

FOR THE RECORDS

Discovering the ancestral village in *German Immigrants in American Church Records*

The name and location of the ancestral village is the holy grail of research for researchers with European immigrant ancestors. Finding this key fact not only opens up the possibility of further genealogical research, it can also potentially unlock a vast amount of sociological and cultural information to enrich the family history narrative. Yet researchers often find information about ancestral origins to be elusive, and some spend a lifetime trying to find it. Fortunately, individuals with a passion for genealogical records sometimes take on a project that increases the speed and probability of such discoveries. *German Immigrants in American Church Records* (GIACR) by Roger Minert is one such source.

The project started out as a way to give students in Minert's German paleography (handwriting) class at Brigham Young University practical experience in deciphering script. Why not go beyond a homework assignment and make it a meaningful project with a broader audience¹? The result to date is 27 volumes that extract genealogical information from German Protestant church records in areas heavily settled by 19th-

Friederike Beckmann, whose death was recorded in St. James Evangelical and Reformed Church in Big Spring, Missouri, is one of thousands of immigrants whose birth place is identified in *German Immigrants in American Church Records*. The indexed entry appears in Vol. 19, p. 47. Image: FHL Microfilm no. 1001466, Item 2, p. 253.

century German immigrants in Indiana, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Missouri, and Ohio. Picton Press served as publisher for Vols. 1–18, and Family Roots Publishing has published subsequent volumes.

Sources used

Minert and his team relied primarily on microfilm copies of original records obtained from the Family History Library (FHL) and religious archives, including those of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Concordia Historical Institute, and Eden Theological Seminary. Some entries in Missouri volumes are also based on microfilm held by the Missouri State Archives. The compilers examined records that frequently mention place of birth: baptisms, confirmations, marriages, deaths, family records, and membership lists².

Scope

The project focuses on Protestant records, as Catholic records rarely include information about immigrant origins³. Records for baptisms after 1920 and for marriages after 1930 were omitted for privacy reasons⁴. Compilers included entries only for individuals who were iden-

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tified as having been born in German-speaking lands. Spouses and parents are included in entries featuring a known immigrant (a marriage records, for example) but are not given independent entries unless a German origin is indicated.

Format

Each volume focuses on a particular state or region within a state (see table, below). Front matter includes an introduction

Volumes in GIACR | R 929.3089 G373 Protestant records only

Vol. no.	Coverage
1	Indiana
2	Wisconsin Northwest
3	Wisconsin Northwest
4	Wisconsin Northwest
5	Wisconsin Southeast
6	Nebraska
7	Iowa West
8	Iowa Northeast
9	Iowa Southeast
10	Illinois North
11	Illinois Cook County
12	Illinois Central
13	Illinois South
14	Illinois, St Clair County
15	Michigan Protestant (excluding Detroit)
16	Michigan Detroit, Part 1
17	Michigan Detroit, Part 2
18	Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota
19	Missouri (excluding St Louis County)
20	Missouri (St Louis County and City I)
21	Missouri (St Louis II)
22	Missouri (St Louis III)
23	Missouri (St Louis IV)
24	Missouri (St Louis V)
25	Missouri (St Louis VI)
26	Northwest Ohio
27	Toledo, Ohio

with background information and the standards used to produce the data, followed by tips for using the books and sample entries. Researchers should read this material so they know what they can expect to find and how to interpret the entries.

The main body of text presents information about individuals extracted from the microfilmed records. The information is presented naturally, i.e., in the order that it is found in the film. An alphabetical surname index of all individuals appears in the back of each volume. Place-name indexes would be helpful, but are lacking. One can hope that Minert will eventually publish a cumulative surname index for the series.

Each section introduces the name and location of the church, the microfilm roll number, and the names of the compilers.

The following example is from Vol. 20, p. 211:

Bethlehem German Evangelical Lutheran Church
Bremen, St. Louis Co., Missouri
MSA Microfilm no. 047
Compiled by Jessica Gardner and Roger P. Minert

The entries follow a consistent format throughout the volumes. The following are examples of typical entries extracted from the records of the congregation mentioned above:

Carl Gustav Brem b. Basel, Switzerland 10 March 1875; son of Leopold Brem. Ref: p. 211. [p. 29]

In narrative format, the record would read: “Carl Gustav Brem was born in Basel, Switzerland on 10 March 1875 and was the son of Leopold Brem. The information appears on page 211 of the original records.”

Some further examples:

Olga Dietze b Germany 18 Nov 1876; dau of August Dietze. Ref: page 226. [page 29]

“Olga Dietze was born in Germany on 18 Nov. 1876, the daughter of August Dietze. The record appears on page 226 of the original records.”

Maria Gertrude Adams b. Harpenfeld, Essen, Osnabrück, Hannover 4 Dec 1788; dau of Jobst Heinrich Adams and Maria Elisabeth Peiters; d. Bremen, MO 24 Nov 1852, age 63-11-0; m. 1810 (calculated) Johann Friedrich Goessling. Ref: p. 326. [page 30]

“Maria Gertrude Adams, born in Harpenfeld, Essen, Osnabrück, Hannover on 4 Dec. 1788, was the daughter of Jobst Heinrich Adams and Maria Elisabeth Peiters. She died in Bremen, Missouri on 24 Nov. 1852 at the age of 63 years, 11 months, and 0 days. She was married in 1810 (calculated based on age at death) from to Johann Friedrich Goessling. The record appears on page 326 of the original records.”

The following example is also from Vol. 20 as a listing under St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Des Peres, Missouri:

Barbara Wuest b. Mackweiler, Sulz, Elsaß-Lothringen; m. Des Peres, MO 15 Nov 1874, Georg Mertz. Ref. Marriages 1874:7. [page 38]

“Barbara Wuest, née Mackweiler, was born in Sulz, Alsace-Lorraine. She married Georg Mertz on 15 Nov. 1874 in Des Peres, Missouri. The record appears in marriages for 1874, no. 7.”

In this case, the location information references the year and entry number on the original records, probably because of the lack of pagination.

Things to note about the extracted data

Names

Surnames are spelled as they are found in the original records.

