

FOR THE RECORDS

Use multiple sources for incorporating sports history into family history projects

Many sporting events, sports heroes, and celebrated teams have helped shape the history of St. Louis. The History and Genealogy Department (H&G) has resources for exploring these memorable moments and the people who were a significant part of the city's history.

While these resources are a great way to remember and commemorate St. Louis sport's history, there are also ways to incorporate sports history into your family history projects. From identifying the era and time period of a piece of sports memorabilia, to locating a newspaper article of a record breaking game, sports offers an opportunity to incorporate more stories into your family history. Particularly when interviewing relatives and friends, sports memorabilia and favorite sports memories are great conversation starters that often lead to great family stories.

In addition to the book collection, the department also subscribes to historical newspaper databases featuring publications focusing on sports news and events. In particular, the *NewspaperArchive* database includes the *St. Louis Sporting News* from 1886 to 2003. This database can be used for free at any St. Louis County Location and is accessible to local residents remotely with a valid St. Louis County Library card.

Pictorial histories of various sports teams, included in the H&G collection, help give readers a glimpse into



the images of the early sports teams of St. Louis. The *Images of Sports Series* in the H&G collection, part of Arcadia Publishing Company's *Images of America Series*, includes pictorial histories for baseball, basketball, boxing, and football. For St. Louis baseball, Steve Steinberg's *Baseball in St. Louis: 1900–1925* and *St. Louis's Big League Ballparks* by Joan M. Thomas are great examples of how pictorial histories can help readers go back in time through photographs.

Rogers Hornsby's championship Cardinals in a photo from the 14 Oct. 1926 issue of *St. Louis Sporting News* (see p. 3).

Researching the 1926 Cardinals

The following is an example of how you might integrate and combine multiple sources for a research project related to sports in St. Louis. For researching Rogers Hornsby's 1926 championship Cardinals team, the *St. Louis Sporting News* is a great starting point for game summaries and team photos. To access this newspaper, [log on to the History and Genealogy page on the library's website](https://www.slcl.org/genealogy) <<https://www.slcl.org/genealogy>>. Click on "Online Research." This will take you to the list of databases. On the third page of the History & Genealogy Database list, the *NewspaperArchive* database should appear. Click on the link, and you can then locate the *St. Louis Sporting News* using the map. First, click on Missouri, and then St. Louis to find the list of **CONTINUED ON PAGE 3.**

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IMAGE 1

St. Louis newspapers. This list includes a link to the St. Louis Sporting News (1886–2003). The database allows you to search by first name, last name, or keywords in addition to browsing issues by year. Advanced search options are also included, which enable researchers to search for phrases and specific date ranges (see Image 1).



IMAGE 2

To search for the 1926 Championship Cardinals, enter the following into the search boxes: Rogers Hornsby (for first and last name) and St. Louis Cardinals (for Keywords) (see Image 2). After clicking search, a list of search results will appear. To refine the search results, you can select a decade under the refine results section on the right hand side of the page. After clicking “submit query” under decade, you can select a specific year. For this research project, we will select the year 1926 (see Image 3). This will bring up all of the search results for the relevant year that match up with your initial search terms (see Image 4 on page 4). Clicking on a search result will open the page of the newspaper with the highlighted article. By following these steps, an article about Rogers Hornsby’s championship Cardinals appears with a photo of the team on page three of the issue from 14 Oct. 1926 (see page 4).

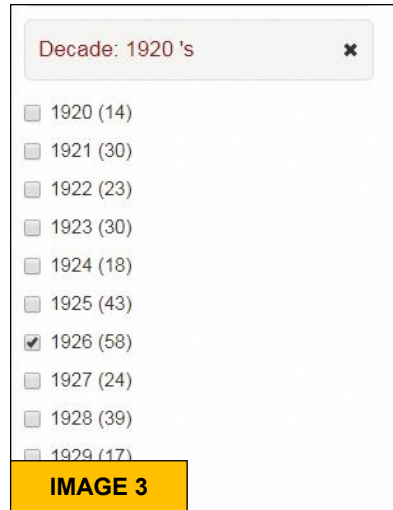


IMAGE 3

Using several sources together is a great way to combine and corroborate information. Once you have found names, dates, and game information from articles in newspapers like the *St. Louis Sporting News*, for example, you can fill in the details of the story from books in the H&G collection. Consulting both primary and secondary sources also allows researchers to gain a better understanding of historical events.

