

## FOR THE RECORDS

### Civil War research brings ancestors to life

Genealogy is more than just names and dates on a tree. It is about connecting with our ancestors in hopes of obtaining a greater understanding of their experiences. In order to do this, we need to gain knowledge around key events, which might have affected an ancestor's life. While some events might only paint a broad picture of an ancestor's experience, others can be quite vivid and well documented. One of the more vivid opportunities for examining such experience is the American Civil War, an event that produced a wealth of documentation and written histories. Using these resources, we can develop a story about an ancestor, even one who might have only played a minor but pivotal role as a soldier on the battlefield.

#### The experience of Pvt. Thomas L. Charles

Thomas L. Charles mustered into Company A, 17<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry at the rank of private. His commanding officer was Captain John T. Wilder, who at age 31 already had a successful foundry. Thomas saw limited action in Western Virginia at Cheat Mountain and Greenbriar Valley and the Siege of Corinth, Mississippi. In September 1862, Thomas found himself living in a garrison at Mundfordville, Kentucky guarding a key railroad bridge over the Green River. On the morning of Sept. 14, the rebels charged twice, coming within 30 feet of Thomas. In a note, Confederate Brigadier General James R. Chalmers demanded surrender, to which Colonel Wilder responded, "If you wish to avoid further bloodshed, keep out of the range of my guns." Although reinforced, by the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup>,



Pvt. Thomas L. Charles (right) and his brother-in-law, Pvt. James A. Harrison, 17<sup>th</sup> Indiana Mounted Infantry Brigade: Source: [Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War](http://www.duvcwgar.org) <<http://www.duvcwgar.org>>.

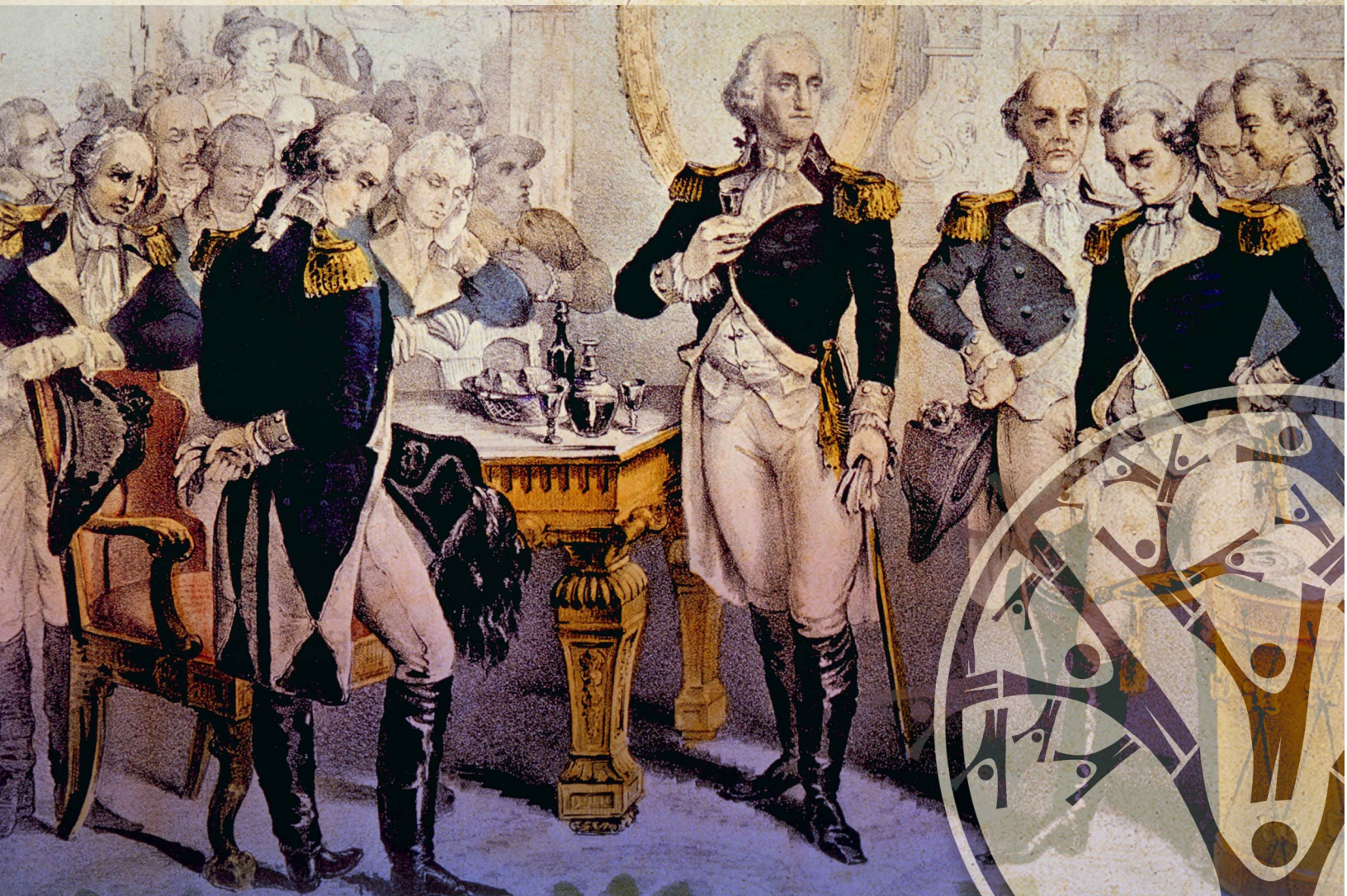
General Braxton Bragg's army surrounded them. They fought back valiantly but by day's end the Colonel was left with no choice but to surrender. Thomas L. Charles marched out of the garrison at 6:00 a.m., September 16<sup>th</sup> with four day's rations and his rifle.

