

PastPorts

NEWS AND TIPS FROM THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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FOR THE RECORDS

The 1904 St. Louis World's Fair

The Special Collections Department has wonderful genealogical holdings, but did you realize that it also had many sources for researching the history of St. Louis City and County? A good example of these materials are publications about the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition, more commonly known as the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair.

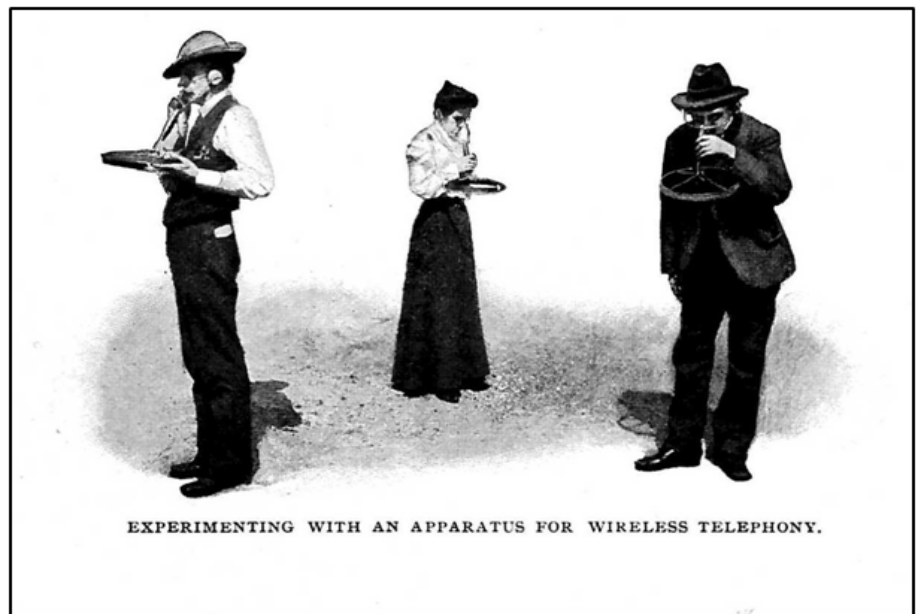
Visitors to the Fair came from around the country, and a railroad station at the south side of the fairgrounds (near what is now I-64) brought people to the fair. The grandeur and incredible wonders of the fair touched the lives of many in St. Louis and may have been a part of your family's story. It may even have been the reason your ancestors came to America as specialized artisans from abroad who constructed various aspects of the Fair sometimes stayed and made St. Louis their permanent home.

"Indescribably Grand": Diaries and Letters from the 1904 World's Fair, from the Missouri Historical Society Press (R 977.866 I38 and circulating copy) offers a wide range of photos and information about the fair through the letters, diaries or memories of several individuals. A reproduction of a color map given to visitors provides a visual perspective of where things were located. That map may also be viewed on the [David Rumsey website](http://www.davidrumsey.com) <<http://www.davidrumsey.com>>. The fairgrounds covered part of

what is today the western part of Forest Park and the eastern part of Washington University (see page 2).

Pamela J. Vaccaro's book, *Beyond the Ice Cream Cone* (R 607.34 V114B and circulating copy), offers an in-depth look at the array of food experiences available to fair attendees and what it took to feed the masses each day. The fair also witnessed the debut of some food products – or did it? Vaccaro explains whether foods, such as the ice cream cone, iced tea, Dr. Pepper, "Fairy Floss" (cotton candy), hot dogs, peanut butter, and puffed rice "shot from a cannon" (the cannon was similar to the type used in the Spanish American War), qualified as true "firsts," or if they fell

