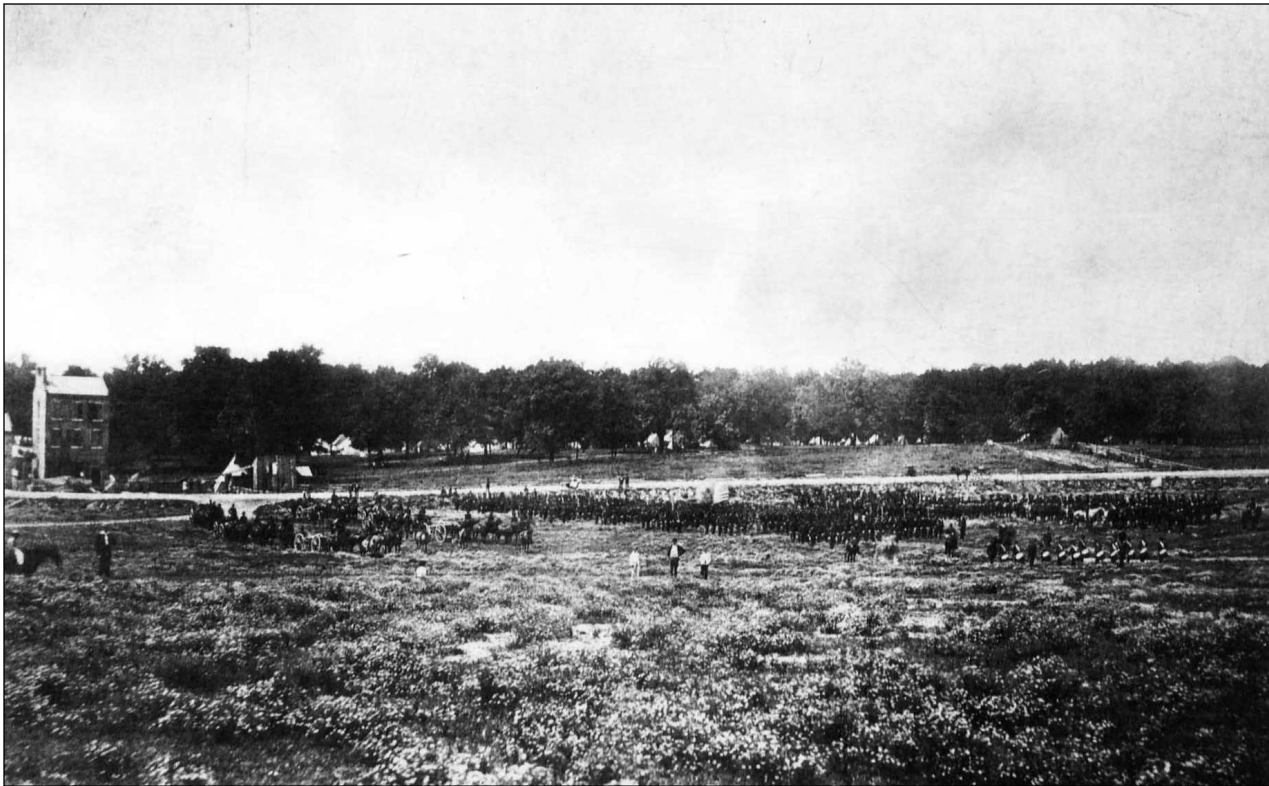
The Germans

German immigrants began coming to Missouri in large numbers in the mid-1800s. They left their homes seeking freedom, democracy and better economic opportunities in America. Some of these immigrants settled in small, rural communities, while most of them crowded into the fast-growing, bustling city of St. Louis. They began to establish a strong cultural identity, founding German-language newspapers like the *Westliche Post* and *Anzeiger des Westens*, and clubs and social organizations like the *Turnverein* and *Freie Gemeinde* (see the [October, 2017 edition of Pastports](https://bit.ly/2ITeC1R) <<https://bit.ly/2ITeC1R>>) They developed strong anti-slavery views. St. Louis Germans comprised most of Lincoln’s support in the 1860 election in mostly Democratic Missouri. William H. Seward ran against Abraham Lincoln for the Republican Presidential nomination. On the campaign trail he stated, “Everywhere I go in Missouri it has been said that the Republican Party of this state consists principally of the German population. I am pleased that it is so. For wherever the Germans come, it is their mission to create a way for freedom.”⁵ Many of their fellow citizens, however, viewed the German immigrants with suspicion. Non-German citizens looked down on the “Dutchman.”