#### The Lightning Brigade

Colonel Wilder received a promotion from General Rosecrans to Brigade CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

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# Lineage Society Fair



**Saturday, October 20** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Representatives of lineage societies will be on hand to discuss the work of their organizations and provide membership information. Prospective members of lineage societies—also called hereditary societies—document their genealogical connections to ancestors who were involved in notable historical events.

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Commander, and in January 1863, the Colonel put to vote the idea of mounting the brigade. Thomas and the 17<sup>th</sup> voted unanimously in favor. General Rosecrans issued Special Field Order 33 on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 1863 and Thomas and comrades set about confiscating horses and mules. Private Uriah J. Loop of Company H, 75<sup>th</sup> Indiana remarked in a letter that it was essentially “sanctioned stealing.” Loop’s unit, the 75<sup>th</sup>, refused to mount and organized an exchange of places with the 123<sup>rd</sup> Illinois. A second vote soon followed inquiring as to the brigade’s willingness to arm themselves at their own expense. Again, Thomas and the 17<sup>th</sup> unanimously voted “yes.”

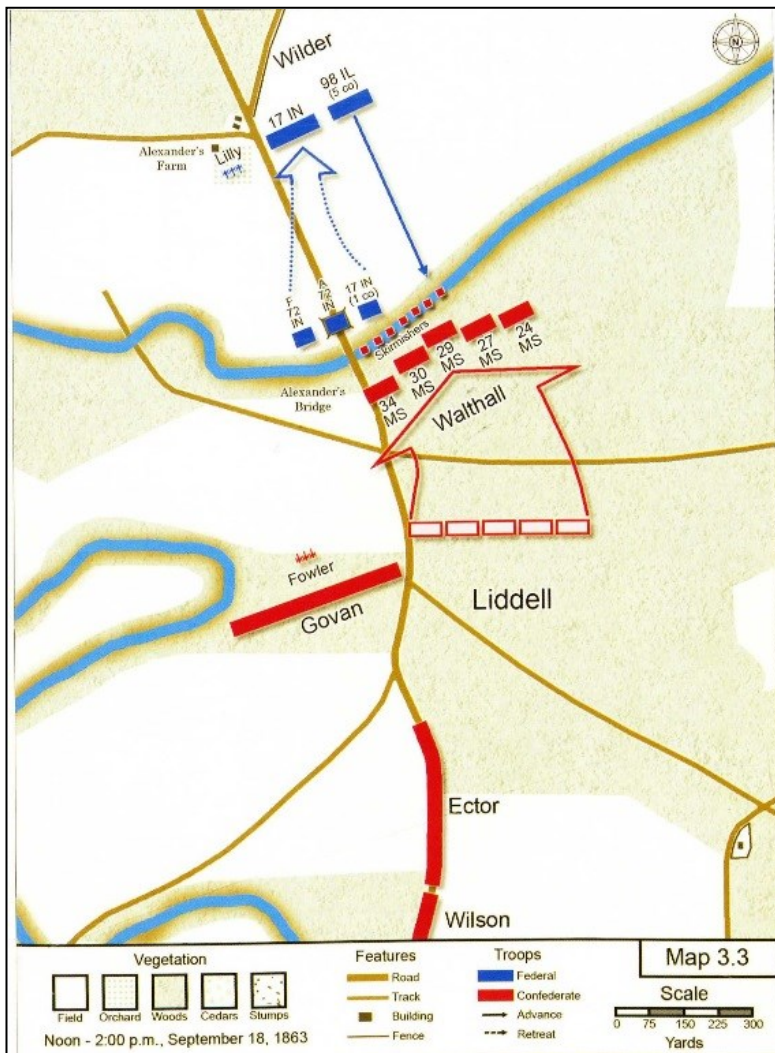
In late March, arms manufacturer Christopher M. Spencer visited the battalion at Murfreesboro. Spencer’s rifle proved popular with commanders and soldiers alike. Colonel Wilder secured funding from bankers in Greensburg, Indiana for the bulk purchase of Spencer rifles, putting his foundry up as collateral. Thomas signed a promissory note to Colonel Wilder for the purchase of his gun. Armed with Spencer’s seven-shot rifles and mounted for mobility, Thomas L. Chalmers and comrades would quickly earn their well-deserved nickname.

**Alexander Bridge**

On Sept. 17 1863, bugles echoed across the countryside, and Thomas quickly packed his saddlebags. Armed with 60 rounds of ammunition in his cartridge box and 200 rounds in his horse’s nosebag, Thomas mounted his horse and rode in line to Crawfish Springs, along the Dry Valley Road, near West Chickamauga Creek. Thomas was ordered to the Alexander Bridge crossing the stream. That night, Thomas and the 17<sup>th</sup> set up pickets in the timber west of the bridge along the north bank.

The morning of Sept. 18, Thomas could see from his position a number of men from Company A, 72<sup>nd</sup> Indiana foraging on the south side of the river. At 11:00 a.m., smoke appeared on the horizon and gunfire was audible in the distance. A soldier rode into camp quickly from the north. From his position, Thomas could see the 123<sup>rd</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup> mounting and riding north. Within the hour, gunfire arrived in front of Thomas’ position. The foragers came flying out of the field, jumping in the creek, in front of him, Confederate cavalry in tow. Thomas sent a volley of Spencer fire into the unsuspecting Confederates, turning the cavalry away.