Place of birth

Individual entries can narrow the place of birth down to the exact village, but they often list only the district, territory, or country of origin. The village of birth in church records is often misspelled or associated with the wrong state or territory. Deciphering the handwriting can also be challenging. As Minert explains in the introduction to each volume⁵, the compilers took considerable effort to identify and list the place of birth as accurately as possible. Researchers should be thankful for this gift, as it will save a considerable amount of time and frustration.

Dates

The compilers extracted dates as they appear in the original records but presented them in standard day-month-year format. Some entries include calculated dates—a birthdate for a deceased person whose age was given in years, months, and days, for example. Such cases are noted, “(calculated).”

The Missouri volumes

Missouri was a major destination for 19th-century German immigrants, and researchers with Missouri German roots eagerly anticipated having access to the valuable information that Minert and his team would assemble. The first of seven

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Missouri volumes finally appeared in 2016. Six feature St. Louis City and County churches. Vols. 24 and 25 are dedicated solely to Holy Ghost Church, the oldest German Protestant congregation in St. Louis and a source of records for many early immigrants.

Problems in the Missouri volumes

As valuable as they are, the Missouri volumes suffer from at least one major one problem and series of minor ones.

Duplicated and omitted data

A major problem occurs in Vol. 19, p. 208 for the entries listed under St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Marthasville, Warren County. History & Genealogy staff discovered that these entries are actually based on records of St. John's German Evangelical Church in St. Louis (now St. John's United Church of Christ). The entries for St. John's appear in Vol. 22 beginning on p. 166 (GIACR erroneously lists it as St. John's Lutheran Church—see below). The two lists—St. Paul's and St. John's—include the same abstracted records but the their orders differs. Different teams extracted data for the two churches and probably worked from different filmings. Researchers with a knowledge of St. Paul's history will know something is wrong immediately. The first record listed under St. Paul's Church is dated 1854, while the congregation was not established until 1860. The records for St. Paul's Church, Marthasville do not appear elsewhere in GIACR, and thus it omits an important set of data. Researchers looking for ancestors in St. John's German Evangelical Church, St. Louis, however, will have two lists abstracted by different teams.

Mis-identified denominations

The two largest German Protestant denominations in Missouri were Lutheran and the German Evangelical Synod of North America, which in 1934 became the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the United Church of Christ in 1957. The term “Evangelical” among German churches has the same connotation as “Protestant,” and many congregations regardless of denominational affiliation used the term in their names.

Lutheran congregations always included “Lutheran” or the phrase “Evangelical Lutheran” in their names. Congregations in the German Evangelical Synod, which represented a united Lutheran-Reformed tradition, consistently used the term

“Evangelical” or “German Evangelical” but never “Lutheran,” at least not in Missouri. Independent German Protestant congregations used the term “German Evangelical” or “Evangelical Protestant.” GIACR creates confusion by identifying some congregations as “Lutheran” when they are not. It also leaves omits the term “Lutheran” from one St. Louis Lutheran congregation, identifying it only as “Evangelical.” The following information is correct.

Vol. 20, p. 65: Christ the King Lutheran Church, Florissant. This congregation was founded as Independent German Evangelical Protestant Church in St. Louis City in 1856. It was later known as Independent Evangelical Congregational United Church of Christ before adopting its current name in 1998. It never identified itself as Lutheran.

Vol. 20, p. 157: St. John's Lutheran Church, Mehlville should be identified as St. John's German Evangelical Church or St. John's United Church of Christ.

Vol. 21, p. 33: Carondelet Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Louis should be identified as Carondelet German Evangelical Church or Carondelet United Church of Christ.

Vol. 22, p. 50: Immanuel Evangelical Church, St. Louis should be identified as Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Vol. 22, p. 158: Peace Lutheran Church, St. Louis should be identified as Friedens German Evangelical Church or Friedens United Church of Christ. In this case, the compilers translated the German word, “Friedens.”

Vol. 22, p. 166: St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Louis should be identified St. John's German Evangelical Church or St. John's United Church of Christ.

“Peace” or “Friedens”?

In at least two instances, GIACR erroneously translated the word “Friedens” in church names. Friedens German Evangelical Church has already been discussed, above. The other reference occurs in Vol. 22, p. 328, where St. Pauls-Friedens German Evangelical Church is identified as “St. Paul's German Evangelical Peace Church.”

List of SLCL films with corrected microfilm location numbers

GIACR Vol.	Page	Church	SLCL film no. as listed	Correct SLCL no.
19	99	German Evangelical Church, Fulton, Mo	48	Not available at SLCL
19	208	St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Marthasville, MO	MF 40	EVUC-98*
19	513	St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church, Union, MO	43	EVUC-53
20	65	Christ the King Lutheran Church, Florissant, MO (i.e., Christ the King United Church of Christ)	MF-0080	EVUC- 41, 45, 111, 112, 135
20	157	St. John's Lutheran Church, Mehlville, MO (i.e., St. John's United Church of Christ)	0015, 0021	EVUC-10, 101-105
20	211	St. Paul's German Evangelical Church	MF-0077	EVUC-109, EVUC-110
21	33	Carondelet Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Louis (i.e., Carondelet United Church of Christ)	0079	EVUC113

* This is the correct SLCL number for St. Paul's, Marthasville, but the records listed there are for St. John's German Evangelical Church, St. Louis (see text).

Film number and location confusion

GIACR provides the name of the repositories that served as sources of microfilm. The volumes also identify microfilms by film numbers employed by the holding repository. This facilitates the ability to locate the records for further research. Unfortunately, references to films at St. Louis County Library (SLCL) are inaccurate. Microfilm numbers are incorrect, and in one case, SLCL does not have the film in question.

This confusion is the result of an apparent miscommunication among the team that compiled the GIACR Missouri volumes. As mentioned previously, most microfilms used in the GIACR project are based on those available from FHL. Minert and his team contacted other repositories in a further effort to find microfilmed sources. SLCL had films that were not in the FHL catalog, and Minert contacted SLCL about borrowing them. The library was not able to lend out the films, but he was referred to Eden Theological Seminary Archives (ETS), which also had copies. ETS agreed to send to Minert its copies for the project.

