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OF NOTE

■ **The Special Collections Department** recently acquired the 22-roll microfilm set of *St. Louis [City], Missouri Probate Court Guardianship Case Files, 1802-1875*. Files generally include an application for guardianship, affidavits, inventories, bonds, legal notices from newspapers, bills of sale, receipts, etc. Roll 1 consists of an alphabetical surname index, which points to the case number needed. Case numbers are missing until Roll 12, but a print index is kept at the Special Collections Reference Desk. The Department staff is working on a more workable index.

■ **The National Archives** recently announced that it has opened more than 300,000 case files on alien residents in the U.S. who were born 1909 or before. The files, known as "A-Files," can include photographs, personal correspondence, birth certificates, health records, visas, applications and other documents. More information about A-Files and instructions for obtaining the documents are on the National Archives website <http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/aliens/a-files-kansas-city.html>.

■ **iArchives has sold its Footnote.com database to Ancestry.com** for $27 million dollars in cash, stocks and assumption of liabilities, according to a GlobeNewswire report released on 23 Sept. Among other benefits, Ancestry.com will gain access to iArchives image viewing technology and document digitization capabilities. The complete report may be viewed on the MarketWatch website <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/ancestrycom-inc-to-acquire-iarchives-2010-09-23?reflink=MW_news_stmp>.

FOR THE RECORDS

More about St. Louis cemeteries

A year ago this column featured cemetery records and research in the Special Collections Department (see the October 2009 issue of *PastPorts* <http://www.slcl.org/pastports/2009/10.pdf>, page 2). October, with the approach of Halloween and religious holidays honoring and remembering the dead, seems the perfect time to revisit the subject and add a few new titles to the mix.

For those interested in influential personalities buried in St. Louis cemeteries, Carol Ferring Shepley's book, ***Movers and Shakers, Scalawags and Suffragettes: Tales from Bellefontaine Cemetery*** (St. Louis: Missouri History Museum, 2008; R 977.866 S548M) will be a good read. The author provides brief biographical sketches of many prominent (and some infamous) individuals buried in

Bellefontaine, including those who designed its grounds and much of its funerary architecture. An older title along the same lines is Kevin Amsler's *Final Resting Place: The Lives and Deaths of Famous St. Louisans* (St. Louis: Virginia Publishing Co., 1997; R 977.866 A528F), which discusses the lives of notable St. Louisans buried in a number of local cemeteries and some in other localities. *Tombstone Talks: Landmarks Tour of Calvary Cemetery* (St. Louis Landmarks Association, 1970; R 977.866 L257T) offers concise information about persons influential in early St. Louis History who were originally buried in older Catholic cemeteries located in the present downtown area. On a more obscure note, *What a Grave Undertaking* by Keith Rawlings (Kirkwood, Mo.: Youth in Action, 2005; R 977.865 R269W), covers Quinette Cemetery, a little-known 19th century African American burial ground that was saved from obliteration by development. Besides a list of interments, the book features stories of families whose members are buried in the cemetery and chapters discussing efforts to restore the grounds and honor those buried there.

Those who would like to know more about the history of St. Louis cemeteries proper will find several books in the collection. Ann Morris's *Sacred Green Space: A Survey of Cemeteries in St. Louis County* (St. Louis: Ann Morris, 2000; R 977. 865 M875S), mentioned in the Oct. 2009 *PastPorts* article, still provides a good overview and guide. Esley Hamilton, a notable local historian and architectural expert, includes the histories of several prominent Jewish cemeteries in *The Cemeteries of University City* (University City, Mo.: Historical Society of University City, 1998; R977.865 H217C). *St. Peter's Cemetery History* by Shirley Wotawa (St. Louis: Shirley Wotawa, 2004; R 977.865 W936S and circulating copy) is a detailed historical investigation of a local cemetery important to the German Protestant Community. Besides the current cemetery, the author also discusses its predecessor, the Lemp Avenue German Evangelical Cemetery (sometimes referred to as Westermann's Cemetery), located near Lemp and Cherokee in St. Louis City. Bethany Cemetery, established by Bethany German Evangelical Church and later acquired by St. Peter's, is also included. As a bonus, Wotawa adds brief histories of families who attended St. Peter's Church and whose members now rest in the cemetery.