From his vantage, Thomas could see the surviving foragers beginning to tear up the planks on the bridge. By noon, three Confederate divisions were approaching the Alexander Bridge. It must have been quite a sight for Thomas: five regiments, five-thousand men, charging at little more than a thousand. As they neared the bank, the Lightning Brigade fired. The Spencer rifles more than made up for their disadvantage in numbers. The firefight went on for a grueling three hours. While Thomas fired from behind heavy forest,



Alexander Bridge Position, Wilder’s Brigade, Source: *The Maps of Chickamauga*, p. 39.

he could see the 72<sup>nd</sup> fortified behind a makeshift fort of bridge lumber and earth. Skirmishers managed to ford the creek and outflank the picket. Thomas saw several men fall. Bugles sounded from the rear, and the 98<sup>th</sup> charged down the hill to protect Thomas' flank. They continued to come until the Confederates realized the bridge was out. With the bridge out and the Federals holding, the Confederates turned south to look for an alternate crossing.

**Viniard Field**

Thomas was ordered to pull away from the bridge that evening, and at 6:30 a.m. the morning of Sept. 19 found himself on foot moving to a position at the bottom of heavy woods bordering a cornfield in Viniard Field. It was a good position with a large ditch in front of it. Thomas and his comrades set to tearing apart fences and pulling up rails, logs, and brush for a protective fieldworks. All morning while they established their fortifications, columns of Federal Soldiers marched north along the road in front of their position. Around 8:00 a.m., a rumble began to build, described by Bugler Henry Campbell as sounding like a "distant hail storm." For Thomas and the soldiers of the brigade, the tension was high. Hours passed with little word from the battlefield. They set camp in the woods and around 1:00 p.m., two regiments and two batteries moved forward into the field in front of them. As they neared the woods, a hail of gunfire rained down and a stream of injured men began to fill the land in front of Thomas, many taking cover in the ditch.

Thomas received orders to march into the field, finding himself towards the center of the line. They crossed the barricade and advanced. In front of them, injured and uninjured men alike were pouring out into the field in front of them. As the brigade marched forward, Thomas could see the retreating soldiers reforming ranks in front of them. Confederate artillery began to rain down upon them. Acting upon orders, Thomas and company raced back to their position behind the barricade. Immediately, Colonel Wilder ordered two companies to engage to Thomas' right to

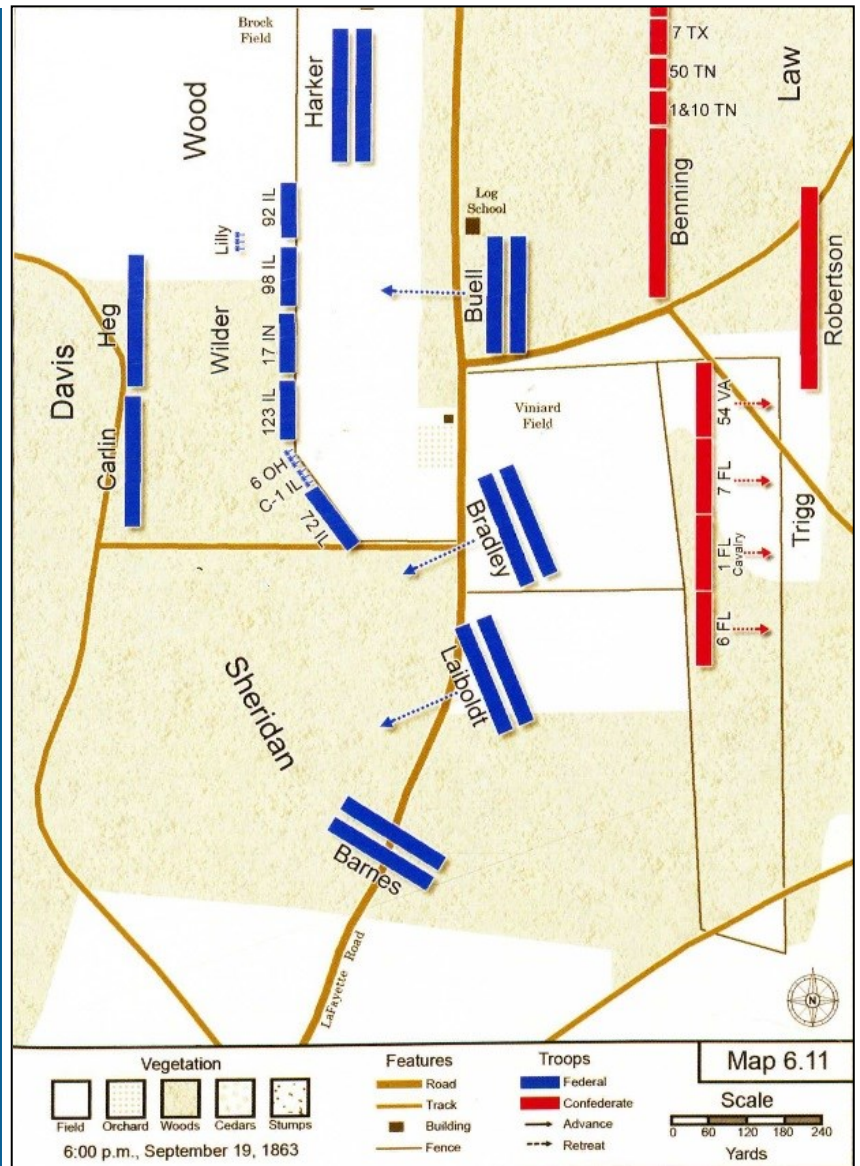


Figure 3 Viniard Field Position, Wilder's Brigade. Source: *The Maps of Chickamauga*, p. 109.

protect a battery. To Thomas' left, the 98<sup>th</sup> Illinois was ordered to wheel out and fire into a field where advancing troops were attempting to flank them. Thomas could see bedlam in the fields in front of him. Troops were retreating in mass confusion, dropping knapsacks and even guns as they ran. Thomas watched as the Confederates came upon the road, halting a moment, before letting out their rebel yell. Thomas opened fire, kneeling behind the wood barricades he had worked on all morning. The Confeder-

ates were clearly waiting for a halt in volleys. It did not happen. They were not prepared for the endless firepower in front of them.