Screen captures demonstrating how to search the Newspaper-Archives database (see text).

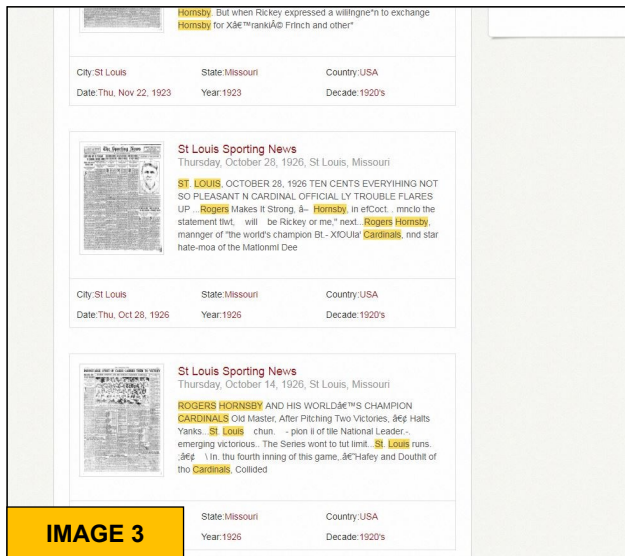


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In this case, pages 105–132 of *The St. Louis Cardinals: The Story of a Great Baseball Club* by Frederick G. Lieb provide an overview of the events in 1925 and 1926 that helped Rogers Hornsby lead the Cardinals to their first World Series championship. The official 1926 scorecard is on page 14 of *St. Louis Cardinals Past and Present*, as well as a photograph of Babe Ruth and Rogers Hornsby shaking hands before

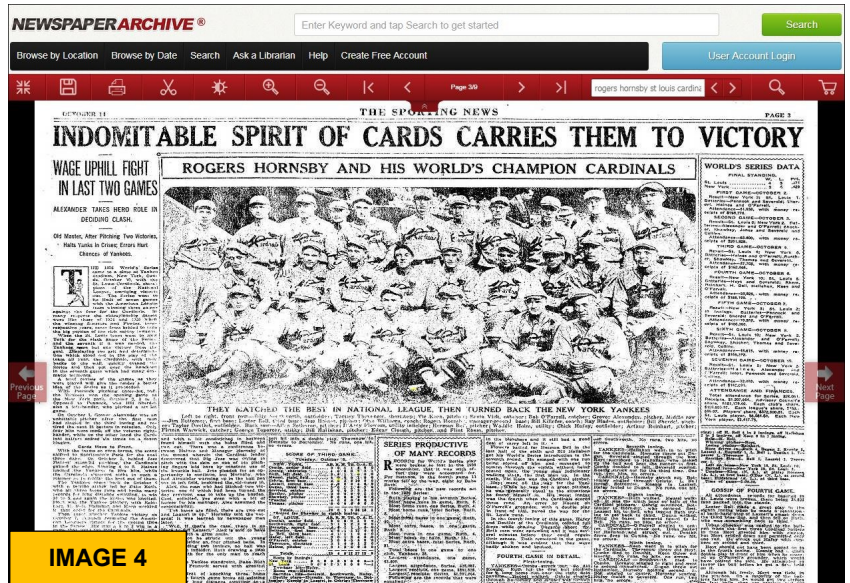
the 1926 World Series. Researchers can turn to page 39 for another photo of Rogers Hornsby from about 1926. *This Date in St. Louis Cardinals History* by John Leptich provides another summary of game seven of the 1926 World Series. These books, along with the newspaper articles from the *St. Louis Sporting News*, provide historical context and facts through both primary and secondary sources. For a list of other St. Louis baseball related sources in the History and Genealogy Collection, please see the bibliography at the end of this article.

The 1904 Olympics

A similar approach of combining resources to corroborate historical facts and discover authentic stories also works for other events and sports. For example, H&G has books with information about the 1904 Olympic Games. Arcadia’s *Images of America* series includes a book on the St. Louis Olympics of 1904. Full of fascinating photographs from the 1904 Olympics held in St. Louis, this book can enhance a researcher’s knowledge and understanding of this event through images of gold medal winners, Olympic officials, and other important people involved in the games.