When the Missouri volumes appeared, the H&G staff discovered that films originating at ETS were attributed to SLCL but identified by the number used by ETS. A list with correct SLCL film numbers is in the chart above.

The consequences of error

Such confusions in GIACR's Missouri volumes are not minor issues, because they can lead researchers astray. For example, both Lutheran and German Evangelical Synod denominations had churches named St. John and Immanuel in St. Louis City. GIACR includes no historical information about the congregations that might give the researcher additional clues about denominational affiliation. If the researcher begins to spend time looking for ancestors in what is identified as St. John's Lutheran Church when the family actually attended St. John's Evangelical Church, he or she will have wasted time and effort. At the very least, the researcher may introduce incorrect information into his or her family history data by describing the family as Lutheran when it was not.

The researcher encounters a similar situation when GIACR translates the name "Friedens," which means "Peace." Many German congregations did change their names from Friedens to Peace after WWI, but Friedens German Evangelical Church in St. Louis did not. It was still called Friedens United Church of Christ when it disbanded in 2008. St. Pauls-Friedens German Evangelical Church was still a German-speaking congregation when it was absorbed by Jesus German Evangelical Church in 1913. There is no evidence that it ever used the English word "Peace" in its name and the name, "St. Paul's German Evangelical Peace Church" does not fit naming

patterns. The misinformation in GIACR is even more puzzling, because the abstracted records are based on FHL films that use the correct name of the churches⁶.

Listing incorrect SLCL film numbers is a more minor issue, but could still cause confusion. Researchers who come to the library looking for microfilm no. MF-0080, for example, will never find it unless they ask for assistance.

GIACR as a secondary source

The problems described above are issues that can occur in secondary sources. When using GIACR, researchers should verify the name of the congregation they are researching and its denominational affiliation. Information presented in secondary sources always depends on the interpretation of the person who has abstracted the information. Researchers should always obtain a copy of the original record themselves to verify the information and possibly discover additional information that might have been omitted.

Tips for using GIACR

- Identifying an ancestor in the GIACR volumes also identifies the church where other records about the ancestor and other family members might be found. Researchers should therefore investigate the entire set of original records.

- The researcher should search for alternate surname spellings. Spellings can change over time, be incorrectly recorded, or be misinterpreted by abstractors. For example, the surname “Schaperkoetter” appears as Schaeferkoetter, Schaepercoetter, Schaeperkoetter, and Schaeperkoetter in the index of Vol. 22.

- GIACR and other such compilations can be used to find clues to family origins, even if the researcher does not find information about the specific ancestor being studied. For example, the researcher is searching for the origins of the Schaperkoetter family, but the specific ancestor is not found in the GIACR indexes. However, entries for other Schaperkoetters indicate the family might be from Borgholzhausen, Westphalia. Heinrich Wilhelm Schaeperkoetter, Vol. 22, p. 106, was born there. The first husband of Catharina Wilhelmina Lueking, also born in Borgholzhausen, is listed as Schaeferkkoetter (Vol. 22, p. 308). This strategy will only be fruitful if researching families with relatively uncommon surnames.

Roger Minert and his team have created a major secondary source for German genealogical research in the U.S., despite a few problems with the Missouri volumes. Finding the German ancestral village may often seem like a futile task, but GIACR provides valuable information and the possibility of solving this mystery.

Notes

1. Minert discusses the project in “German Immigrants in American Church Records: Lessons Learned over Sixteen Years,” in *The Palatine Immigrant*, 17:4 (Sept. 2019), 9–15. The introduction to each chapter also provides background information about the project.
2. Roger Minert, *German Immigrants in American Church Records*, Vol. 26, Northwest Ohio Protestant (Orting, Wash.: Family Roots Publishing, 2019), 12. Information about sources, process, and scope of the project are repeated in the introduction to each volume.
3. *Ibid*, 13.
4. *Ibid*, 15.
5. *Ibid*, 15 ff.
6. The entries for what is called Peace Lutheran Church in Vol. 22 are based on FHL film no. 1433229, which identifies the records as Friedens United Church of Christ. The entries for St. Paul’s German Evangelical Peace Church, also in Vol. 22, are based on FHL film no. 1869562, where it is more accurately referred to as Evangelische St. Pauls Friedenskirche.

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- _____. “German Immigrants in American Church Records: Lessons Learned over Sixteen Years” in *The Palatine Immigrant*, 45:4 (Sept. 2019), 9–15.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Thanksgiving Day | Thursday, Nov. 28

Day after Thanksgiving | Friday, Nov. 29

OF NOTE

Book-A-Librarian program provides in-depth consultations

Need a little extra help with your genealogical research? Looking for advice as to what sources might have the answers you need? Have your hit a brick wall and need an objective opinion? H&G is now offering appointments for researchers who would like an in-depth consultation. Although they cannot do the research for you, experts from the H&G staff will gladly meet with you to discuss your research problem and advise on a possible strategy.

Appointments are available 2:00–4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays at H&G's location at St. Louis County Library Headquarters. (other times and branch locations might be possible, depending on staff availability).

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Genealogical research assistance now available at select St. Louis County Library branches

Although patrons can use most genealogical databases, such as *Ancestry*, at branch locations, family history research assistance has been limited to St. Louis County Library Headquarters. The History & Genealogy Department is hoping to change that.

This past October, twelve St. Louis County Library branch staff members were selected to receive training in genealogical research. Candidates participated in six hours of intensive classroom work in genealogical research techniques and library databases. Each also received individual training from History & Genealogy Department staff members. The goal of the program is give branch locations the ability to provide assistance to patrons using genealogical databases and those just starting out in family history. Each participant is familiar with H&G collections and the expertise of its staff and can refer researchers when appropriate.

Staff members participating in the training program work at

Cliff Cave, Daniel Boone, Eureka Hills, Florissant Valley, Grand Glaize, Grant's View, Headquarters, Indian Trails, Mid-County, Natural Bridge, Sachs, and Thornhill branches. H&G is planning to expand the program to other locations.

H&G partners with the Mirowitz Center to offer genealogy classes.

H&G is partnering with the Mirowitz Center at Covenant Place to provide genealogy classes to the public beginning in January 2020. Classes are free and open to the public, but registration is required. A list of classes and registration information appears on page 18 of this publication.