This exchange continued for hours. Federals reorganizing behind Thomas and charged the field. A disorganized retreat would follow with Confederates pushing back to the road. The smoke was unbelievable. Thomas could not see a dozen yards in front of him. The Confederates crossed the road and began to take refuge in the ditch in front of his position. They volleyed back and forth for what seemed like minutes. At 5:00 p.m., cannon fire inflamed the ditch in front of him. Cannons had been moved to the northern-most vantage point of the ditch and fired a relentless battery on the Confederates, dislodging them from their position. Confederate soldiers fled for the woods. As if in chorus, soldiers under General Sheridan arrived to the right of the field pushing the remaining Confederates back.

### Expanding on your ancestor's story

The example of Thomas L. Charles only touches on three days in the life a soldier. It is up to the storyteller to determine what key points from particular events are important to what he or she wants to communicate. However, these kinds of stories bring genealogical research to life, expanding beyond the tree into the real experiences of our ancestors. These real stories draw interest from the non-genealogists in our lives.

The History & Genealogy Department has a growing collection of sources for Civil War research. Check the library's online catalog <<http://webpag.slcl.org>> and check "New Book Highlights" in *PastPorts* for newly added titles. Many sources are available for researching a Civil War soldier, and the following list is by no means complete.

#### Rosters

Determining if an individual served in the Civil War should be the first step, and this can be accomplished by consulting a roster. *The Roster of Confederate Soldiers, 1861–1865*, (R 973.742 R839) and *Roster of*

*Union Soldiers, 1861–1865* (R 973.741 R839) are available in print in the History & Genealogy Department. *American Civil War Research Database* <http://www.civilwardata.com>, another good tool, can be used for free at any St. Louis County Library location and remotely by St. Louis-area residents with a valid St. Louis County Library card. Many state rosters are also available in print or online.

#### Fraternal Organizations

If you have difficulty identifying a soldier, one source to check is the records of Fraternal Organizations, including the Grand Army of the Republic, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, and the United Confederate Veterans. For more information about researching the Grand Army of the Republic, see *PastPorts*, Vol. 11:4, (April 2018) <[https://www.slcl.org/sites/default/files/04\\_2018.pdf](https://www.slcl.org/sites/default/files/04_2018.pdf)>.

#### Service Records and Pensions

Once you have established that your ancestor served in the Civil War, the next step is to search for service records. Service records are available from the National Archives (NARA) in Washington, D.C. Information about obtaining a record is available on the NARA [website](https://www.archives.gov/research/military/civil-war) <<https://www.archives.gov/research/military/civil-war>>

If a soldier, his widow, or his mother received a military pension, the pension record will also be available from the National Archives. At this writing, the first 11% of Widow's Pensions are also available on the *Fold3* database (Widow's certificate up to # 148100). *Fold3* can be used at any St. Louis County Library location and at home for St. Louis-area residents with a valid St. Louis County Library card.

#### Pension Payment Cards

In 1907, the Bureau of Pensions and Veterans Administration began documenting payment of pensions with a card system. From 1907-1933, Pension Payment Cards were produced for army and navy invalids and army and navy widows. Invalid cards generally include name of veteran, certificate number, unit,

soldier's disability for which pensioned, date of death, and informant. Widows' cards are similar to the invalids' cards with the addition of the widow's name, her date of death, informant, and occasionally information regarding payments made to minors. Pension payment cards are also available in the *Fold3* database.

### Civil War Pensions Index

The Civil War Pensions Index contains index cards for pension applications of veterans who served in the U.S. Army between 1861 and 1900, predominantly in the Civil War. Index cards generally include name of soldier, rank, company, regiment, state, date of application, invalid, application number, certificate number, widow application number, widow certificate number, and death date of soldier. The Pensions Index is available on *Fold3*.

### Official Records

The *War of the Rebellion, Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies* (R 973.7 U58W), also known as the O.R., is a necessary source for Civil War research. The set comprises 130 volumes and covers every major event during the Civil War.

### Battlefield maps and atlases

Battlefield maps can assist the researcher in placing particular soldiers in a particular place at a particular time. They can also be especially useful for tracing a soldier from engagement to engagement and often provide detailed reports on what occurred from point to point. In the example of Thomas L. Charles, above, *The Maps of Chickamauga: An Atlas of the Chickamauga Campaign* (R973.735 P882M) was used to trace the movements of the 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment.

### Battle histories

Much like battlefield atlases, battle histories can be useful in tracing the movements of a particular regiment during a battle. They often include battlefield maps and indexes of units involved in a particular battle. These histories are especially useful in learning about over-arching storylines around command decisions or identifying possible collections of letters, dia-

ries, or personal narratives related to a unit. For this example, *The Chickamauga Campaign* (R 973.735 P882C, Vol. 1-3) was consulted.

### Unit histories

Perhaps the most familiar to the genealogist is the unit history. Unit histories are constantly being researched and published. They might be available at the company, regiment, battalion, or army level. For this particular example, a battalion history, *Blue Lightning: Wilder's Mounted Infantry Brigade in the Battle of Chickamauga* (R 973.735 B347B), was extensively used in the development of the story.

### Diaries, letters, and memoirs

Some of the most commonly utilized sources by Civil War historians are letters, diaries, and memoirs. Many of these have made it into print and might be available in History & Genealogy. Often these sources can be identified in bibliographies in published battle and unit histories.

### State or county Civil War histories

Many published state or county-level Civil War histories describe the activities of their troops during the war. Any number of these histories could prove useful to the genealogist.

### Biography

Biographies are typically written about commanding officers. This does not preclude that research into a particular soldier among the low ranks could not benefit from reading more about the commander. Often times, a biography is little more than a unit history focused on a particular commanding officer. If you identify an important officer and locate a biography, it would definitely be worth obtaining. History & Genealogy has a number of biographies as well as biographical collections of officers on both sides of the conflict.