In addition, some of these immigrants were “Forty-Eighters.” Although a half-million Germans immigrated to America merely as a result of the failed revolutions of 1848–49 in Europe, only a small minority can be regarded as true Forty-Eighters.⁶ These true Forty-Eighters, however, were not just ordinary immigrants. They were highly educated, progressive, and, in some cases, former military leaders. It was these Germans who first began to speak out at pro-Union rallies, write about anti-slavery causes in their papers and join paramilitary-type organizations.

An Awakening

One of these early organizations was the called the “Wide Awakes.” They were organized in cities across the north, including St. Louis, during the election of 1860 in support of Lincoln’s campaign and were composed primarily of



Pro-Confederate forces mustered at Camp Jackson located at Grand Ave. and Olive St., west of city limits at the time. Source: William Garrett Piston and Thomas P. Sweeney, *Portraits of Conflict: A Photographic History of Missouri in the Civil War* (Fayetteville, Ark.: University of Arkansas, 2009), p.71.

German Americans. They took on an organized, military form. The St. Louis group was formed under the guidance of Francis Blair Jr. in reaction to the heated political opposition faced by the Republican Party. Blair was a pro-Union, former congressman whose family was close to Lincoln. The Wide Awakes served as a counterforce to hecklers who disrupted Republican meetings and rallies. Pro-South forces in St. Louis organized the “Minute Men” in order to combat the influence of the Wide Awakes.⁷ Eventually the Wide Awakes and other pro-Union Germans would make up the bulk of Missouri’s Union ranks.

The Germans would meet for military drills at Turnvereins and other clubs. By January, 1861, three German Turner companies and a rifle corps had been organized. Much of this German mobilization occurred in secret. Lists of those ready to enlist as soon as Lincoln would call on them were quietly assembled. Training took place in buildings with covered windows. An important German immigrant in this recruiting process was Franz Sigel who had risen to the rank of colonel in Baden, Germany in the 1848 Revolution.

He became a professor at the German-American Institute in St. Louis and then director of the St. Louis Public Schools in 1860. Sigel was influential in the immigrant community, attracting Germans to the Union. “I’m going to fight mit Sigel” became a proud slogan for German soldiers, as well as a satirical song written and sung about the Germans.

President Lincoln did put out the call for troops on April 15, requiring Missouri to provide four regiments, or 2,972 men for the war effort. Missouri Governor Claiborne Fox Jackson, a secret secessionist who had run as a pro-Union candidate, refused the call. In response, more German regiments organized, as well as a Home Guard of 3,000 men. These would all eventually be taken into Federal service. Going around a governor for troops was unprecedented at the time, but in the end, the Union side provided well over the number required.

The Camp Jackson Affair

The state of Missouri was of vital importance both to the Union and to the Confederacy. Its substantial la-



Illustration of the May 11, 1861 riot at 5th and Walnut Streets that appeared in *Harper's Bazaar*, June 1, 1861.

bor pool, strategic geographical position, and resources and wealth were needed by both forces.⁸ As a port city, St. Louis was critically important. Governor Jackson wanted to pull Missouri out of the Union and planned to remove the weapons from the St. Louis Arsenal, including 40,000 rifles and muskets. Pro-South Missouri forces had similarly taken arms from the arsenal in Lexington, Missouri just a month earlier. He began this process by writing to Confederate President Jefferson Davis to request heavy artillery to attack the arsenal. He then ordered the state militia to muster nearby. Camp Jackson was established by Brigadier General Daniel Frost at Lindell's Grove, just west of the city limits on May 6, 1861. Around 1000 men made camp and began training exercises. On May 8, in the middle of the night, the steamer *J.C. Swan* arrived with the Confederate weapons.