The Mirowitz Center, operated by Covenant Place retirement community, is located at 8 Millstone Campus Dr., St. Louis, MO 63146. [See the Mirowitz Center website for more information](https://bit.ly/2NH5PTi) <<https://bit.ly/2NH5PTi>>.

German Heritage in Letters digitization event is Nov. 23

History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library (H&G) and the St. Louis Genealogical Society (StLGS) will host a German letter digitization event on Saturday, Nov. 23, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the StLGS offices, 4 Sunnen Dr., #140, Maplewood, MO 63143. The event is being organized in conjunction with the "German Heritage in Letters" project of the German Historical Institute (GHI) of Washington, D.C. GHI is seeking to digitize letters received by German immigrants up to 1925. [More information about the project is online](http://germanletters.org/) <<http://germanletters.org/>> .

Members of the public are encouraged to bring letters received by German immigrants to the event for scanning. Originals will be returned along with a digital copy. Translators will be available on site for consultation. A brief presentation about the project and the work of the three organizations will take place at 1:30 p.m. and repeat at 3:00 p.m.

Registration is requested. [Register online](https://bit.ly/2lpbCBm) <<https://bit.ly/2lpbCBm>> or call 314-994-3300. Registrants will be contacted by a GHI representative in advance of the event. For more information, call 314-994-3300, ext. 2070 or email genealogy@slcl.org.

2019 LOCAL HISTORY EXPO



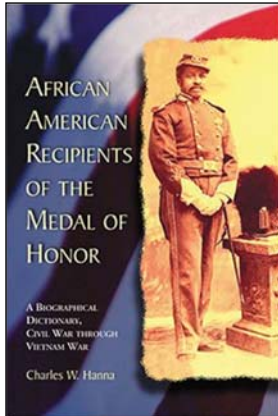
The 2019 Local History Expo drew 150 people to St. Louis County Library Headquarters on Oct. 26. Representatives of St. Louis-area and statewide organizations were on hand to discuss their activities in documenting, preserving, and celebrating local history.

Participating organizations include the Archdiocese of St. Louis Archives; Association of African Ancestored Researchers of St. Louis; Carondelet Historical Society; Chesterfield Historic and Landmarks Preservation Committee; *The Confluence* (historical journal published by Lindenwood University); Fenton Historical Society; Field House Museum; Flo-

rissant Valley Historical Society; Historic Florissant; Inc.; Historic Sappington House; Historic St. Louis; Kirkwood Historical Society; Missouri German Consortium; Missouri Pacific Historical Society; Missouri State Archives; National Park Service at Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site; National Railway Historical Society, St. Louis Chapter; Old Jamestown Association; Sappington-Concord Historical Society; St. Louis Regional History Organizations; St. Louis Genealogical Society; St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis Room and Genealogy Room; and Wildwood Historical Society.

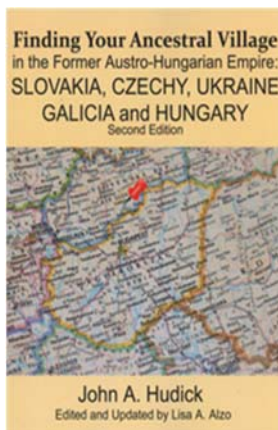


NEW BOOK HIGHLIGHTS



CHARLES W. HANNA
African American Recipients of the Medal of Honor: A Biographical Dictionary, Civil War through Vietnam War
McFarland, 2002
R 355.1342 H243A

The Medal of Honor, one of the world's most highly revered military decorations, has been awarded to 3,457 men and one woman since its inception on December 21, 1861. This honor is bestowed upon those individuals who demonstrate courage in a life-threatening situation, who put their own lives at risk for the sake of others, and who display valor above and beyond the call of duty. This text details the stories of the 88 African Americans who have been awarded the Medal of Honor. Each entry chronicles the acts of bravery and courage that led to the serviceman's receiving this honor. Beginning with a brief history of the Medal of Honor, the book is then divided into eight sections covering every major conflict from the Civil War through the Vietnam War. An appendix of the number of medals awarded by wars and campaigns, a bibliography, and an index are included.—*Publisher*

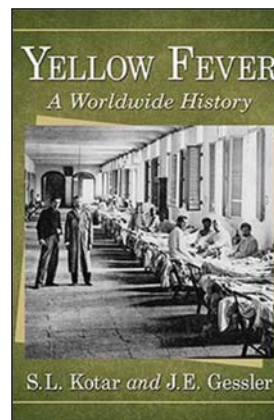


JOHN A. HUDICK
Finding Your Ancestral Village in the Former Austro-Hungarian Empire: Slovakia, Czechy, Ukraine, Galicia, and Hungary
Family Roots Publishing, 2018
R 943 H884F

Explore your ancestral village which was located in Slovakia, Czechy, Hungary, parts of Ukraine, Galacia, and other areas in Central or Eastern Europe. Understand the impact of Eastern border changes and political and

administrative divisions, and learn how to correctly identify perplexing place names.

The tools, tips, and techniques in this guide will help you understand the changing boundaries of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire, identify the correct historical county, and inform your search for genealogical records.—*Publisher*

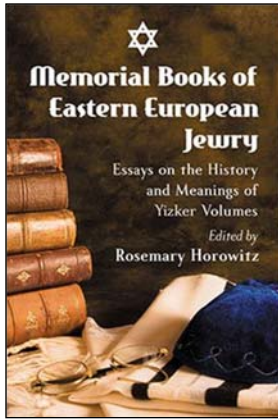


S. L. KOTAR AND J. E. GESSLER
Yellow Fever: A Worldwide History
McFarland, 2017 R 614.541 K87Y

The terror of yellow fever conjures images of mass infection of soldiers during the Spanish-American War and horrific death tolls among workers on the Panama Canal. Medical science has never found a cure and the disease continues to present a threat to the modern world, both as a mosquito-borne epidemic and as a potential biological weapon. Drawing on firsthand accounts and contemporary sources, this book traces the history of the viral infection that has claimed countless victims across the United States, Central America and Africa, and of the global effort to combat this challenging and deadly disease.—*Publisher*