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## History & Genealogy celebrates 20th anniversary



Julius K. Hunter speaks to the program attendees about how he was inspired to re-search his own family history.

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The History & Genealogy Department (H&G) celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 29 at St. Louis County Library Headquarters. A morning reception and open house in the auditorium drew 87 members of the public and current and former staff members and volunteers. The event included an hour-long program reviewing the department's beginnings and accomplishments. Speakers included Ann Fleming, past-president of the St. Louis Genealogical Society (StLGS); Barb Mottin, retired Reference Supervisor; Julius K. Hunter; Kay Weber, current StLGS president; and Scott Holl, Manager of the History &

Genealogy Department. The program was followed by tours of H&G and an afternoon of genealogy classes taught by H&G staff members.

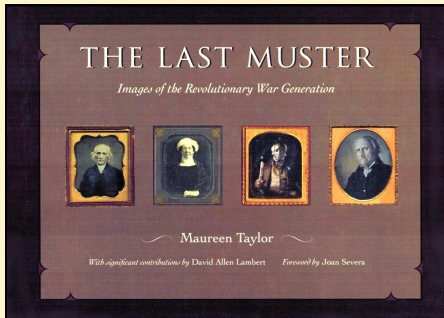
After losing space for its research collection at University City Library in 1996, StLGS board member Charlene Fagyal suggested offering it to St. Louis County Library. Anne Fleming, StLGS president at the time, approached Barb Mottin, then supervisor of the Reference Department, and asked her if the library would like 20,000 genealogy books. The proposal was endorsed by library director Don Gertner, and an agreement between the two organizations was signed on Sept. 27, 1996. The Special Collections Department, as it was originally known, officially opened on July 12, 1998. The addition of the Julius K. Hunter and Friends African American Research Collection in 2000, the National Genealogical Society Collection in 2001, additional monetary and in-kind donations, plus significant investment by the library has resulted in current holdings of more than 100,000 print items and a significant microfilm collection.

Original department staff members included Joyce Loving, manager; Karen Becker, Kelly Draper, Sharion Duncan, Chris Flesor, Katie Gamblin, Ruth Ann Hager, Peggy Huegerich, Christy Hughes, Renee Ratna, and Bonnie Ventucci. Draper and Duncan continue to work in H&G. The present staff of 13 represents 115 years of combined service to the department and 162 years of total service to the library.

# Shelf life

## SAMPLINGS FROM THE PRINT COLLECTION

### Book | *The Last Muster*



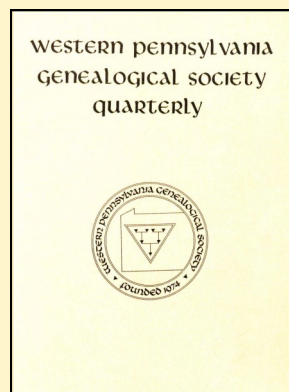
For many genealogists, there is no currency more prized than a properly identified photograph.

Pictures shed a glimpse into our ancestors' personalities, adding flesh to the facts and dates we manage to scrounge up from faceless microfilmed records. Some of us share them proudly, and others guard them closely in locked trees. Whatever our choice, we may be skeptical of claims of photos of Revolutionary War soldiers. It was not until the 1840s, after all, that photography started to become commonly available to the public. Yet in *The Last Muster* (R 973.3 T244L), photo-identification expert Maureen Taylor (who learned to ask disbelieving ears for old pictures of elderly people rather than for photographs of Revolutionary War participants) shares images of some of our first veterans along with their wives, nurses, children, and other contemporaries.

*The Last Muster* is currently a two-volume set. Vignettes divulging background information and biographical details accompany each image and are the result of extensive research by the author. The second volume includes a brief history of photography and information about some of the longest-lived veterans on both sides of the conflict. While Taylor was able to identify many individuals in the photographs she found and received from others, many more may go unidentified due to a lack of contextual information surrounding the photo's origin.

Photographs and images derived (or copied) from photographs can come from sources as diverse as auctions, private collections, archives, an old trunk of family heirlooms, or even in county histories. If you think you have a qualifying photo of someone who lived during the Revolutionary War to contribute to the project, see [Taylor's website](https://maurentaylor.com/last-muster-project/) <<https://maurentaylor.com/last-muster-project/>> to get in touch with her.

### Periodical | *Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Quarterly*



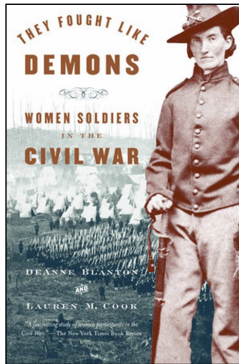
Many of our ancestors migrated west on the National Road, Zane's Trace, and Braddock's Road, the Ohio River, and other routes leading through the counties in the western part of Pennsylvania. They may not have stayed in the area long enough to be counted in a census, but their presence might be noted in other documents.

The *Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Quarterly* (R 974.8 W5271) may help you track these people. Published four times a year by the society from 1974 through 2016, it features transcriptions of Bible records, diaries, church records, court records, cemetery records, county histories, and others.

History & Genealogy owns volumes 1 through 32 (1974–2006) of the quarterly. Copies from other issues are available through interlibrary loan. The society maintains an index of the quarterly on [its website](https://wpgs.org/fileDownload.php?cid=15&sid=3) <<https://wpgs.org/fileDownload.php?cid=15&sid=3>>.