Nathaniel Lyon, who had been made the Union Commander of the St. Louis Arsenal earlier in the year, became suspicious of these actions. He moved a number of the rifles from the arsenal over to Illinois and

spied on the camp in disguise. On May 10 he made his move. He marched his "Army of the West," including the U.S. Regulars and the U.S. Volunteers, 1st through 5th Regiments, to Camp Jackson. They were backed up by the U.S. Reserve Corp, or "Home Guard," 1st through 4th Regiments. Lyon's overwhelming numbers—over 6,000 men—forced Frost's surrender. After Lyon placed many of the soldiers under arrest, he marched them under guard to the arsenal. Secessionists lining the roads began shouting and throwing rocks at the Union troops. Gunfire then broke out, possibly by accident, and the soldiers fired. In the end, five soldiers and twenty-eight civilians were killed and many more were wounded. This incident tipped off several days of unrest in St. Louis, including the following day's similar riot witnessed by the newly enlisted Friederich Schuermann. Martial law was declared by Mayor Daniel G. Taylor. In the end, however, the Confederate flag that flew from the top of the Berthold mansion, used as the headquarters of the Minute Men at Fifth and Pine Streets, came down.

Importance of German participation

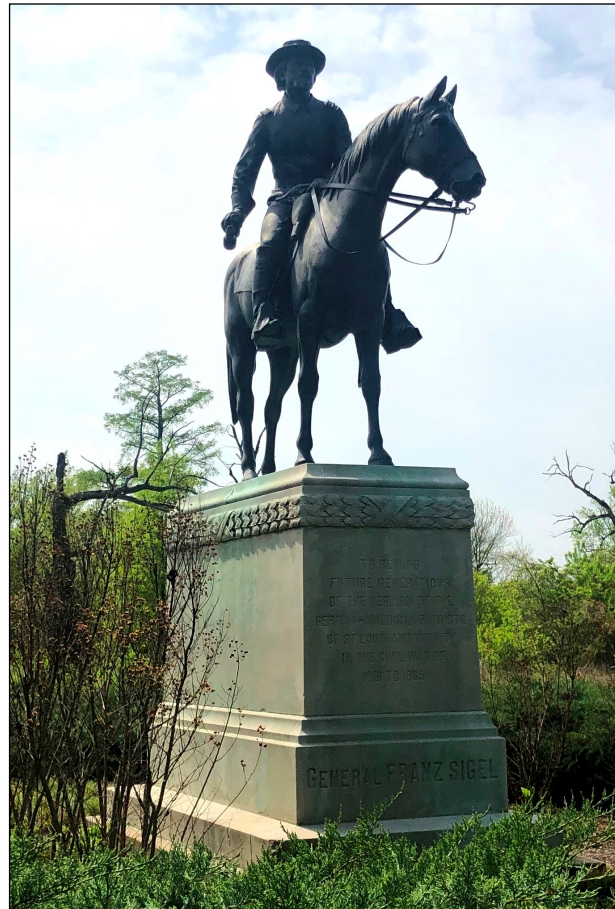
Even though battles continued in places like Booneville, Wilson's Creek and Pilot Knob, St. Louis, and ultimately Missouri, would remain firmly in the hands of the Union. In fact, Missouri was third only to Virginia and Tennessee in the number of battles fought within her borders. Missouri also had the highest level of German Union Army participation of any state. Although it only ranked sixth in states with overall German population, Missouri ranked second in the number of German troops it furnished. Of the 88,487 German-born males in Missouri, 30,899 of them fought in the Union army, or almost 35%.⁹ Many of them lived in St. Louis.