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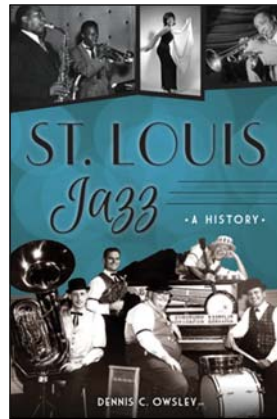


ROSEMARY HOROWITZ, ED.
Memorial Books of Eastern European Jewry: Essays on the History and Meanings of Yizker Volumes
 McFarland, 2011
 R 940.5318 M533

From the Russian civil wars through the Nazi years, the Jews of Eastern Europe were targets of violence during the first half of the twentieth century. During the Holocaust especially, entire communities were wiped out. In response, survivors sometimes compiled memorial books, or Yizker books, in an attempt to preserve historical, biographical, and cultural information about their shtetls.

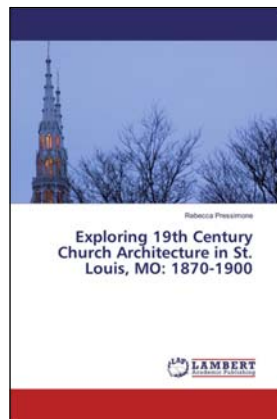
This multipart collection provides a concise history of the memorial books and their cultural contexts; eight analytical essays on or using Yizker books; key reviews, in some cases

translated from the Yiddish, from the 1950s and later; and a bibliographic overview of secondary sources and collections.
 —*Publisher*



DENNIS OWSLEY
St. Louis Jazz: A History
 History Press, 2019
 R 781.65 O97S

In the early twentieth century, St. Louis was a hotbed for ragtime and blues, both roots of jazz music. In 1914, Jelly Roll Morton brought his music to the area. In 1919, Louis Armstrong came to town to play on the “floating conservatories” that plied the Mississippi. Miles Davis, the most famous of the city’s jazz natives, changed the course of the genre four different times throughout a world-renowned career. The Black Artists Group of the 1970s was one of the first to bring world music practices into jazz. Author Dennis C. Owsley chronicles the ways both local and national St. Louis musicians have contributed to the city and to the world of music.—*Publisher*



REBECCA PRESSIMONE
Exploring 19th Century Church Architecture in St. Louis, MO, 1870-1900
 LAP Lambert Academic Publishing, 2016
 R 977.866 P935E

Steeplechasing, a seventeenth century pastime in England, was a form of match horse racing. At the time, steeples were the most distinguishable landmarks and were used to indicate the beginning and end of a steeplechase race. Over time, steeplechasing became more of a sport, and has since been turned into a track and field event, however the idea of the steeplechase remains present in architectural development, travel, and tourism. Saint Louis, Missouri—home to close to fifty denominations—is not unaccustomed with the design, history and use of a steeple. In Saint Louis, steeples were, and continue to be staple church design elements, signifying geographic location and structural magnificence. From 1870-1900, ten churches throughout

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Tours
 Tours are conducted on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Group tours of 10 or more are gladly arranged with advance notice by calling 314-994-3300, ext. 2070.

Saint Louis were built—or rebuilt—as parish homes, each building adorned with a towering steeple gracing the Saint Louis skyline. This book compiles architectural and historical analyses of ten churches, which outlines the use of the steeple as a prominent design element and introduces an all but lost form of entertainment—a modern day steeplechase in Saint Louis, Missouri.—*Abstract*

Briefly noted

American history

- The American Tobacco Story. R 338.476 A512
 The King's Best Highway: The Lost History of the Boston Post Road, the Route That Made America. R 974 J23K
 The Scopes Monkey Trial. R 976.8834 M823S
 Where They Stand: The American Presidents in the Eyes of Voters and Historians. R 973.0099 M573W

Family histories

- Bud Frazier's Heritage Equals: Success in Life & Management. R 929.2 F848F
 Chapman Family History. R 929.2 C466
 The Family of William Greenleaf Eliot, 1811-1887, and Abby Adams Eliot, 1817-1908. R 929.2 E46S
 Historical Collections Relating to the Potts Family in Great Britain and America: With a Historic-Genealogy of the Descendants of David Potts, an Early Anglo-Welsh Settler of Pennsylvania. R 929.2 P871P
 The Holts of Missouri and Pacific Northwest. R 929.2 H758F
 Irby, an American Saga. R 929.2 I65M
 James A. Thompson and Katie Thompson: A Narrative. R 929.2 T471R
 A Leonard Mathis Family History. R 929.2 M431F
 The Paris Family Tree: The Parises from France to America, Their Cousins and Others. R 929.2 P232P
 The Southern Branch of the Muzzall Family. R 929.2 M994S
 Swor Family of Henry County, Tennessee. R 929.2 S979A
 William J. & Susan (Wortham) Thompson Family History: Wythe, Virginia Overton County, Tennessee to Pulaski County, Missouri. R 929.2 T471R

German

Die evangelischen Pfarrerinnen und Pfarrer im Rheinland von der Reformation bis zur Gegenwart: zusammengestellt

und bearbeitet von Jochen Gruch im Auftrag der evangelischen Kirche im Rheinland und des Vereins für Rheinische Kirchengeschichte. R 943 G885E
 Gothaisches genealogisches Handbuch. R 943.1 G3261
 Haingrund zwischen gestern und heute. R 943.416 W837H
 Württemberger in Nordamerika: Migration von der Schwäbischen Alb im 19. Jahrhundert. R 973.043 K92W

Ortssippenbücher

Abbreviated titles

- Bakowa, Banat (Romania). R 949.84 L896F
 Brodenbach, Rhineland-Palatinate. R 943.432 S377B
 Ernsthausen, Banat (Romania). R 949.71 R425F
 Heppenheim A.d.B., Rhineland-Palatinate. R 943.416 L879H
 Leinsweiler, Rhineland-Palatinate. R 943.43 M688B
 Mauchen bei Stühlingen, Baden-Wuerttemberg. R 943.462 E69O
 Michelstadt, Hesse. R 943.416 B219K
 Neunkirch-lès-Sarreguemines (Lorraine, France). R 944.385 D559N
 Übersfeld including Burgmannshofen und Blossenau, Bavaria. R 943.37 B351O
 Zipar, Banat (Romania). R 949.84 K48F