## NEW BOOK HIGHLIGHTS



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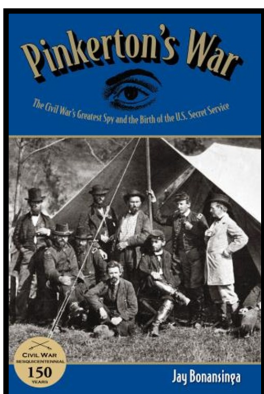
***They Fought Like Demons: Women Soldiers in the American Civil War***  
Vintage, 2003.

R 973.7082 B643T

“Albert Cashier” served three years in the Union Army and passed successfully as a man until 1911 when

the aging veteran was revealed to be a woman named Jennie Hodgers. Frances Clayton kept fighting even after her husband was gunned down in front of her at the Battle of Murfreesboro. And more than one soldier astonished “his” comrades-in-arms by giving birth in camp.

This lively and authoritative book opens a hitherto neglected chapter of Civil War history, telling the stories of hundreds of women who adopted male disguise and fought as soldiers. It explores their reasons for enlisting; their experiences in combat, and the way they were seen by their fellow soldiers and the American public. Impeccably researched and narrated with verve and wit, *They Fought Like Demons* is a major addition to our understanding of the Civil War era.—*Publisher*



JAY R. BONANSINGA

***Pinkerton's War: The Civil War's Greatest Spy and the Birth of the U.S. Secret Service***

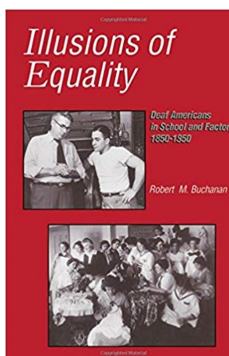
Lyons Press, 2012

R 973.785 B697P

Scottish immigrant Allan Pinkerton is best known for creating the Pinkerton National Detective Agency, which gained renown for solving train robberies in the 1850s and battling the labor movement in the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. But the central drama of his career, and the focus of this book, was his work as protector of President Abraham Lincoln and head of a network of Union spies

(including himself!) who posed as Confederate soldiers and sympathizers in a deadly cat-and-mouse game.

As here told in riveting prose by author Jay Bonansinga, Pinkerton's politics and abolitionist sympathies drew the attention of supporters of presidential incumbent Abraham Lincoln—and Pinkerton was hired to act as his bodyguard. Pinkerton was asked to organize the U.S. government's first “Secret Service,” and during the Civil War he managed a network of spies who worked behind Confederate lines and tackled espionage at the highest levels in Washington. By war's end, the agency's reputation was so well established that it was often hired by the government to perform many of the same duties today assigned to the Secret Service, the FBI, the CIA, and, most recently, the Department of Homeland Security.—*Publisher*



ROBERT M. BUCHANAN

***Illusions of Equality: Deaf Americans in School and Factory, 1850-1950.***  
Gallaudet University, 2012

R 305.9082 B918I

The working lives of Deaf Americans from the the mid-1850s to the post-World War II era depended upon strategies created by deaf community leaders to win and keep

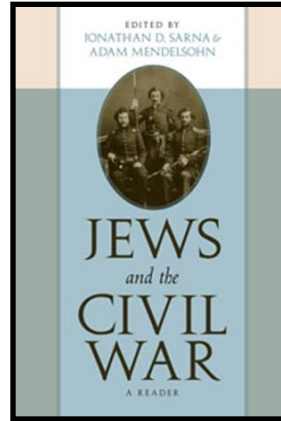
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jobs through periods of low national employment as well as high. Deaf people typically sought to de-emphasize their identity as sign language users to be integrated better into the workforce. Robert Buchanan shows that events during this period would thwart these efforts.

The residential schools for deaf students established in the nineteenth century favored a bilingual approach to education that stressed the use of American Sign Language while also recognizing the value of learning English. But the success of this system was disrupted by the rise of oralism, with the commitment to teaching deaf children speech and its ban of sign language. Buchanan depicts the subsequent ramifications in sobering terms: most deaf students left school with limited educations and abilities that qualified them for only marginal jobs. He also describes the insistence of the male hierarchy in the deaf community on defending the tactics of individual responsibility through the end of World War II, a policy that continually failed to earn job security for Deaf workers.

—Book jacket



**JONATHAN D. SARNA AND ADAM D. MENDELSON, EDS.**

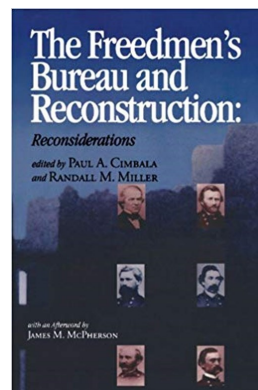
**Jews and the Civil War: A Reader**

**New York University, 2011  
R 973.7089 J59**

At least 8,000 Jewish soldiers fought for the Union and Confederacy during the Civil War. A few served together in Jewish companies while most fought alongside Christian comrades. Yet even as they stood “shoulder-to-shoulder” on the front lines, they encountered unique challenges.

In *Jews and the Civil War*, Jonathan D. Sarna and Adam Mendelsohn assemble for the first time the foremost scholarship on Jews and the Civil War, little known even to specialists in the field. These accessible and far-ranging essays from top scholars are grouped into seven thematic sections—Jews and Slavery, Jews and Abolition, Rabbis and the March to War, Jewish Soldiers during the Civil War, The Home Front, Jews as a Class, and Aftermath—each with an introduction by the editors. Together they reappraise the impact of the war on Jews in the North and the South, offering a rich and fascinating portrait of the experience of Jewish soldiers and civilians from the home front to the battle front.