There was far less bloodshed than in other Civil War conflicts, but the importance of the events surrounding Camp Jackson, including Lyon's show of German force, cannot be understated. It provided the Germans with the occasion for a great independent deed, their most glorious single deed throughout the entire Civil War. The incident provided no opportunity for acts of heroism, but the fact that the Union was able to develop a superior force and win a success of such significance without sacrifice must be considered a great accomplishment.¹⁰ This deed would not go unnoticed, although some Germans did wish they had received more praise from Lincoln himself. Ulysses S. Grant would later say:

By the way, there was some splendid work done in Missouri, and especially St. Louis, in the earliest days of the war, which people have now almost forgotten. If St. Louis had been captured by the rebels, this would have made a great difference in our war. It would have been a terrible task to have recaptured St. Louis, one of the most difficult that could be given to any military man. Instead of a campaign before Vicksburg, it would have been a campaign before St. Louis.¹¹

Friederich Schuermann

Friederich Schuermann's regiment moved around the state and faced Confederate forces at Blue Mills, Mis-



Statue of Franz Sigel located in Forest Park. Photo by Robin McDonough.

souri, on July 24 and Brunswick, Missouri, on August 17. Both were Union losses. The U.S. Reserve Corp, 5th Regiment, Companies A through K lost seventeen men altogether—six killed or mortally wounded and eleven from disease.²¹ They mustered out on August 31, 1861 and Schuermann, like many of the other German soldiers, did not reenlist. Some were older men. Fighting was also difficult for these three-month enlistees, as they were often not well supplied. Some Germans did not reenlist because they were wary of serving in mixed-ethnic regiments as the war continued.

Schuermann died in 1885, at the age of 65, after a bout of bronchitis. His obituary appeared in the *Westliche Post*, and his widow applied for a Civil War pension after his death. Friederich Wilhelm Schuermann was a typical German immigrant, but he played more of a role in the history of St. Louis and the United States than he ever could have imagined.

Fifth Regiment, U. S. Reserve Corps, Mo. Vol. 471

COMPANY G.

Wm. Lorbe, Captain	Frederick Stiffer, Sergeant
Henry Bohle, 1st Lieutenant	Frederick Kuffendick, Corporal
Henry Mester, 1st Lieutenant	Herman Sahrhage, Corporal
Schultz, Louis, 2d Lieutenant	Conrad Weckeliser, Corporal
Schultz, Wm., Sergeant	Hy. Schollmeyer, Corporal
Schurman, Fred, Sergeant	Hy. Hoyer, Musician
Schurman, Henry, Sergeant	Pete Koch, Musician

Privates.

Boerner, Frank	Schapperkoetter, Wm.
Assenbrink, Wm.	Schlingman, Wm.
Bergsicker, Fred	Schluter, Henry
Berrissheim, Leopold	Schmidt, Henry
Berthold, Aug.	Schrader, Wm.
Bier, Adolph	Schroeder, Frederick
Biermann, Wm.	Schultz, Louis
Boessling, Charles	Schultz, Wm.
Bohle, Henry	Schurman, Fred
Borgmeyer, Frederick	Schurman, Henry
Bosse, Charles	Schurmeier, Fred
Burke, Henry	Schwenpe, Caspar
Dietz, Gottlieb	Stein, John
Ellerbeck, August	Steinberg, John
Erdterugger, Henry	Steinman, John
Faste, William	Stockmeier, Wm.
Freese, Henry	Stoner, Frank
Genge, Henry	Strube, Henry
Gerdelman, Fred	Strube, John
Giesecke, Hy.	Sturman, Frederick
Giesecke, Louis	Temme, Ernst
Grosche, Henry	Temme, William
Guttering, Joseph	Tramps, Charles
Halg, Henry	Tubessing, John
Haning, August	Vass, Frank
Haupt, Peter	Walkenford, Jacob
Heckerman, Fred	Weber, Joseph
Heeman, Albert	Wenle, William
Heintzman, Christoph	Werthman, Anton
Herdeur, John	Wilker, John
Herman, Frank	Witte, Henry
Hoekel, Frederick	Schapperkoetter, Fred

A list of German-American soldiers in the U.S. Reserve Corp, 5th Regiment, Company G as it appeared in Robert J. Rombauer's *The Union Cause in St. Louis in 1861: A Historical Sketch* (St. Louis, Nixon-Jones), p. 471. 1909, Friedrich Schuermann is listed as Fred Schurman.