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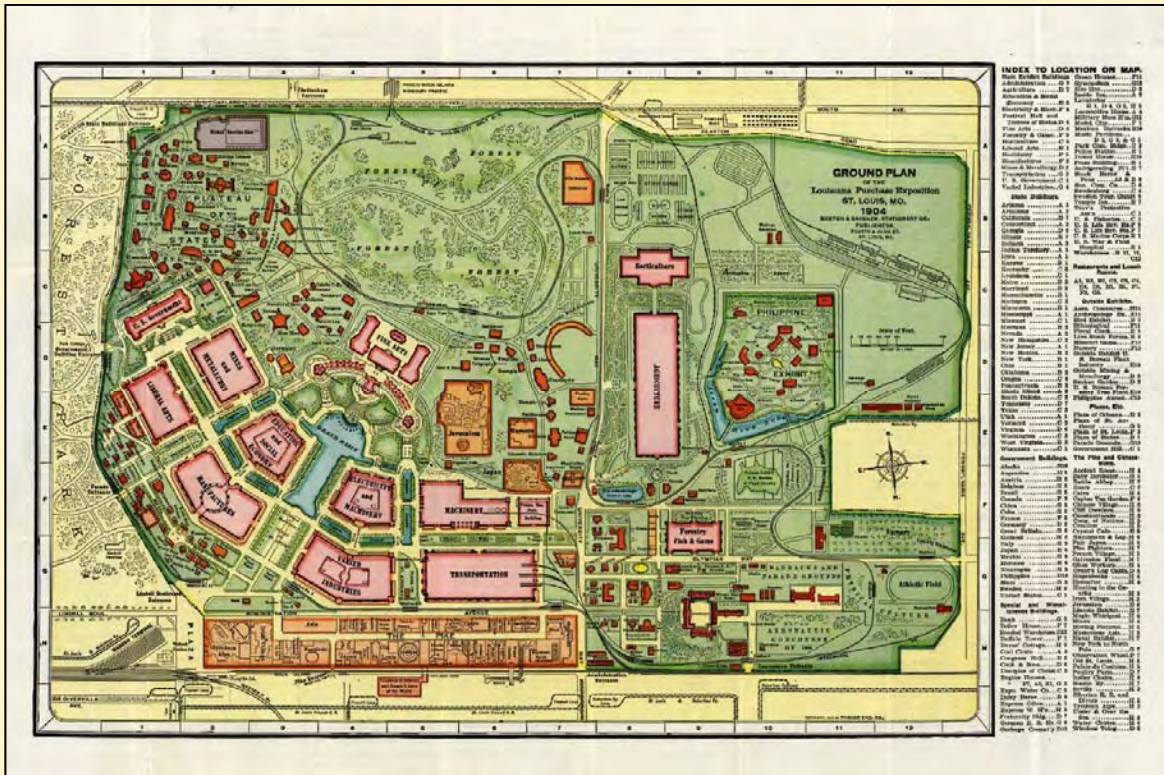


People experiment with "wireless telephony" in this photograph from *Cosmopolitan Magazine's* issue about the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair.