Ireland and Northern Ireland

- The Covenanters in Ireland: A History of the Congregations. R 941.65 R332C
 Maps & Texts: Exploring the Irish Historic Towns Atlas. R 941.5 M297
 More Maps & Texts: Sources and the Irish Historic Towns Atlas. R 941.5 M297
 Paddy's Lament: Ireland 1846-1847: Prelude to Hatred. 941.5081 G162P
 Reading the Maps: A Guide to the Irish Historic Towns Atlas. R 941.5 P972R

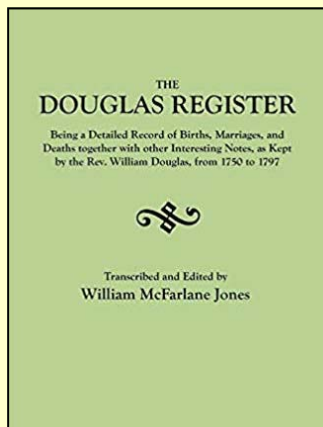
Military

- AAAF: Alexandria Army Air Field. R 940.5421 A382A
 B-17 in Action. R 358.42 D262B
 Custer at the Washita and Little Bighorn. R 973.82 C987
 Manual for Noncommissioned Officers and Privates of Infantry of the Army of the United States, 1917. R 356 U58M

Shelf life

SAMPLINGS FROM THE PRINT COLLECTION

Book | The Douglas Register



In 1750, the Reverend William Douglas arrived in Goochland County, Virginia, where he soon began ministering to St. James Northam Parish. He also taught school to children, among whom sat a young [Thomas Jefferson](https://bit.ly/2PuDhO1) <<https://bit.ly/2PuDhO1>>.

Douglas started a parish register in 1756 and recorded ceremonies at which he officiated prior to that date. The register contains birth information from as early as 1705, as sometimes a person or their parents wanted the information recorded. It also includes people from surrounding counties.

Douglas's register passed down through his descendants but was unavailable to researchers until 1928, when one descendant, Hunter Fielding Warner Lewis, allowed W. Mac. Jones to publish its contents. It was released with the title *The Douglas Register: Being a Detailed Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths*

Together with Other Interesting Notes, as Kept by the Rev. William Douglas, from 1750 to 1797 (R 975.5455 D737D and circulating copy).

There is no overall index, but divisions for marriages, births, and deaths are arranged in alphabetical order. Sections labelled "Colored Marriages" and "Colored Births" follow, and Jones added supplemental information on the French Huguenots who settled the area and intermingled with the people of St. James Northam Parish. Douglas also recorded the deaths of famous individuals, sometimes with his own comments, such as in the case for David Hume, "ye Historian [who] died a meer Sceptist."¹ A charged entry made on September 5th, 1777 says, in part, that Douglas "was voted by the Vestry out of his Parish of Goochland against the will of almost the whole parish."² Thus ousted, Douglas moved to Louisa County, Virginia, where he continued his register until 1797 and died the next year.

1. William Douglas, *The Douglas Register: Being a Detailed Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths Together with Other Interesting Notes, as Kept by the Rev. William Douglas, from 1750 to 1797*, ed. W. Mac. Jones. (1928; repr., Salem, Massachusetts: Higginson Book Company, 1997), 355.

2. Ibid, 353

Target Germany: The Army Air Forces' Official Story of the VIII Bomber Command's First Year over Europe.

R 940.5442 U58T

U. S. Naval Ships Data Arranged by Hull Classification.

R 359.83 M987U

Civil War

John McIntosh Kell of the Raider Alabama. R 973.782 D337J

Let Us Die Like Men: The Battle of Franklin, November 30, 1864. R 973.737 W589L

Loyal Mountain Troopers: The Second and Third Tennessee Volunteer Cavalry in the Civil War. R 973.7468 A543L
Report of the Gettysburg Memorial Commission.

R 973.7349 O37R

The Stones River and Tullahoma Campaigns.

R 973.733 K81S

The Yazoo Pass Expedition: A Union Thrust into the Delta.

R 973.732 M128Y

Revolutionary War

The Hessians, Auxiliaries to the British Crown in the American Revolution: A Series of Four Lectures.

R 973.342 S398H

Military Papers of N.C. during the American Revolution: From the Treasurer & Comptroller Collection (1775-1785). R 973.3456 D897M

World War II

359th Fighter Group, 1943-1945. R 940.5412 R155T

513th Parachute Infantry History, 1942-1945.
R 940.5412 G488F

Native American

Battles & Leaders: The Indian Wars East of the Mississippi.
R 973.0497 B336

Famous Fighting Units: Forsyth's Scouts at the Battle of Beecher Island, African-American Creeks, Cheyenne Dog Soldiers, and Part II of Nations Asunder-- Reservation and Eastern Indians during the American Civil War.
R 973.0497 F198

The Indian Wars' Civil War. R 973.0497 I39

States and counties

Illinois

Mount Funeral Home Records, Vienna, Johnson County, Illinois: Book I, II, III, Sept 1959-Jan 1969.
R 977.3996 H153M

Remembering McDonough County. R 977.342 H193R

True Tales of Aurora, Illinois: Mysterious Murders, Presidential Visits and Blues Legends in the City of Lights.
R 977.323 H241T

The University of St. Francis. R 977.325 K67U

Utopian Communities of Illinois: Heaven on the Prairie.
R 977.3 S684U

Cook County

The Prairie Club of Chicago. 977.311 M257P

The Ruthless Northlake Bank Robbers: A 1967 Shooting Spree That Stunned the Region. R 977.31 G192R

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. R 977.311 B928S

Touhy vs. Capone: The Chicago Outfits Biggest Frame Job.
R 977.311 H562T

Mississippi

Alcorn County, Mississippi Marriages, 1929-1850.

R 976.2993 D921A

Cemeteries of Marshall County, Mississippi.