Landmarks

- Lyon Park was established in 1869 and is located near the Anheuser-Busch Inbev and National Geospace Intelligence (NGS) complexes in an area bounded by Arsenal St., South Broadway, Utah and South 2nd Streets. It contains the Lyon monument, a 28 ft. tall obelisk, as well as a statue of Lyon on horseback. Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon was shot and killed on August 1, 1861 during the Battle of Wilson's Creek near Springfield, Missouri, fighting alongside many of his German soldiers.
- A statue of Frank Blair is located in Forest Park at the corner of Lindell Boulevard and Kingshighway. Blair would leave the Republican Party over disagreements surrounding Reconstruction and run for subsequent offices.

- A statue of Franz Sigel is also located in Forest Park at Grand and Union Drives. The stone base reads, "To remind Future Generations of the Heroism of the German-American patriots of St. Louis and Vicinity in the Civil War of 1861-1865."¹² Sigel was promoted and continued to fight with some military successes and some failures. After the war, he became a publisher and held various political offices. He died in New York in 1902.
- The St. Louis Arsenal was located on the current NGS site.
- Camp Jackson was located on what is today part of the campus of Saint Louis University, at the southeast corner of North Grand and Lindell Boulevards.
- The Metropolitan Square building stands today on the site of the former Berthold Mansion at 5th (now Broadway) and Pine Streets.

Research and records

If you suspect you may have a St. Louis German ancestor like Friederich Schuermann who fought in the Civil War, you can find information in several sources. Documents can often be found on *Ancestry* or *Fold3* databases. Both can be used for free at any St. Louis County Library location, and Fold3 can be accessed at home by resident of the St. Louis metropolitan area with a valid St. Louis County Library card. Possible records include pension, muster roll or draft list. [The National Park Service's "Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Database"](https://bit.ly/25swHI8) <https://bit.ly/25swHI8> and [Missouri Digital Heritage's "Soldiers Records: War of 1812-World War I database"](https://bit.ly/2REF3ej) <https://bit.ly/2REF3ej> can be searched online for free.

History & Genealogy is also home to print sources, including *Civil War Records, Missouri Enrolled Militia Regiments* and *Civil War Records, Missouri Volunteer Infantry* (R 973.7478 W362C). *The Union Cause in St. Louis* (977.866 R762U) contains listings of the five volunteer and five reserve regiments that were formed in St. Louis in the spring of 1861.

Once you have found your ancestor, note his division, regiment and company. You can use this information to find out more about the battles in which he may have been involved. Use the websites “[Civil War Archive](http://www.civilwararchive.com/)” <<http://www.civilwararchive.com/>> and “[Missouri Civil War Battles](https://bit.ly/320NWUe)” <<https://bit.ly/320NWUe>> to find more information. [Search the library’s online catalog](http://webpac.slcl.org) <<http://webpac.slcl.org>> for books on specific regiments and battles. History & Genealogy has an extensive collection of Civil War books that cover all aspects of the war in St. Louis and Missouri. For more information about Civil War research [see the October, 2018 edition of Pastports](https://bit.ly/2ITwgCz) <<https://bit.ly/2ITwgCz>>.

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OF NOTE

H&G hosts researchers from across the U.S. during NGS Conference

The St. Charles Convention Center welcomed more than 2000 family history researchers during the National Genealogical Society's (NGS) annual conference, May 8-11. H&G was kept busy assisting many attendees arriving before or staying after the conference, including a busload of 50 researchers on Tuesday, May 7 as part of a pre-conference research trip.

H&G staff members met many more conference attendees and answered reference questions at its booth in the exhibit hall. Staff members Jake Eubanks, Larry Franke, Scott Holl, Dan Lillienkamp, and Ellen Mays shared their genealogical expertise by giving a combined total of 10 conference lectures.

H&G is home to the National Genealogical Society Book Collection, a growing collection of more than 27,000 circulating genealogy books received from the organization in 2001. H&G manager Scott Holl met with the NGS board of directors to give them a report on the collection, update them on H&G activities, and discuss their ongoing partnership.