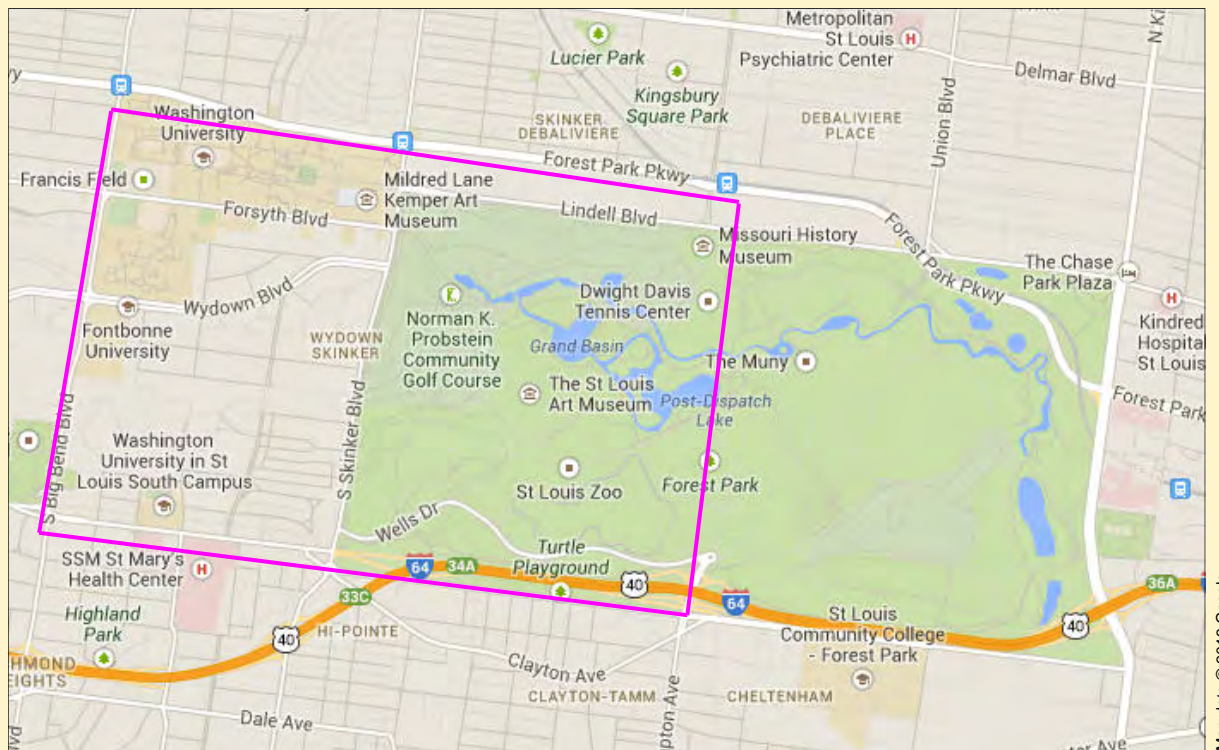
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The Louisiana Purchase Exposition grounds—then and now



Map of the exposition grounds given out to visitors. Note that the top of the map is south. Washington University is at bottom right. Skinker Blvd. was known as University Way.

A modern map of Forest Park and environs. The area outlined in pink shows the boundaries of the exposition.



Hats were a standard part of one's wardrobe at the time of the St. Louis World's Fair, even for children.

into the category of being “popularized” or “reinvented” through their presence and wide exposure at the Fair.

Cosmopolitan Magazine published *The World's Fair*, by John Brisben Walker, as its September 1904 issue. (R 977.866 W181W) It featured 200 illustrations, including a very unique photo in the chapter, “Electricity up to 1904 (Figure 2).” The photo shows two men and a woman

“experimenting with an apparatus for wireless telephony” that appears. Photos also tell something about the people

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Tours of the Special Collections Department are conducted on the first Wednesday and third Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. No registration is required. Group tours are gladly arranged with advance notice by calling the Special Collections Department at 314-994-3300, ext. 2070.



who attended the Fair. Hats were a standard part of one's wardrobe—even the children—and everyone wore his or her Sunday best clothes.

From the Palaces to the Pike: Visions of the 1904 World's Fair (R 977.866 F794F and circulating copy), a coffee table sized book by Timothy Fox and Duane Sneddeker, offers high quality glossy photos so sharp in detail that one almost feels like an eyewitness to the events. The photo of the 265-foot-tall Observation Wheel, more commonly known as the Ferris Wheel, clearly shows the size of the thirty-six cars, each of which could hold sixty people.

These are only a few sources, so to find a wide range of materials on the topic, search the [online catalog](http://webpac.slcl.org) <<http://webpac.slcl.org>> for the keywords “Louisiana Purchase Exposition.”

As you gather with family over the holidays, ask if anyone knows of relatives who visited the 1904 World's Fair. Perhaps they told stories, have photos, or purchased fair mementos that are now treasured heirlooms passed down with stories. For many who attended, it was a never to be forgotten experience.



Groups visit the Special Collections Department

The Special Collections Department hosted several groups interested in learning more about genealogical and historical research. The Department staff will gladly arrange tours for groups with advance notice. Call (314) 994-3300, ext. 2070 to schedule a group tour. Tours for individuals are offered on the first Wednesday and third Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. No advance notice necessary.

Photos by Dave Moore, St. Louis County Library.