R 976.288 G981C

The Juke Joint King of the Mississippi Hills: The Raucous Reign of Tillman Branch. R 976.2625 T761J

North Mississippi Murder & Mayhem. R 976.2 S784N

The Parchman Ordeal: 1965 Natchez Civil Rights Injustice.
R 976.226 L169P

The Seafood Capital of the World: Biloxi's Maritime History.
R 976.213 B756S

The Tombigbee River Steamboats: Rollodores, Dead Heads, and Side-Wheelers. R 976.2 W262T

Missouri

Deaths Occuring in or Near Westphalia, Osage County, Missouri: As Recorded in Either Parish Records of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Westphalia, 1849-1944 or in the Parish Records of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Taos, 1836-1848. R 977.858 H694D

The Haunted Boonslick: Ghosts, Ghouls, & Monsters of Missouri's Heartland. R 977.8 B252H

The Heart of Branson: The Entertaining Families of America's Live Music Show Capital. R 977.8797 C455H

Macon County, Missouri Obituaries, 1921-1933.
R 977.827 M483M

Missourians in the Civil War: (Transcribed from Missouri Newspapers). R 973.7478 W362M

Ste. Genevieve Final Special Resource Study and Environmental Assessment. R 977.8692 S139

Washington. 977.863 G775W

St. Louis

Benton Park Neighborhood Plan. R 977.866 B478

Directory of Officials of Saint Louis and Saint Louis County.
R 352.008 D598

Missouri Municipal Officials Directory. R 352.16 M678

Municipal Officials of St. Louis County Directory.
R 352 S145M1

Municipal Officials of St. Louis County. R 352 S145M

Shaw Neighborhood Improvement Program.
R 977.866 C734S

Soil Survey of St. Louis County and St. Louis City, Missouri.
R 631.47 U58S35

Soulard Restoration Plan. R 977.866 S145S

St. Louis Area Municipal Officials Directory. R 352 S145M2

North Carolina

Halifax County, N.C., Miscellaneous Land Records (1761-1917). R 975.648 D897H

Rowan County, Granville Grants. R 975.671 C538R

Warren County, N.C., Miscellaneous Land Records (1778-1964). R 975.652 D897W

Pennsylvania

175 Southwestern Pa. Marriages Performed by Rev. Abraham Boyd, 1802-1849 (Presbyterian). R 974.885 C645O

The German Pietists of Provincial Pennsylvania: 1694-1708.
R 974.8 S121G

Highland Cemetery, California, Washington County, PA: Interments to June 1991. R 974.882 H313H

Migration and Faith: The Migrations of the Schwenkfelders from Germany to America - Risks and Opportunities.
R 974.8 W419M

Northumberland County Pennsylvania Marriage Records.
R 974.831 D311N

Paxtang Cemetery, Borough of Paxtang, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. R 974.818 V693P

Proof of Settlement Certificates of Northwestern Pennsylvania. R 974.89 P148P

Tombstone Inscriptions of Mt. Washington Cemetery, Perryopolis, Fayette County, Pennsylvania: (With Brief Cemetery History). R 974.884 L991T

Allegheny County

Inscriptions from Chartiers Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pa.
R 974.886 M143I

Inscriptions from Highwood Cemetery, Allegheny (Now Pittsburgh), PA. R 974.886 M143I

Inscriptions from Two German Protestant Cemeteries, Allegheny (Now Pittsburgh), Pa.: St. John's Lutheran Cemetery (Spring Hill), Voegtly Cemetery (Troy Hill).
R 974.886 M143I

Inscriptions from Union Dale Cemetery, Allegheny (Now Pittsburgh), Pa. R 974.886 M143I

Berks County

St. Mary's Cemetery, Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania.
R 974.816 Z72S

St. Paul's Catholic Cemetery (Goshenhoppen), Bally, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and New Cemetery of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church, Bally, Berks County, Pennsylvania. 974.816 Z72S

Cambria County

Cemetery Records of Cambria and Somerset Counties, Pennsylvania. R 974.877 E13C

Headrick Cemetery, East Taylor Township, Cambria County, PA. R 974.877 D261H

Lloyd Cemetery, Ebensburg, Cambria County, Pennsylvania.
R 974.877 D261L

Luzerne County

Tombstone Inscriptions: Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.
R 974.832 D767T

Tombstone Inscriptions: St. John's Lutheran & Reformed Cemetery, St. Johns (Formerly Hughesville), Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. R 974.832 D767T

Schuylkill County

Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) Cemetery, Shenandoah Heights, West Mahanoy Township, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.
R 974.817 R497O

Odd Fellows Cemetery Located at Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. R 974.817 R497O

St. Joseph/St. Mauritius Cemetery at Ashland, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. 974.817 R497S

Tennessee

Didja Know It Happened in Tennessee?: A Collection of Articles Published in the Tennessee Genealogical Magazine, Ansearchin' News. R 976.8 B663D

The Hidden History of McMinn County: Tales from Eastern Tennessee. R 976.8865 G986H

The Hidden History of Southeast Tennessee. R 976.8 G986H

On This Day in Kingsport History. R 976.896 W947O

Past Times: Obituaries, Marriages, and Other Selected Articles from the Maryville Times, Maryville, Tennessee, 1896-1899. R 976.8885 T259P

Perry County, Tennessee Circuit Court Minutes.
R 976.838 B155P

Remembering Rutherford. R 976.857 T892R

The Rise & Fall of Nashville Lawyer Tommy Osborn: Kennedy Convictions. R 976.855 T112R

Runaways, Coffles and Fancy Girls: A History of Slavery in Tennessee. R 976.8 C273R

Tennessee State Penitentiary. R 976.855 L677T

Tennessee's Great Copper Basin. R 976.8875 F946T

Tennessee's Union Cavalrymen. 976.8 B879T

Tipton County, Tennessee, Circuit Court Minutes, Civil and Criminal. R 976.817 T959

Davidson County

Nashville Pikes. R 976.855 W735N

Vanderbilt Basketball: Tales of Commodore Hardwood History. R 976.855 T777V

Vanderbilt Football: Tales of Commodore Gridiron History. R 976.855 T777V

Henry County

Henry County, Tennessee Circuit Court Clerk's Office Minutes. R 976.834 H521

Henry County, Tennessee, Men of Distinction. R 976.834 T236H

Master Index to the Paris, Tennessee Post-Intelligencer Obituaries, 1969-1979. R 976.834 D921M