More H&G conference activity

International German Genealogical Partnership Conference, Sacramento, California, June 15-17.

H&G staff members Dan Lillienkamp and Scott Holl attended the International German Genealogical Partnership (IGGP) Conference held in Sacramento, June 15-17. H&G had a booth at the conference, and Dan presented two lectures. [Learn more about IGGP at its website](https://iggpartner.org/) <https://iggpartner.org/>

The Missouri State Genealogical Association (MOSGA) Conference, Columbia, Mo., Aug. 2-3

H&G assistant manager Jake Eubanks will lecture on "More than Check Marks: Finding Female Ancestors - Jacob Eubanks. Dan Lillienkamp will present, "Everything you know is Wrong!" Both of them will team up to present, "The Ever-Changing Land-



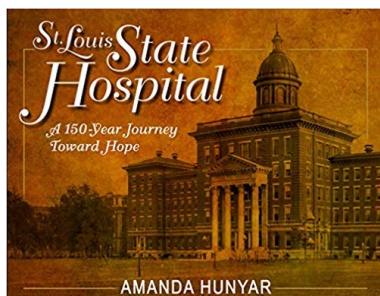
scape" When not lecturing, Dan and Jake will be present at the conference to inform the public about H&G's collection and services and answer genealogical queries. For more information or to register for the conference, visit the [MoSGA website](https://mosga.org/) <https://mosga.org/>.

Federation of Genealogical Society Conference, Washington, D.C., Aug. 21-24

Visit H&G at booth 405 in the exhibit hall at the 2019 FGS Conference. Staff members Larry Franke and Scott Holl will staff the booth and attend the pre-conference Librarian's Day on Aug. 20 hosted by the Library of Congress. Conference and registration information is available on the [FGS website](https://fgs.org/annual-conference/) <https://fgs.org/annual-conference/>

Fifty researchers from the NGS Conference arrived by bus to spend the day in H&G on May 7. [See more photos on the St. Louis County Library Flickr page](https://www.flickr.com/photos/stlouislouiscountylibrary/) <https://bit.ly/2Jbi7zx>

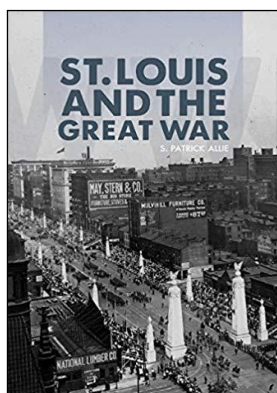
NEW BOOK HIGHLIGHTS



AMANDA HUNYAR
St. Louis State Hospital: A 150-Year Journey Toward Hope
 Reedy Press, 2019
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While the St. Louis State Hospital dome has loomed over the St. Louis skyline for 150 years, the goings-on behind the closed doors of this mysterious complex of South City buildings has been the subject of speculation and curiosity for generations. This fascinating book takes readers beyond the gates on Arsenal and into an institution's unique history.

Author Amanda Hunyar takes readers behind the scenes and through the history of the iconic building with a complex tale to tell. Once the third largest hospital in St. Louis, and a place of healing and hope for thousands, its stories from generations past are finally ready to be shared. Even those with merely a passing understanding of its buildings can now come to appreciate its importance in the history of our region.—*Publisher*

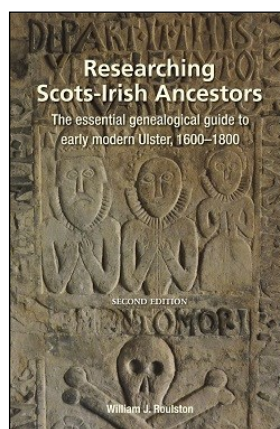


S. PATRICK ALLIE
St. Louis and the Great War
 Missouri Historical Society Press, 2018
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When World War I erupted in 1914, the conflict seemed a world away from tranquil St. Louis. By the time of the Armistice, however, the war had affected countless Missourians in ways big and small. St. Louis's involvement in the events of World War I is largely unknown to the outside world, but it produced a number of significant contributions. Munitions that found their way onto the battlefields of Europe were manufactured in St. Louis. A local hospital pioneered the use of X-rays. And, in the 19 months of American involvement in

World War I, more than 1,000 St. Louisans gave their lives. The war also had an irreversible effect on the daily routines of the city's residents.