Right and below: Parkway Southwest Middle School students visited the Special Collections Department on Nov. 11 for instruction on the Ancestry Library Edition database and a tour of the Department from staff member Larry Franke.



Left: Two groups from the American Association of University Women toured the Department in two groups on Oct. 30–31. Ruth Ann Hager (left) led one of the tours.



Below: Staff member Ruth Ann Hager served as tour guide for a group of fifth graders from St. Peter's School, Kirkwood, who also got tips on doing research for class history projects.





NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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

Microfilm

■ Seminary & Saline Land Patents and Index (1820–1825) | Roll no. MoLand–48 through MoLand–50, Drawer 105

The federal government gave up to two townships of land (approximately 46,000 acres) to Missouri as “Seminary Land” to sell, with the proceeds to fund a “seminary of learning” or state university. Likewise, the state also received up to twelve salt springs with six sections of land attached (“Saline Land”) with sale proceeds to fund public roads and canals. An index and other helps are included on roll MoLAND-48.

■ 500,000 Acre Grants & Index (1843–1951) | Roll no. MoLand–51 through MoLand–60, Drawer 105

In 1841, the federal government gave Missouri 500,000 acres to be sold to fund “internal improvements.” This land is often referred to as “Internal Improvement Land.” Sales took place at land offices in Springfield, Edina, Chillicothe, and Savannah, Missouri. Roll MoLAND–51 includes an index by land office, township, range, and section.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The library will observe the following holiday closings:

- **Christmas Eve** | Tuesday, Dec. 24
- **Christmas Day** | Wednesday, Dec. 25
- **New Year’s Eve** | Tuesday, Dec. 31—close at 5 p.m.
- **New Year’s Day** | Wednesday, Jan. 1

■ Swamp Land Patents & Index (1840–1945) | Roll no. MoLand–61 through MoLand–68, Drawer 105

The federal government gave Missouri land declared as swamp or overflow land. The state, and sometimes the counties, sold the land with the proceeds going to the common school fund in the county where the land was situated. Roll MoLAND–61 includes an index by range and township.

■ Township School Land Patents (1820–1900) | Roll no. MoLand–69 through MoLand–90, Drawer 105

The federal government gave Missouri section number sixteen in every survey township within the state. Proceeds of their sales were to benefit public education in the form of school construction or teacher salaries. An index by county, township, and range is included on roll MoLAND–69.

■ Online name index

[The Missouri State Archives provides a master online index for all of these state land patents](http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/land/) <<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/land/>>. The Missouri State Archives film number listed in the index is included on film box labels in the Special Collections Department.

Print

Abbreviated titles unless italicized

States and counties

DELAWARE

Kent County, Delaware: Marriage References and Family Relationships, 1680–1800. 2012. R 975.14 W949K

New Castle County, Delaware Land Records: Deed Book C-2, 1777–1777; Deed Book D-2, 1778–1782; Deed Book E-2, 1783–1785. 2004, reprint 2013. R 975.11 G239N

New Castle County, Delaware Land Records: Deed Book F-2, 1785–1787, Deed Book G-2, 1787–1789. 2004, reprint 2013. R 975.11 G239N

KENTUCKY

Louisville Landmarks: A Viewbook of Architectural and Historic Landmarks in Louisville. 2004.

NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

R 976.944 W398L

Martin County, Kentucky Veterans. 2011.

R 976.9243 M379

Pictorial History of Clark County, Kentucky. 2010.

R 976.954 P611

Pictorial History of Knott County, Kentucky,

125th Anniversary. 2010. R 976.9165 P611

Two Centuries of Black Louisville: A Photographic History.

2011. R 976.944 A892T

LOUISIANA

Forgotten Jews of Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana. 2012.