—Publisher



**PAUL A. CIMBALA AND RANDALL M. MILLER, EDS.**

**The Freedmen's Bureau and Reconstruction: Reconsiderations**

**Fordham University, 1999.  
R 973.8 F853**

The *Freedmen's Bureau and Reconstruction: Reconsiderations* addresses the history of the Freedmen's Bureau at state and local levels of the Reconstruction South. In this lively and well-documented book, the authors discuss the diversity of conditions and the personalities of the Bureau's agents state by state. They offer insight into the actions and thoughts, not only of the agents,

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but also of the southern planters and the former slaves, as both of these groups learned how to deal with new responsibilities, new advantages and disadvantages, and altered relationships.

The period of Reconstruction was a troubling time in the history of the South. The Congress of the United States passed laws and the President issued edicts, but more often than not, the results of Reconstruction in a particular area depended primarily on the character and personality of an individual Bureau agent. The agents were on the front line of this postwar battle against hatred, bigotry, fear, ignorance, and helplessness. This work presents accounts, often in their own words, about how the agents and officers of the Freedmen's Bureau reacted to the problems that they faced and the people with whom they dealt on a day-to-day basis.

Although the primary intent of Professors Cimbala and Miller is to enhance the research on post-Civil War Reconstruction and the role of the Freedmen's Bureau for the benefit of historians, the book is a good read for any lover of American history or armchair psychologist. Also, it has social value regarding the roots of the hatred, violence, and bigotry between the races that has come down through the generations to the present day. We are all products of our history, whether we are white or black, southern or northern. Only through an understanding of this history can we better approach the problems that remain to be solved.—*Publisher*

## Briefly noted

### African American

*Black Chicago: The Making of a Negro Ghetto, 1890–1920.*

R 977.311 S741B

*Black New Orleans, 1860–1880.* R 976.335 B644B

*Educating Black Doctors: A History of Meharry Medical College.* R 976.8 S955E

*Educational Reconstruction: African-American Schools in the Urban South, 1865–1890.* R 371.829 G796E

*Freedom's First Generation: Black Hampton, Virginia, 1861–1890.* R 975.5412 E58F

*A History of Fisk University, 1865–1946.* 378.768 R523H

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*Twenty-Five Years in the Black Belt* [Snow Hill Institute]. R 976.1 E26T

### Florida

*Florida Land Grant Atlas.* R 975.9 D897F  
*The Red Hills of Florida, 1528–1865.* R 975.98 P149R  
*Seminole Indian War: Fort and Camp Locations from Florida Survey Records.* R 975.9 D897S

### Illinois

*As Others See Chicago: Impressions of Visitors, 1673–1933.* R 977.311 A797  
*Celebrating 150 Years, 1860–2010: History of Salem United Church of Christ, Alhambra, Illinois.*  
 R 977.386 C392  
*Chicagoland: City and Suburbs in the Railroad Age.*  
 R 977.311 K25C  
*Hutchins' University: A Memoir of the University of Chicago, 1929–1950.* R 977.311 M169H  
*A History of Chicago.* R 977.311 P624H

*Perfect Cities: Chicago's Utopias of 1893.*

R 977.311 G465P

*The Sangamo Frontier: History and Archaeology in the Shadow of Lincoln.* R 977.356 M476S

## Illinois

*Souvenir Book of the Ninety-Fifth Anniversary of St.*

*Pauls Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fullerton*

*Parkway and Orchard Street, 1843–1939.*

R 977.311 S149S

## Kentucky

*Committed to Victory: The Kentucky Home Front during World War II.* R 976.9 H733C

*Community Memories: A Glimpse of African American*

*Life in Frankfort, Kentucky.* R 976.9432 F615C

*Days of Darkness: The Feuds of Eastern Kentucky.*

R 976.9 P361D

*Edmonson County, Kentucky Records: Marriages, 1825–1850; Deaths, 1852–1855 and 1857–1859.*

R 976.9752 E24

*St. Paul United Church of Christ (Evangelical and Reformed Church), Newport, Fort Thomas, Kentucky, 100th Anniversary, 1862–1962.*

R 976.934 S149S

## Missouri

### St. Louis

*85th Anniversary (1891–1976) and Bicentennial of the United States: Immanuel Congregational Church, a United Church of Christ, 3460 Jamieson, St. Louis, Missouri.* R 977.866 I33E

*Commemorating the Solemn Dedication by His Excellency, Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter, D.D. of the New St. Aloysius Church, Spanish Lake, Missouri,*

## Family History Month display now on view at Headquarters



A display created by History & Genealogy Department staff members for Family History Month is now on display in the north entrance lobby at St. Louis County Library Headquarters. The display features brief profiles of an individual or family researched by the staff and includes images of photos and documents discovered in the research process. The display will be on view through Oct. 31.

November 27, 1955. R 977.865 S133C  
*Dreams and Images: Arteaga/St. Louis.* 977.866 P424D  
*Friedens United Church of Christ, St. Charles, Missouri:  
 The One Hundred Twenty-Fifth Anniversary, 1834–  
 1959.* R 977.839 F899  
*Saint Mary Magdalen Church, 2618 Brentwood  
 Boulevard, Brentwood, Missouri, 63144-2324.*  
 R 977.865 S146  
*Samuel United Church of Christ: Celebrating the Past  
 Committed to the Future.* R 977.865 S193  
*Segregation in St. Louis: Dismantling the Divide.*  
 R 305.896 S455  
*St. Lukas Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church in St.  
 Louis, Missouri and Affiliated Slovak Lutherans in  
 Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas and Texas.*  
 R 977.866 K81S  
*Upon Reflection: The Parish of St. Anselm at the Abbey,  
 1966–1991.* R 977.865 U68