For researching the results of various competitions during the Olympic Games, Bill Mallon’s book, *The 1904 Olympic Games: Results for All Competitors in All Events, with Commentary*, is a wonderful resource. Published in 1999, it includes an introduction that explains “Official Reports.” Mallon states that, “the Official Report describes every facet of the Olympics in great detail, including the results for every competitor in every event.”¹ In addition, the first sections also give important background information on the organization of the games as well as the selection of St. Louis as the location for the 1904 Olympics.

America’s First Olympics: The St. Louis Games of 1904 by George R. Matthews gives readers an overview of the games and describes the events, people,



and politics involved with bringing the Olympics to St. Louis. Consulting all of the previously mentioned resources allows researchers to verify facts and dates, gain a greater understanding of the historical context, and find visual evidence of the 1904 Olympic Games.

A article about the 1923 championship Cardinals found by searching the *Newspaper-Archive* database (see p. 3).

St. Louis basketball, golf and other sports

Several books in the History and Genealogy collection are useful for those researching basketball in St. Louis, including Jim Healey’s *St. Louis Hoops, 1904–2007: Compendium of St. Louis Basketball*. Healey’s book mentions high school, college, and professional basketball teams. One of the teams included in Healey’s book is the St. Louis Hawks, with season summaries for the team’s 1955–56 to 1967–68 seasons. To get more insight into the history of this team and their four championship seasons, researchers can also consult Greg Marecek’s book, *The St. Louis Hawks: A Gallery of Images & Memorabilia*. Marecek’s book features several full-color photographs of the team and highlights key players and championship seasons. *The PHL in the STL: The Public High League, A St. Louis Basketball Legacy*, by Earl Austin Jr., focuses on high school basketball teams and is another great resource for anyone researching St. Louis basketball. The author puts the spotlight on several notable players and

coaches, such as Jo Jo White, whose accomplishments included All-State, All-American, NBA All-Star, and NBA champion.²

Two key H&G resources for studying the history of golf in St. Louis include James Healey's *Golfing Before the Arch: A History of St. Louis Golf* and the *Official PGA Tournament Record Book, 1959–64*. Consulted together, they provide a general golf history in St. Louis, information about important events and championship players, and offer tournament information, records and statistics.

Books about other sports in St. Louis, including hockey, soccer, and wrestling are also available. *When the Blues Go Marching In: An Illustrated Timeline of St. Louis Blues Hockey*, by Dan O'Neill, and *Saga of the St. Louis Blues*, by Stan Fischler, offer photographs, stories, and hockey statistics. The photographs included in both books depict how the uniforms and hockey equipment have changed over time. Dave Lange's, *Soccer Made in St. Louis: A History of the Game in America's First Soccer Capital*, captures the passion and fervor of the soccer community in St. Louis throughout the city's history. *Wrestling at the Chase: The Inside Story of Sam Muchnik and the Legends of Professional Wrestling* by Larry Matysik takes readers back through the major wrestling events that occurred in St. Louis.

Sports topics

Beyond record-breaking statistics and pictorial histories, researchers will also find sources referencing noteworthy debates in the history of St. Louis sports. Books on games and sports played by the everyday person, in addition to professional athletes are also included in the collection. Bryan Burwell's book, *The Best St. Louis Sports Arguments: The 100 Most Controversial, Debatable Questions for Die-Hard St. Louis Fans*, addresses the major questions involving St. Louis sports events, athletes, and sports controversies. Burwell offers his perspective on questions such as, "If you could have a ticket to any game / event in St. Louis sports history, what would it be?"³ The ques-

tions debated in Burwell's book would be great for family history interviews and can remind people of personal stories and memories.

Bob Broeg's, *The 100 Greatest Moments in St. Louis Sports*, provides material for considering the most memorable sporting events in the city's history. Publication emphasis on great moments and professional sports teams should not dissuade people from researching the sports and games of amateurs and youth athletes, however. *Street Games: Memories of St. Louis Childhood 50s & 60s* by Fred Buck explores the various games that people in the St. Louis area played as children. A few of the games explained in Buck's book are "cork ball", "spud", and "squirrely catch". These are also possible topics for family history interviews.