R 976.371 M657F

Iberia Parish. 2012. R 976.349 H446I

MARYLAND

Early Landowners of Maryland. Vol. 11, Dorchester County, 1655–1710. 2013. R 975.2 H178E

Free Blacks in Harford, Somerset, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, 1832. 1991, reprint 2001. R 975.2 M613F

MISSOURI

Follow the Lewis & Clark Trail in Missouri. 2012. R 977.8 P173F

Schools in the Meramec Valley. 2004. R 977.863 M421S

Washington, Missouri, 1839–2014: Celebrating 175 Years. 2013. R 977.863 W317

NORTH CAROLINA

Brunswick County Marriage Abstracts, 1804–1904. 2005. R 975.629 V886B

Cabarrus County Marriage Abstracts, 1793–1869. 2006. R 975.672 V886C

Carteret County Marriage Abstracts, 1755–1868. 2012. R 975.6197 V886C

Caswell County Marriage Abstracts, 1778–1876. 2012. R 975.6575 V886C

Chowan County Marriage Abstracts, 1741–1869. 2011. R 975.6147 V886C

Cumberland County Marriage Abstracts, 1803–1878. 2012. R 975.6373 V886C

Edgecombe County Marriage Abstracts, 1760–1868. 2012. R 975.646 V886E

Guilford County Marriage Abstracts, 1771–1868. 2012. R 975.662 V886G

Heritage of Tyrell County, North Carolina. Vol. 1. 2004. R 975.6172 W584H

Mecklenburg County Marriage Abstracts, 1788–1866. 2012. R 975.676 V886M

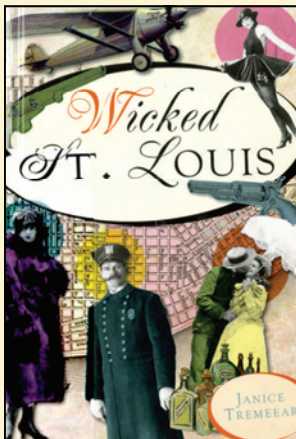
North Carolina Planters and Their Children, 1800–1860. 1984. R 975.6 C396N

Surry County Marriage Records, 1783–1868. Vols. 1–2. 1984, reprint 1993. R 975.665 I52S

OHIO

Obituaries Taken from the Deshler Flag: Deshler, Ohio. 24 vols., 1897–2012. 1990–1992. R 977.115 O12

FEATURED ACQUISITION



Wicked St. Louis by Janice Tremear

R 977.866 T789W

“What can I say about St. Louis? Personally I think it’s great; it’s my birthplace, after all. St. Louis is one of those cities with a colorful, bigger-than-life past.” Janice Tremear launches her unique history of St. Louis with this first sentence. Although many histories have been written about St.

Louis, this 126-page volume highlights colorful details about historical events, both familiar and unfamiliar. The book delves into salacious topics, such as Bloody Island, Brothels, Early Gangsters, Coral Court Motel, Hot Spots Past and Present. Well cited and detailed historical accounts of the Mississippi River, Native Americans, Chain of Rocks Bridge and St. Louis World’s Fair add to this very readable history. Photographs are woven into the text. Includes a bibliography.

NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Roots by the River: The History, Doctrine, and Practice of the Old German Baptist Brethren Church in Miami County, Ohio. 2011. R 977.148 M649R

PENNSYLVANIA

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Church Records of the 18th Century. Vol. 6. 2012. R 974.815 W949L

Philadelphia Nativist Riots: Irish Kensington Erupts. [NGS]. 2013. 974.811 M637P

SOUTH CAROLINA

Directories for the City of Charleston, South Carolina for the Years 1830–31, 1835–36, 1836, 1837–38, and 1840–41. 1997, reprint 2002. R 975.791 H147D

Warrants for Lands in South Carolina. 1910–1915, reprint 1998. R 975.7 S726W

EVENTS

Events are sponsored by St. Louis County Library and are free and open to the public.

DECEMBER

No meetings are scheduled.