This book features nearly 300 photographs and archival documents from the collections of the Missouri Historical Society and Soldiers Memorial Military Museum—most of which have never before been published. A companion to the Soldiers Memorial exhibit WWI: St. Louis and the Great War, it details how the war touched the city and how its citizens rose to the challenge.—*Publisher*



WILLIAM J. ROULSTON
Researching Scots-Irish Ancestors: The Essential Genealogical Guide to Early Modern Ulster, 1600-1800
 Ulster Historical Foundation, 2018
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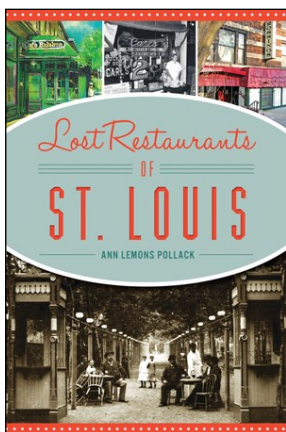
This is territory where some family historians fear to tread. But they need not. This guide opens up avenues for research; drawing attention to the riches of archives inside and outside of the island of Ireland, demonstrating the benefit of often undervalued, rare, even quite unconventional, yet accessible sources—if

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you know where to look – which can help document your ancestors back to the 1600s.

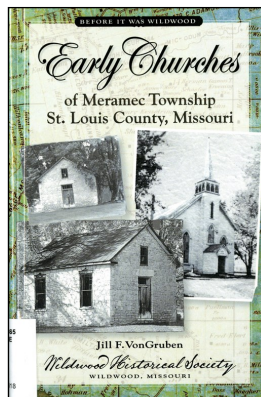
At more than twice the size of the original, this new edition is a massively expanded version of the first volume. It includes additional information on church records and landed estate papers, as well as new chapters looking at records relating to law and order, emigration, business and occupations, diaries and journals, and clubs and societies.—*Publisher*



ANN LEMONS POLLACK
Lost Restaurants of St. Louis
 American Palate, 2018
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St. Louis is a food town, and there are many restaurants that have captured the heart of the city. Some of them are no longer around. Rossino's low ceilings and even lower pipes didn't stop the pizza-hungry

residents from crowding in. Jefferson Avenue Boarding House served elegant "Granny Food" in plush surroundings. King Burgers and onion rings ruled at Parkmoor. Dohack's claimed it was the first to name the "jack salmon." Author Ann Lemons Pollack details these and more restaurants lost to time in the Gateway City.—*Publisher*



JILL F. VONGRUBEN
Early Churches of Meramec Township, St. Louis County, Missouri
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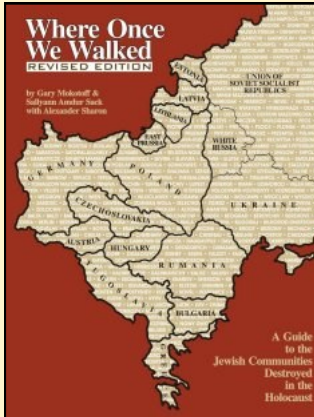
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We may feel like our work is done when we find an ancestral town name, only to fail to confirm the town's existence when we try to search for it online. Spelling variations, phonetic spelling, lack of familiarity with the language, boundary changes and the name

changes that correspond with them, and the abandonment or depopulation of the town combine to form new research problems. These factors can be particularly troublesome in Jewish research.

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CLASSES FOR BEGINNING RESEARCHERS

Who Were My Ancestors? Beginning Genealogical Research

If you have little or no research experience, this is the class for you. Learn about the genealogical research process and the many resources available in History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library.