Depending on what sports memories or interests your family might have, H&G has a wide variety of resources available for you. The book collection, in addition to various newspaper databases provided by the library are great resources that can help invigorate family histories with fond memories of St. Louis sports.

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OF NOTE

Nineteen organizations will be represented at Local History Fair on Aug. 25

History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library will host a local history fair on Saturday, Aug. 25, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Headquarters Auditorium. Representatives of 18 St. Louis-area and statewide organizations will be on hand to discuss their activities in documenting, preserving, and celebrating local history.

Participating organizations will include the Bridgeton Historical Society, Carondelet Historical Society, Fenton Historical Society, Jennings Historical Society, Kirkwood Historical Society, Missouri History Museum Library and Research Center, Missouri Pacific Historical Society, Missouri State Archives, Old Jamestown Association, Sappington-Concord Historical Society, National Railway Historical Society—St. Louis Chapter, St. Louis City Recorder of Deeds, St. Louis County Parks, St. Louis Genealogical Society, St. Louis Public Library, State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center, and University City Historical Society.

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History & Genealogy celebrates 20 years on Sept. 29



The St. Louis County Library History & Genealogy Department will celebrate its 20th anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 29. An open house will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Headquarters Auditorium with

refreshments and a short program followed by tours of the department. The open house is free and open to the public. No registration is necessary.

The History & Genealogy staff will offer free genealogy classes in the afternoon beginning at 1:00 p.m. A three-hour workshop, “Introduction to Genealogical

Research” will take place in the Auditorium, and concurrent one-hour sessions will be held in the computer lab and East Room. Topics will cover Ancestry, Fold3, and HeritageQuest databases, as well as church records, historical newspapers, cultural resources for ancestral research, and the FamilySearch website. The classes are free, but space is limited. Registration is required. [Detailed class and registration information is available on the library’s website](https://www.slcl.org/content/history-genealogy-20th-anniversary-celebration) <<https://www.slcl.org/content/history-genealogy-20th-anniversary-celebration>>.

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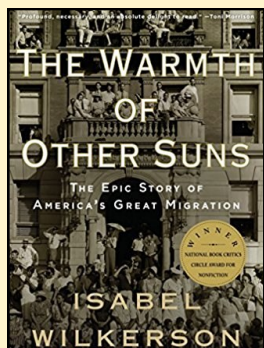
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Shelf life

SAMPLINGS FROM THE PRINT COLLECTION

Book | *The Warmth of Other Suns*



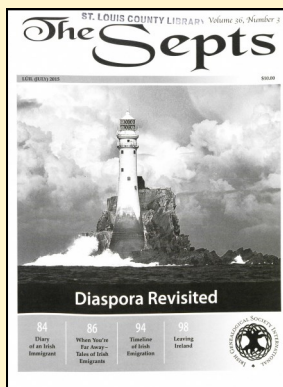
In the dawn of the 1900s, one question repeated in the minds of African Americans in the South: "Where can we go to feel that security which other people feel?"¹ This question would lead millions of Southern blacks to leave their segregated homelands in the

South for cities to the north and west as part of the Great Migration, which lasted from about 1910 to 1970. Written by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Isabel Wilkerson, whose own family took part in the migration, *The Warmth of Other Suns: the Epic Story of America's Great Migration* (R 304.8097 W681W) is based on over a decade of research and interviews with over 1,200 people. This masterfully written study came at a critical point in time, when the untold stories of the original migrants were being lost forever to old age and illness.

Wilkerson highlights the experiences of three migrants: a young woman who left behind unpaid cotton picking in Mississippi for Chicago during the Great Depression, an idealistic and ambitious man who ran for his life out of Florida to Harlem during the booming World War II economy, and a flamboyant surgeon from Louisiana who dreamed of California and equal treatment in the 1950s. Their struggles did not end at the Mason-Dixon Line, and they learned that outside the South, prejudice was written in the culture instead of in the laws.

1. Isabel Wilkerson, *The Warmth of Other Suns: the Epic Story of America's Great Migration* (New York: Random House, 2010), 8. Quoted from an anonymous woman's statement printed in a New York magazine. See "The Negro Problem: How It Appeals to a Southern Colored Woman," *The Independent*, 18 September 1902. Available in full online: <<https://hdl.handle.net/2027/inu.32000000688707?urlappend=%3Bseq=125>>.