JANUARY

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Meeting

Saturday, Jan. 11, 10 a.m.
Headquarters Auditorium

StLGS Italian Special Interest Group

Monday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m.
Headquarters East Room

StLGS Irish Special Interest Group

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m.
Headquarters Auditorium

TEXAS

Naturalizations to 1906:

Atascosa County. 2005. R 976.4443 W262T

Cameron County. 2007. R 976.4495 W262T

Kinney County. 2005. R 976.4433 W262T

Starr County. 2006. R 976.4485 W262T

Uvalde County. 2005. R 976.4432 W262T

Webb County. 2006. R 976.4462 W262T

VIRGINIA

Lancaster County

Abstracts of Wills, Administrations, Deeds, Inventories, etc., Book #14, 1743–1750. 2012. R 975.522 H977L

Abstracts of Wills, Administrations, Deeds, Inventories, etc., Book #15, Part 1, 1750–1757. 2012.
R 975.522 H977L

Abstracts of Wills, Administrations, Deeds, Inventories, etc., Book #16, 1758–1763. 2013. R 975.522 H977L

Other Virginia titles

Frederick County, Virginia Marriage Bonds, 1773–1850. 1992, reprint 2006. R 975.5992 H121F

Glebe Houses of Colonial Virginia. 2003. R 975.5 W368G

Jefferson County, Virginia, 1802–1813 Personal Property Tax Lists. 2003. R 975.499 D912J

Life of Cople Parish, 1664–1964 in Westmoreland County, Virginia. 1995, reprint 2008. R 975.524 D261L

Marriage Records of Accomack County, Virginia, 1776–1854, Recorded in Bonds, Licenses, and Ministers' Returns. 1994, reprint 2011.
R 975.516 T941M

Marriages, Northampton County, Virginia, 1660–1854. 2008. R 975.515 M636M

Marriages of Orange County, Virginia, 1757–1880. 2006.
R 975.5372 F536M

Men of Mark: Officials of Stafford County, Virginia, 1664–1991. 2006. R 975.526 E16M

NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

WEST VIRGINIA

Randolph County

- History of Randolph County, West Virginia from Its Earliest Settlement to the Present...* [NGS]. 1898, reprint 2005. R 975.485 M645H
- Randolph 200: A Bicentennial History of Randolph County, West Virginia: A Pictorial and Documentary Sampler. 1987, reprint 1999. R 975.485 R192

Other West Virginia titles

- [Barbour County] *School Board Minutes, Enumerations Lists, and Account Records... Philippi Independent District, July 1870–December 1899, Philippi District, September 1871–November 1899*. 2002. R 975.459 H324S
- Bicentennial of Monongalia County, West Virginia, 1976*. 1980. R 975.452 B583
- Goin' up Gandy: A History of the Dry Fork Region of Randolph and Tucker Counties, West Virginia*. Rev. ed. 1977, reprint 2011. R 975.485 T347G
- Hampshire County Personal Property Tax Lists, 1800–1814. 1995, reprint 2002. R 975.495 H823H
- Harrison County Deed Records, 1785–1810. 1993, reprint 2008. R 975.457 D262H
- History and Genealogy of Rockymount Baptist Missionary Order, 1869–1919, River Ridge Pipestem, WV*. 1999. R 975.476 P511H
- History of Berkeley County, West Virginia*. 1928, reprint 2007. R 975.497 E92H
- History of Kanawha County...* [NGS]. 1876, reprint 1994. R 975.437 A875H
- History of Pleasants County, West Virginia*. 2008. R 975.421 P395H
- History of Taylor County*. Vols. 1–3. 1989–1992. R 975.455 B858H
- [Lewis County] *One Hundred Years in Christ, August 27, 1911–August 27, 2011: Broad Street United Methodist Church*. 2011. R 975.461 O58
- Pendleton County Probate Records, Wills, 1788–1866, Inventories, Sale Bills, Settlements, 1788–1846. 1999, reprint 2007. R 975.491 T672P

- War Veterans of Upshur County*. 1988. R 975.462 J12W
- West Virginia Glass Towns. 2012. R 975.4 S625W

German genealogy

- History of Modern Germany*. Vol. 3, 1840–1945. 1959, reprint 1982. R 943 H723H
- Map Guide to German Parish Registers*. Vol. 44: Kingdom of Prussia, Province of West Prussia I. 2013. R 943 H249M
- Researching in Germany: A Handbook for Your Visit to the Homeland of Your Ancestors, 2nd ed. [NGS]. 2013. R 943 M664R