Family historians, of course, are interested in the genealogical data cemeteries can provide. For this purpose, cemetery indexes are crucial, and *St. Louis Burials,* **Vols. 1 and 2** on CD-ROM, produced by the St. Louis Genealogical Society (StLGS), are indispensible for St. Louis research. StLGS's recently released *St. Louis Burials,* **Vol. 3** providing access to burial information for 21 additional cemeteries, including Bellefontaine, Memorial Park, Washington Park, and many important sectarian burial grounds. *St. Louis Burials,* Vols. 1 and 2 are available on public computers in the Special Collections Department. Vol. 3. is available by inquiring at the Special Collections Department reference desk. The Department also has a number of cemetery indexes, abstracts and tombstone transcriptions for St. Louis Cemeteries in print form, including:

Boehmke, Karl and LaVerne. *Western Ev. Lutheran Cemetery, 3450 Marcus Ave., St. Louis, MO 63115.* St. Louis: Boehmke, 1994. R 977.866 B671W

Burials in Fee Fee Cemetery, Bridgeton, Missouri. E.E. Penning, 1961. R 977.865 F295B

Dettleff, Gloria. *"List of Colored Persons" in Wesleyan Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri, 1847 – 1868.* Florissant, Mo.: Gloria Dettleff, 2008. R 977.866 D486L (also accessible as a PDF on the Special Collections Department website < http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/ wesleyan_cemetery_colored_persons.pdf>)

Lutton, Cecelia and Maurita. *Mt. Olive Cemetery (Catholic).* St. Louis: C. Lutton, 1984. R 977.865 L974M

Mertz, Marcella Stranz. *Chesterfield, Missouri Cemeteries.* Chesterfield, Mo.: Chesterfield Historical Commission, 2000. R 977.865 M575C

Washington Park Cemetery, St. Louis Reinterments. St. Louis, 2001. R 977.866 W319

Weiderman, June. *The Inscriptions in Cold Water Cemetery.* Florissant, Mo.: June Weiderman, 1964. R 977.865 W417I

Wotawa, Shirley and Dick Seiler. *Index to St. Peter's Public Grounds Burials.* St. Louis: Shirley Wotawa, 2005. R 977.865 W936

A list St. Louis cemetery records on microfilm in the Special Collections Department is posted on the Department's website < http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/ sc/cemeteries.htm>.

For localities outside of St. Louis, the Department's collection includes many cemetery indexes and abstracts in print format. Check the library's online catalog <webpac.slcl.org>, or speak to a Special Collections Department staff member for assistance.

TIPS

■ **Retrieving a document printed from the Footnote database:** Using the print function within the Footnote database results in a printout with a URL just below the Footnote logo. The URL ends in a multi-digit number, which corresponds to the specific image (see example at right). To retrieve the document again at a later date, type that URL from the printout into your browser's address bar. The image should load directly from the database, providing you are doing it at the library or at home with a personal subscription.

■ **Accessing library databases on laptops with WiFi capability:** The St. Louis County's database collection can be accessed via WiFi at any library location. With the web browser open on your laptop, go to the library's database page < http://www.slcl.org/databases/> and click on the link for the desired database (genealogy databases are listed under "History and Genealogy"). All databases can be accessed through WiFi at the library, including library-only databases such as *AncestryLibraryEdition* and *Footnote*. A library card is not necessary to log on to databases when using the library's wireless Internet access. Printing from laptops is not possible in the library, but images can be saved to a USB stick drive or other portable storage device. Sign up for a public computer and print out the images from there, or print them out at home.

WEB NEWS

Web finds

■ **Our American History / La Historia de Nuestra América** <http://www.ouramericanhistory.com> relates the part Spanish and Hispanic Americans played in the American Revolution. The site includes links to people, places, events, resources, and a "Kids' Zone" with activities for students and teachers.