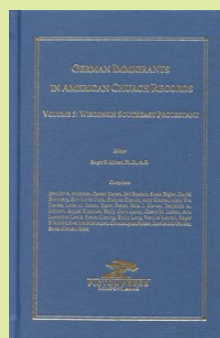
Periodical | *The Septs*



Genealogists with Irish ancestors often face unique challenges in their research. Record loss, spelling variants of surnames and places, and the typical poverty of the immigrants all add their own complications.

The Septs (R 941.5 S4793), published four times a year by the Irish Genealogical Society International may be of help. Typical articles include case studies of successful Irish genealogical research, Irish emigration, Irish history, and resources for further research. The early issues include lists of surnames members are interested in researching and contact information for the member. Many issues feature a specific county with articles on local cemeteries, parishes, and information on the county boundary changes. A list of issue themes is available on the [organization's website](https://irishgenealogical.org/cpage.php?pt=85) <<https://irishgenealogical.org/cpage.php?pt=85>>.

German Immigrants in American Church Records



Vols. 20 & 21 of Roger Minert's *German Immigrants in American Church Records*, R 929.3089 G373, have been added to the H&G Collection. The new volumes cover churches in St. Louis City and County and note the place of origin of German immigrant members.

NEW BOOK HIGHLIGHTS

VIKI FAGYAL

Researching Orphans and Orphanage Care in St. Louis

St. Louis Genealogical Society, 2018

R 977.865 F156R and circulating copy



Faygal takes a comprehensive look into the history of orphanages in St. Louis. The book begins with an introductory chapter with general information about orphanages, followed by chapters examining the history of orphanages arranged by religious affiliation. The last section is an extensive bibliography that will serve as a valuable guide to furthering your genealogical research. Faygal includes articles that explore useful historical records and offers recommendations for researching adoption and genealogy in St. Louis. If you have an ancestor who was in an orphanage, *Researching Orphans and Orphanage Care in St. Louis* is a necessary resource to consult.—*H&G*

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RICHARD BELL

The Last Veterans of World War II: Portraits and Memories

Schiffer, 2017

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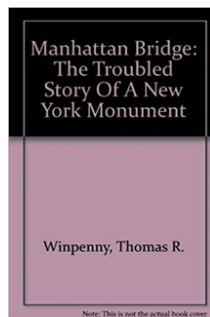
Chronicling the many faces of the WWII effort, these contemporary black-and-white portraits of the longest surviving veterans remind us that the war comprised a collection of Americans from all walks of life. Their penetrating gaze captures the ethos of the endeavor of war. Intimate memories offer glimpses into the horrifying, and at times awe-inspiring, reality of war. The faces of these veterans, from all branches, are juxtaposed with images of their youthful selves and serve as a visual representation of the expanse of their life experiences. Appealing to the

families of soldiers, academics, history buffs, and veterans of other wars, this collection is a testament to the spirit of patriotism and strength of a collective American effort.—*Publisher*

THOMAS R. WINPENNY

Manhattan Bridge:**The Troubled Story of a New York Monument**
Canal History & Technology Press, 2004

R 974.7 W776M



If the Brooklyn Bridge (1902) was the crown jewel in Gotham's universe, then the Manhattan Bridge (roughly 1909) was something of a tarnished bluish rhinestone hovering in the shadows a few blocks upriver. The story of its construction is 'a contorted story of construction.' Hardly anyone knew that the Manhattan Bridge was designed to accommodate some use

of Latvian-born bridge designer Leon Moiseeff's 'deflection theory' - an idea really still in its experimental stage in the early 1900s. But, by the late 1940s the bridge was a recognized public monument serving both commuters & 'day trippers' to Coney Islands, but it'd finally earned a niche in the the city's visual panorama.—*Publisher*

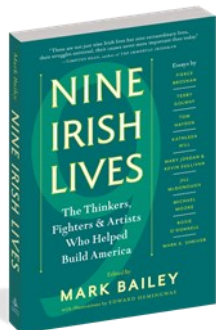
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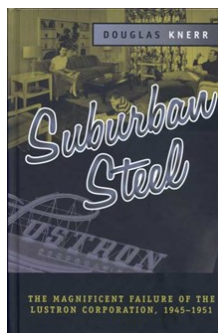


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- Aug. 22, 6:30 p.m. Cliff Cave | [Register](#)

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 Ancestry Library Edition and other electronic databases.