Old Homes of Henry County, Tennessee. R 976.834 T236O

Lincoln County

Lincoln County, Tennessee Pioneers. R 976.8624 L7361

A Pictorial History of Lincoln County Tennessee. R 976.8624 P611

A Pictorial History of Lincoln County Tennessee. Volume II. R 976.8624 P611

Universities and colleges

Tennessee Technological University. R 976.867 J68T

Tusculum College, Tennessee. R 976.891 W562T

University of Memphis. R 976.819 B711U

University of Tennessee. R 976.885 P985U

Other state and county titles

Cemetery Records of Tyler and Pleasants Counties, West Virginia. R 975.419 A877C

Cemetery Records Parsonsfield, Maine. R 974.195 H682C

Index to Records of Naturalizations & Declarations of Intent. R 977.589 I38

Norfolk County, Virginia Tithables. R 975.5523 W771N

Vital Records of Rowley, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849. R 974.45 V836

Other new titles

The Haunted Natchez Trace. R 976 S813H

New Russian-English and English-Russian Dictionary: (New Orthography). R 491.73 O13N

CLASSES & PROGRAMS

CLASSES

Classes are free and open to the public, but registration is requested. Register online at www.slcl.org or call 314-994-3300. Before registering for classes, you should already know how to use a computer and search the Internet. A prerequisite is noted for some classes.

An asterisk (*) by a class date indicates that registration will begin in December 2019.

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.

Jan. 25	10:00 a.m.	Headquarters	Register
*Jan. 29	6:30 p.m.	Daniel Boone	

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? Beginning Genealogical Research class or previous research experience.*

Jan. 15	2:00 p.m.	Daniel Boone	Register
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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.

Jan. 9	10:00 a.m.	Weber Road	Register
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History and Genealogy in Newspapers

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.

*Jan. 30	10:00 a.m.	Weber Road
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DATABASES FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Family History Online: Databases for Family History Research

Discover the variety of genealogical databases that can be used free at the library and at home with a St. Louis County Library card.

Jan. 21	10:00 a.m.	Cliff Cave	Register
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Exploring Fold3 and Heritage Quest Databases

Fold3 and HeritageQuest offer a variety of records for genealogical research, and they can be used free at home with a valid St. Louis County Library card. Find out how to search for your ancestors in census records, city directories, genealogy books, and government documents.

Jan. 16	2:00 p.m.	Headquarters	Register
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FamilySearch Basics

FamilySearch.org is a free website offering access to millions of records for genealogical research. This class will provide an overview of the kinds of records available and how to find them.

Jan. 6	6:30 p.m.	Grand Glaize	Register
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ST. LOUIS COUNTY LIBRARY BRANCH LOCATIONS

Bridgeton Trails

3455 McKelvey Road
Bridgeton, MO 63044

Cliff Cave

5430 Telegraph Road
St. Louis, MO 63129

Daniel Boone

300 Clarkson Rd.
Ellisville, MO 63011

Eureka Hills

156 Eureka Town Center
Eureka, MO 63025

Florissant Valley

195 New Florissant Rd, S.
Florissant, MO 63031

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

Meramec Valley

1501 San Simeon Way.
Fenton, MO 63026

Mid-County

7821 Maryland Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63105

Natural Bridge

7606 Natural Bridge Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63121

Oak Bend

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

Prairie Commons

915 Utz Lane
Hazelwood, MO 63042

Rock Road

10267 St. Charles Rock Rd.
St. Ann, MO 63074

Samuel C. Sachs

16400 Burkhardt Place
Chesterfield, MO 63017

Thornhill

12863 Willowyck Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63146

Weber Road

4444 Weber Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63123

General information

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CLASSES TO EXPAND RESEARCH SKILLS

Discovering Ancestral Military Veterans

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

*Jan. 22 2:00 p.m. Grand Glaize

Using City and County Directories in Family History Research

Where did your ancestors live, and what were their occupations? City and county directories can give you this information and more.

*Jan 28 10:00 a.m. Oak Bend

PROGRAMS

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

Saturday, Jan. 11, 10:00 a.m., Headquarters

“Ask Louie” Panel Discussion

St. Louis Genealogical Society

A panel of genealogists will field questions and try to help

break down your brick wall. If you have an unusual question, email it ahead to programs@stlgs.org. Additional questions from the audience will be addressed at the meeting.

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7:00 p.m., Headquarters

German Abolitionists

StLGS German Special Interest Group

Learn more about the role German immigrants played in changing the demographics of Missouri from slave state to Union state. As Abolitionists, they altered the outcome of the Civil War both in the state and nationally, playing an important part in history. Dorris Keeven-Franke, speaker.

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7:00 p.m., Headquarters

Tips for Success in Irish Research

StLGS Irish Special Interest Group

Have you found the county, parish, and townland in Ireland? You know you need that information to tap into the records our ancestors left. Join us to learn and to share what others have found helpful. The Irish Special Interest Group Team will lead the program.

CLASSES at the MIROWITZ CENTER

Classes are free and open to the public. Registration is required. Contact Susan Kamppainen, 314-733-9813 or email skemppainen@covenatplacestl.org.

Class location

Mirowitz Center at Covenant Place
8 Millstone Campus Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63146

Classes will be taught by members of the St. Louis County Library History & Genealogy staff.

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2:00 p.m.

101 | Who Were my Ancestors? Beginning Family History 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.

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2:00 p.m.

102 | 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? Beginning Genealogical Research class or previous research experience.*
- *Participants should bring a laptop or tablet device to participate.*

Tuesday, March 3, 2:00 p.m.

103 | 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.

- *Participants should bring a laptop or tablet device to participate.*

Tuesday, April 7, 2:00 p.m.

105 | History and Genealogy in Newspapers

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.

- *Participants should bring a laptop or tablet device to participate.*

Tuesday, May 5, 2:00 p.m.

301 | 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.*
- *Participants should bring a laptop or tablet device to participate.*