July 2	2:00 p.m.	Jamestown Bluffs Register
July 30	2:00 p.m.	Thornhill Register
Aug. 14	6:30 p.m.	Florissant Valley Register
Aug. 29	6:30 p.m.	Headquarters Register

Library Skills for Genealogical Research

Libraries offer essential tools for researching your ancestry. Learn how to search online library catalogs, obtain materials from distant libraries, locate periodical articles, and use the library's in-house guides. Pre-requisite: "Who Were My Ancestors?" or previous research experience.

July 3	2:00 p.m.	Headquarters Register
July 9	10:00 a.m.	Cliff Cave Register

Finding Ancestors in U.S. Census Records

Census records are a basic and essential source for genealogical research in the U.S. Learn how to search census records effectively using electronic databases.

July 16	2:00 p.m.	Daniel Boone Register
July 17	6:30 p.m.	Cliff Cave Register
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Aug. 6	10:00 a.m.	Grand Glaize Register

CLASSES TO EXPAND RESEARCH SKILLS

Researching Newspaper Databases

Newspapers are excellent sources of historical and genealogical information, and digitization has made them more widely available. The class will cover 19th-Century U. S. Newspapers, NewspaperArchive, Newspapers.com and St. Louis Post-Dispatch databases.

Aug. 13	10:00 a.m.	Weber Road Register
Aug. 22	2:00 p.m.	Headquarters Register

Finding Immigrant European Ancestors

Discover print and online resources for researching immigrant ancestors. This class will include an overview of information available on Ancestry Library Edition and other electronic databases. Prerequisite: Finding Ancestors in U.S. Census Records class or comparable research experience.

July 23	10:00 a.m.	Weber Road Register
July 29	2:00 p.m.	Headquarters Register

Identifying Ancestral Military Veterans

Explore strategies for military research in the Fold3 and Ancestry Library Edition databases, as well as in print and online sources. Prerequisite: "Finding Ancestors in U.S. Census Records" or comparable research experience.

Aug. 8	2:00 p.m.	Headquarters Register
Aug. 27	10:00 a.m.	Cliff Cave Register

SPECIAL TOPICS

Interviewing Family Members: An Oral History Workshop

Discover helpful resources for recording family stories, practice your interview skills, and learn about new digital tools for creating and preserving your family's oral history.

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PROGRAMS

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Wednesday, July 3, 6:30 p.m. | Cliff Cave

Finding Your German Ancestor in Emigration and Immigration Lists

Emigration and immigration lists might reveal the ancestral hometown of your family. Learn how to research in these seldom-used resources. Dan Lilienkamp, Speaker

Tuesday, July 23, 7:00 p.m. | Headquarters

Social Media

StLGS Irish Special Interest Group

Are you missing the great genealogical resources available through social media? Come explore the research opportunities in blogs, Facebook, and Twitter. Ilene Murray & Laura Mackinson, speakers.

Wednesday, Aug. 7, 6:30 p.m. | Cliff Cave

Using Technology in Genealogy Research

Genealogy can be enhanced with today's technological tools. Find out how you can be more productive by utilizing software, scanners, photo editing apps, organization tools, and more. Cathy Amen, Speaker.

Saturday, Aug. 10, 10:00 a.m. | Headquarters

Discovering the Civilian Conservation Corps

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting

Learn about the history of the CCC and genealogical information available in personnel records. Discover resources related to CCC camps, projects, and publications that provide information about what enrollees experienced and accomplished. Nancy Schuster, speaker.

Saturday, Aug. 10, 1:00 p.m. | Cliff Cave

DAR Lineage Society Workshop

Learn more about the Daughters of the American Revolution with the Olde Towne Fenton Chapter of the DAR and Judy Belford of the St. Louis Genealogical Society.

Wednesday, Aug. 28, 7:00 p.m. | Headquarters

Reading Jewish Tombstones

StLGS Jewish Special Interest Group

Learn how to read Hebrew inscriptions and dates, understand symbolism and how to preserve your family tombstones. Diane Everman, Ilene Murray, and Rabbi Jeffery Stiffman, speakers.