- Aug. 13, 2:00 p.m. Florissant Valley | [Register](#)
- Aug. 27, 2:00 p.m. Daniel Boone | [Register](#)
- Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m. Sachs | [Register](#)

Classes to Expand Research Skills

Researching Newspaper Databases

Searching electronic newspaper databases for genealogical or historical information is easy and fun. The class will cover *19th-Century U. S. Newspapers*, *NewspaperArchive*, and *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* databases.

Sept. 12, 2:00 p.m. Headquarters | [Register](#)

Finding Immigrant European Ancestors

Prerequisite: Finding Ancestors in U.S. Census Records or comparable research experience

Discover the numerous print and online resources available for researching immigrant ancestors. This class will include an overview of information available on Ancestry Library Edition and other electronic databases.

Aug. 7, 2:00 p.m. Headquarters | [Register](#)
Sept. 24, 10:00 a.m. Grant's View | [Register](#)

Identifying Ancestral Military Veterans

Prerequisite: Finding Ancestors in U.S. Census Records or comparable research experience

Explore strategies for military research in the Fold3 and Ancestry Library Edition databases, as well as in print and online sources.

Aug. 16, 2:00 p.m. Headquarters | [Register](#)
Sept. 17, 2:00 p.m. Florissant Valley | [Register](#)

NEW!

History & Genealogy Open House for Educators

Learn about all of the wonderful resources available for educators in the History & Genealogy Department. A Q&A session will follow the presentation.

Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m. Daniel Boone | [Register](#)
Nov. 3, 10:00 a.m. Headquarters | [Register](#)

PARTICIPATING BRANCH LOCATIONS

<p>Cliff Cave 5430 Telegraph Road St. Louis, MO 63129</p> <p>Daniel Boone 300 Clarkson Rd. Ellisville, MO 63011</p>	<p>Florissant Valley 195 New Florissant Rd, S. Florissant, MO 63031</p> <p>Grant's View 9700 Musick Rd. St. Louis, MO 63123</p> <p>Headquarters 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63131</p>	<p>Samuel C. Sachs 16400 Burkhardt Pl. Chesterfield, MO 63107</p> <p>Weber Road 4444 Weber Rd. St. Louis, MO 63123</p>	<p>General information Phone: 314-994-3300, ext. 2070</p> <p>Email: genealogy@slcl.org</p> <p>Website: www.slcl.org/genealogy</p>
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PROGRAMS

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

Saturday, Aug. 11, 10:00 a.m. | Headquarters
Non-Genealogical Websites for Genealogy

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting

Think outside the box! This presentation will give you the incentive to explore the World Wide Web for information to enrich your family history. Speaker: Bob Goode

Friday, Aug. 17, 10:00 a.m. | Cliff Cave
Exploring the FindMyPast database

The speaker will provide an overview of the FindMyPast database, a valuable tool for researching your ancestors from the British Isles. Speaker: Mike Bridwell

Monday, August 27, 6:30 p.m. | Cliff Cave

Daughters of the American Revolution: 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.

Saturday, Sept. 8, 10:00 a.m. | Headquarters
Cities of the Dead for the Living: The Rural Cemetery Movement

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting

Explore the origins and history of the rural cemetery movement in the 19th century and the ways these burial sites were intended to be used by the living, as well as the cultural values they conveyed. Speaker: Jeff Smith

Sept. 18, 7:00 p.m. | Headquarters
Finding Clues and Information for Your Ancestors in Unusual Places

StLGS German Special Interest Group Meeting

Have you used any and every possible record in your search for more information about your ancestors? Find out about new or different types of sources that might give you clues or answers and keep you from adopting the wrong ancestor. Speaker: Carolyn Schaeffer

Friday, Sept. 21, 10:00 a.m. | Cliff Cave
St. Louis Orphanages

Many people had ancestors who grew up in orphanage care. The speaker will focus on St. Louis orphanage care from 1828 to the present. Speaker: Viki Fagyal