Family histories

- Descendants of Legate Helms and Jane ("Ginsey") Secrest Helms of Monroe County, Tennessee*. [NGS]. 2012. R 929.2 H481D
- Frey Family to America, 1842–1992: 150th Anniversary*. 2000. R 929.2 F893F
- William Henry Fields Dulany (1818–1914) and His Descendants. 1967. R 929.2 D878G

Other new titles

- Brethren Beginnings: The Origin of the Church of the Brethren in Early Eighteenth-century Europe*. 1992. R 286.5 D963B
- Brethren in Colonial America: A Source Book on the Transplantation and Development of the Church of the Brethren in the Eighteenth Century*. 1967. R 286.5 D963B
- Brethren in Industrial America: A Source Book on the Development of the Church of the Brethren, 1865–1915*. 1985. R 286.5 S241B
- Brethren in the New Nation: A Source Book on the Development of the Church of the Brethren, 1785–1865*. 1976. R 286.5 S241B
- European Origins of the Brethren: A Source Book on the Beginnings of the Church of the Brethren in the Early Eighteenth Century, a Two-Hundred-Fiftieth Anniversary Volume*. 1958, reprint 1986. R 286.5 D963E



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Complete Book of Tartan: A Heritage Encyclopedia of over 400 Tartans and the Stories that Shaped Scottish History. 2011. R 941.1 Z17C

Daily Life in the Colonial South. 2013. R 975.01 S345D
Diuguid Records, 1861–1865 and Biographical Sketches. 2007. R 973.7455 M345D

French Genealogy from Afar. [NGS]. 2013. 929.1 M834F
Frontier Metropolis: Picturing Early Detroit, 1701–1838. 2001. R 977.434 D924F

Historic Photos of Steamboats on the Mississippi. 2009.
 R 977 S529H

History of New London, Connecticut... 1895, reprint 2013.
 R 974.65 C372H

Holding the Line: The Battle of Allegheny Mountain and Confederate Defense of the Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike, 1861–62. 2012. R 973.731 G312H

Index to Mexican War Pension Applications. 1985.
 R 973.62 W855I

Life and Travels of Harriet Cline West. 1993.
 RB West Harriet CL

My Recollections and Experiences of the Civil War, or, A Citizen of Weston during the Late Unpleasantness. 2000. R 975.461 C179M

My Reminiscences of the Civil War with the Stonewall Brigade and the Immortal 600. 2011. R 973.782 E23M
Norwegians in America, Their History and Record. Vol. 3. 2012. R 325.248 U47N

Roland Sharp, Country Doctor: Memories of a Life Well Lived with Some Thoughts about Medicine. 2008.
 R 610.92 R744

Sketchbook of Kansas Landmarks. 1936. R 978.1 W624S
Strange History of the American Quadroon: Free Women of Color in the Revolutionary Atlantic World. 2013.
 R 976.335 C592S

'Til Death or Distance Do Us Part: Love and Marriage in African America. 2010. R 305.896 F754T

Voice in the Wilderness: History of the German Baptist Brethren in East Central Indiana. 2012.
 R 977.2 S562V

New at Ancestry Library Edition

Associated Press, The AP World, 1943–2001

Associated Press, Name Card Index to AP Stories, 1905–1990

Associated Press, Subject Card Index to AP Stories, 1937–1985

Associated Press, Service Bulletin, 1904–1927

England & Wales, Quaker Birth, Marriage, and Death Registers, 1578–1837

UK, WWII Civilian Deaths, 1939–1945

U.S., Select Family History and Bible Records Index

CLASSES

Classes are free and open to the public, but registration is required. ☎ Call (314) 994-3300 to register. Space is limited.

DECEMBER

No classes are scheduled.

JANUARY

☎ Genealogical Research: Getting the Most out of the Special Collections Department

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2 p.m.
 Headquarters East Room
 Larry Franke, instructor
 Registration opens Dec. 10.

☎ Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition

Wednesday, Jan. 22., 2 p.m.
 Headquarters Computer Lab
 Larry Franke, instructor
 Registration opens Dec. 26.