■ **Birmingham Public Library Digital Collections**

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<www.bplonline.org/resources/Digital_Project/Collections.asp> provides scanned images of several 19th-century Alabama newspapers, as well as links to Birmingham neighborhoods, businesses, buildings and people. The Cartography Collection includes almost 1,000 historical maps and atlases from the 16th to 20th centuries.

■ **Online Searchable Death Indexes and Records** <http://www.deathindexes.com> is a directory of links to free and pay websites with online death indexes. Included are death records, death certificate indexes, death notices and registers, obituaries, probate indexes, and cemetery and burial records. The site includes information about searching the Social Security Death Index online. Notable are links to death records in large cities, including: Chicago and Cook County, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, and St. Louis. Links are listed by state and county.

■ **Danish State Archives** <http://www.sa.dk/content/us/>: Researchers with Danish ancestry should check out this website, which provides links to census and emigration data and information about parish registers. The site is in English.

New at AncestryLibraryEdition

California State Census, 1852: This is a very important census for those researching ancestors who participated in the Gold Rush that brought 300,000 people to California from 1848 and 1854. Unfortunately, records from Colusa, Sutter and Marin Counties are missing. The images from Butte County are included, but due to the poor quality of the images, they are not indexed.

AncestryLibraryEdition and *Footnote* databases may be

NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

The following is a selection of new items added to the collection. Additional items may have been received which are not listed here. The Department is grateful to the St. Louis Genealogical Society, the National Genealogical Society, Julius K. Hunter and Friends, and our patrons for their donations. **Please note: Due to processing and binding requirements, some donated items may not be available in the library or listed in *PastPorts* until several months after they are received.**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS WEB PAGES

■ Local history book indexes

The Story of Clayton [St. Louis County, Missouri] <http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/gu_bk_clayton.pdf>

Kinloch: Yesterday Today and Tomorrow [St. Louis County, Missouri] <http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/gu_bk_kinloch.pdf>

■ Histories of Religious Congregations
<http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/indexes/religious_congregation_histories.htm>

The following indexes have been added:

St. John United Church of Christ, Manchester, Missouri

St. John's United Church of Christ, Chesterfield, Missouri, 1892–1992

Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Missouri

■ *Westliche Post* Obituary Index <http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/indexes/westliche/westliche-obit-index.htm>

The index for the obituaries in the 1879 *Westliche Post* is now available. Coverage is for July through December (issues for January through June are missing on the microfilm).

CD-ROMs

Birth Book #1, Monroe County, Ohio, 1867–1878. CD-ROM R 977.196 H311B (CD # M 89)

Death Book, Monroe County, Ohio, Book #1, 1867–1891. CD-ROM R 977.196 H311D (CD #M 92)

Death Book, Monroe County, Ohio, Book #2, 1891–1908. CD-ROM R 977.196 H311D (Call #M 93)

Marriage Book A & B, Belmont County, Ohio, 1801–1825. CD-ROM R 977.196 H311B (CD #M 87)

Marriage Book #5, Belmont County, Ohio, 1838–1844. CD-ROM R 977.193 H311M (CD #M 88)

Monroe County, OH, Marriage Records, Books 4 and 5. CD-ROM R 977.196 H311M (Call #M 91)

Will Book #5, Monroe County, Ohio, 1898–1901. CD-ROM R 977.196 H311W (CD #M 90)

Print resources

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

■ Family Maps by Gregory A. Boyd

INDIANA

Adams County. 2006. R 977.273 B789F

Allen County. 2007. R 977.274 B789F

Bartholomew County. 2006. R 977.224 B789F

Boone County. 2007. R 977.254 B789F

Brown County. 2007. R 977.2253 B789F

Carroll County. 2008. R 977.294 B789F

Clay County. 2007. R 977.244 B789F

Clinton County. 2006. R 977.2553 B789F

Daviess County. 2006. R 977. 2385 B789F

Decatur County. 2005. R 977.216 B789F

■ States and Counties

ILLINOIS

Fifty Years of Grace: Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church. [Granite City, IL] 1947. R 977.386 F469

INDIANA

Jubilee Book, 1855–1930. [St. John Evangelical Congregation, Cumberland, IN] 1930. R 977.252 S143J

NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

LOUISIANA

Natchitoches Baptisms, 1841–1849... St. Francis Catholic Church. 2010. R 976.365 R564N

MARYLAND

Abstracts of Wills, Carroll County, Maryland, 1837–1852. [NGS] 975.277 S557A

MICHIGAN

Bethlehem 150. [Bethlehem United Church of Christ, Ann Arbor, MI] 1983. R 977.435 B562B

MISSOURI

50th Anniversary of Caroline Mission, Saint Louis, Missouri, 1913–1963. 1963. R 977.865 C483F

Altar and Reredos of Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis, Mo... 1960. R 977.866 H492A

Church of the Holy Family, St. Louis, Missouri, 1898–1998... 1998. R 977.866 C561

History and Genealogy of Osage Township, Dent County, Missouri... 1969. R 977.886 F452H

History of the Founding and Progress of the St. Louis Protestant Orphan Asylum. 1891. R 977.865 S779H

Hope and Healing: St. Louis Children's Hospital, the First 125 Years. 2006. R 362.11 O18H

Shaping of St. Louis, 1763–1860. 1975. R 977.866 H758S

MISSISSIPPI

Back Bay Mission, A History... Biloxi, Mississippi. 1997. R 976.213 W588B

NEW YORK

Salem Church, Evangelical and Reformed, Rochester, New York Diamond Jubilee, 1873–1948. 1948. R 974.788 S163S

NORTH CAROLINA

Some Pioneer Presbyterian Preachers of the Piedmont North Carolina. 1928. R 975.6 M141S

OHIO

See also "New CD-ROMs" on page 4.

Marriage Records of Jefferson County, Ohio. [Book 8 Part 2, 1874–1883] 1992. R 977.169 F826M

TENNESSEE

Tennessee Tidbits, 1778–1914. Vol. 4. 2008. R 976.8 F529T

VERMONT

Cemetery Inscriptions Rutland County, Vermont. 1981–1996. R 974.37 J53C

VIRGINIA

Deed & Will Abstracts of Westmoreland County, Virginia. [1734–1756] 1995–97. R 975.524 D311

Order Book Abstracts, Spotsylvania County, Virginia. [1724–1751]. 1990–2000. R 975.5365 S736O

Spotsylvania County, Virginia Deeds. [1722–1731] 2000–2004. R 975.5365 S736S

Westmoreland County, Virginia Order Book. [1705–1721] 1998–2003. R 975.524 S736W

German genealogy

DEUTSCHES GESCHLECTERBUCH (DGB)
Compiled genealogies of middle-class families

Bergisches Geschlechterbuch, Vol. 4 (DGB Vol. 168). 1974. R 943.55 B498

Bergisches Geschlechterbuch, Vol. 5 (DGB Vol. 183). 1980. R 943.55 B498

Eifeler Geschlechterbuch, Vol. 2 (DGB Vol. 123). 1958. R 943.55 E34

Ravensbergisches Geschlechterbuch, Vol. 2 (DGB Vol. 194). 1987. R 943.55 R 254

ORTSSIPPENBÜCHER
Local family genealogical registers, abbreviated titles

Deutsch Zerne (Banat, Serbia), Catholic, 1808 – 1918 / 1946. 2009. R 949.71 H816F

NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Deutz (Cologne), including Poll, Vingst, Kalk, and Westhofen (North Rhine-Westphalia). 2010. R 943.55 B688B

Dudenhofen (Hesse). 1997. R 943.4163 K15F

Eberstadt (Hesse). 1997. R 943.414 B981F

Fürth, Odenwald (Hesse). 2000. R 943.16 K67F

Gambach (Hesse). 2001. R 943.416 B981F

Kell am See (Rhineland-Palatinate). 2010. R 943.43 S368F

Madern-Waldweiler, 1686 – 1899 (Rhineland-Palatinate). 2010. R 943.43 S368F

Mehren, St. Matthias Catholic Parish, 1728 – 1900 (Rhineland-Palatinate). 2010. R 943.43 M468K