## North Carolina

*Bute County, North Carolina, Miscellaneous Land  
 Records and Slave Records (1762–1779).*  
 R 975.652 D897B  
*Cabins & Castles: The History & Architecture of  
 Buncombe County, North Carolina.* R 975.688 C115  
*Caswell County, N.C., Ejectments (1799–1878).*  
 R 975.6575 D897C  
*Caswell County, N.C. Miscellaneous Land Records:  
 (1778–1918).* R 975.6575 D897C  
*Catawba County, N.C., Miscellaneous Land Records  
 (1864–1906).* R 975.6785 D897C  
*Chatham County, N.C., Miscellaneous Land Records:  
 1778–1938.* R 975.659 D897C  
*Chowan County, N.C., Miscellaneous Land Records  
 (1708–1923).* R 975.6147 D897C  
*Edgecombe County, N.C., Miscellaneous Land Records  
 (1742–1913).* R 975.646 D897E  
*Franklin County, N.C., Miscellaneous Land Records  
 (1793–1931).* R 975.654 D897F  
*Granville County, N.C. Ejectments.* R 975.6535 D897G  
*Guilford County, N.C. Miscellaneous Land Records,  
 1784–1959.* R 975.662 D897G  
*Hyde County History: A Hyde County Bicentennial*

*Project.* 975.6184 H993  
*Hyde Remembers: Historic Bible and Family Records of  
 Hyde County, North Carolina.* 975.6184 S745H  
*In Memory of...: An Index to Hyde County Cemeteries.*  
 R 975.6184 S978I  
*In the Name of God, Amen!: Abstracts of Hyde County,  
 North Carolina Wills.* R 975.6184 W722I  
*Macon County, N.C., Miscellaneous Land Records (1837  
 –1924).* R 975.6982 D897M  
*Mecklenburg County, N.C. Miscellaneous Land Records,  
 1767–1953.* R 975.676 D897M  
*New Hanover County, N.C. Miscellaneous Land Records  
 (1748–1950).* R 975.627 D897N  
*Pasquotank County, N.C., Miscellaneous Land Records  
 (1728–1946).* R 975.6142 D897P  
*Person County, N.C., Miscellaneous Land Records  
 (1775–1940).* R 975.6573 D897P  
*Pushing the Indians Out: Early Movers & Shakers in  
 Western North Carolina (and Tennessee Territory).*  
 R 975.6 H185P  
*Randolph County, N.C., Ejectments.* R 975.661 D897R  
*Randolph County, N.C., Miscellaneous Land Records  
 (1782–1929).* R 975.661 D897R  
*Rockingham County, N.C., Miscellaneous Land Records  
 (1789–1926).* R 975.663 D897R  
*Rowan County, N.C. Miscellaneous Land Records (1753  
 –1921).* R 975.6971 D897R  
*Stanly County, N.C., Miscellaneous Land Records (1844  
 –1963).* R 975.673 D897S  
*Wake County, N.C., Miscellaneous Land Records (1800–  
 1839 (I.E. 1939)).* R 975.655 D897W

## Pennsylvania

*St. Matthews's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Conestoga  
 Road, Upper Uwchlan, Pennsylvania: A Brief  
 History.* R 974.813 S146  
*Zion Stands with Hills Surrounded: A History of Zion  
 Evangelical Lutheran Church, Glen Rock,  
 Pennsylvania.* R 974.841 G543Z

# CLASSES & PROGRAMS

## CLASSES

Classes are free and open to the public. Registration is required. Call 314-994-3300 or register online at [www.slcl.org/events](http://www.slcl.org/events).

### Classes for Beginning Researchers

#### Who were my Ancestors? Beginning a Genealogical Research Project

If you have little or no experience with genealogical research, 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.

Nov. 5, 10:00 a.m. Cliff Cave | [Register](#)

#### Library Skills for Genealogical Research

*Prerequisite: Who were my Ancestors? or comparable research experience*

Libraries offer essential tools for genealogical research. Learn how to search online library catalogs, obtain materials from distant libraries, locate periodical articles, and use the library's in-house finding aids.

Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m. Florissant Valley | [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.

Oct. 22, 10:00 a.m. Grant's View | [Register](#)

Oct. 24, 6:30 p.m. Cliff Cave | [Register](#)

Nov. 1, 2:00 p.m. Headquarters | [Register](#)

Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m. Daniel Boone | [Register](#)

#### 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](#)

### Classes to Expand Research Skills

#### 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.

Nov. 7, 2:00 p.m. Headquarters | [Register](#)

Nov. 19, 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.

Oct. 29, 2:00 p.m. Daniel Boone | [Register](#)

Nov. 20, 2:00 p.m. Headquarters | [Register](#)

#### 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.

Nov. 8, 6:30 p.m. Headquarters | [Register](#)

## PARTICIPATING BRANCH LOCATIONS

### Bridgeton Trails

3455 McKelvey Road  
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### Cliff Cave

5430 Telegraph Road  
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### Daniel Boone

300 Clarkson Rd.  
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### Florissant Valley

195 New Florissant Rd, S.  
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### Grant's View

9700 Musick Rd.  
St. Louis, MO 63123

### Headquarters

1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63131

### Indian Trails

8400 Delport Dr.  
St. Louis, MO 63114

### Jamestown Bluffs

4153 N. Highway 67  
Florissant, MO 63034

### Lewis & Clark

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

### Natural Bridge

7606 Natural Bridge Rd.  
St. Louis, MO 63121

### Oak Bend

842 S. Holmes Ave.  
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### Prairie Commons

915 Utz Lane  
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## PROGRAMS

Programs are free and open to the public.

No registration is necessary.

**Friday, Oct. 19, 10:00 a.m. | Cliff Cave**

### Urban Research Strategies Using City Directories

Learn strategies for locating church records, "missing" census records, small business advertisements, and more with city directories. Speaker: Jennifer Rigsby

**Oct. 23, 7:00 p.m. | Headquarters**

### Griffith's Valuation

*StLGS Irish Special Interest Group Meeting*

Griffith's valuation is a census substitute for landowners and leaseholders during and after the famine. Learning to use this important resource is essential to Irish research. Speaker: Mike Bridwell

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