Nieder-Ohmen (Hesse). 1996. R 943.414 R349F

Ober-Laudenbach (Hesse). 1999. R 943.416 B732F

Schillingen-Heddert (Rhineland-Palatinate). 2010. R 943.43 S368F

Trais-Horloff, Inheiden, Utphe (Hesse). 1997. R 943.414 M958F

Wallernhausen (Hesse), Protestant marriages, 1645 – 1932. 1995. R 943.416 W799E

OTHER GERMAN TITLES

Amt Zwingenberg / Bergstr. Mannschaftsregister von 1771 [Register of Male Residents, Department of Zwingenberg / Bergstraße, 1771] (Hesse). 1992. R 943.416 K61A

Die Bevölkerung der Zent Ober Ramstadt-Lichtenberg von 1659 bis 1695 [The Population of the Jurisdiction of Ramstadt-Lichtenberg, 1659 – 1695] (Hesse). 1991. R 943.416 K61B

Einwohnerlisten der Herrschaft Rodenstein bis Mitte 17. Jahrhundert [Census of the Sovereignty of Rodenstein to the Mid-17th Century] (Hesse). 1987. R 943.416 K96E

Einwohnerlisten der Zent Birkenau, 1439 – 1841 [Census of the Jurisdiction of Birkenau, 1439 – 1841] (Hesse). 1988. R 943.416 K96E

Im 19. Jahrhundert: von Beedenkirchen und Mittershausen nach Amerika [In the 19th Century: From Beedenkirchen and Mittershausen to America] (Hesse). 1993. R 943.416 K61I

Family histories

Chance in Chicago: Three Generations of Success in the Windy City [Sexton and Ennis families]. [NGS] 2009. 929.2 S518L

Claiborne Hall and Elizabeth Herod of Smith County, Tennessee… [NGS] 2010. 929.2 H174A

Dungan Source Book… [NGS] 2010. 929.2 D916D

Extra! Extra! Read All about an American Family [Hildreth family]. [NGS] 2009. 929.2 H644H

Opening the Door to the Smith and Mason Families' Saga. [NGS] 2009. 929.2 S642L

Other New Titles

Conserving, Preserving, and Restoring Your Heritage. [NGS] 2010. 929.2028 K49C

English-Hungarian Dictionary/Anglo-Magyar-szótár. 1993. R 494.511 O76E

Genealogical Standards of Evidence: A Guide for Family Historians. 2010. [NGS] 929.1 M571G

Genealogy and the Law in Canada. [NGS] 2010. 929.1072 W687G

Good Connections: Century of Service by the Men & Women of Southwestern Bell. 1984. R 384.6 P235G

History of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference, United Church of Christ. 2000. R 285.834 B926H

CALENDAR GENEALOGICAL EVENTS AT THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY LIBRARY

Note: Dates for Special Collections Department classes are indicated by ☎. Please register for classes in advance by calling 314-994-3300.

All events are free and open to the public.

OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 12, 7 pm
Headquarters Auditorium
St. Louis Genealogical Society
General Membership Meeting
Topic: "What Did They Mean By That?"
Speaker: Larry Franke

Tuesday, October 26, 7 pm
Headquarters East Room
STLGS Irish Special Interest Group
Topic: To be announced
Speaker: To be announced

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 3, 7 pm
Headquarters East Room
STLGS Jewish Special Interest Group
Topic: "Newsletters, Mailing Lists, Blogs, and Other Stuff"
Speaker: Bob Goode

Thursday, November 18, 7 pm
Headquarters Auditorium
STLGS French Special Interest Group
Topic: "French Colonial Collections and French Language Newspapers"
Speakers: Dennis Northcott and Larry Franke

Saturday, November 20, 10 am
Headquarters Auditorium
St. Louis Genealogical Society
General Membership Meeting
Topic: "Researching Farmers and Other Rural Ancestors"
Speakers: Tom Pearson

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■ **St. Louis County Library online catalog**
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■ **St. Louis County Library event calendar**
http://mo.evanced.info/slcl/lib/eventcalendar.asp

■ **Special Collections Department direct phone line**
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