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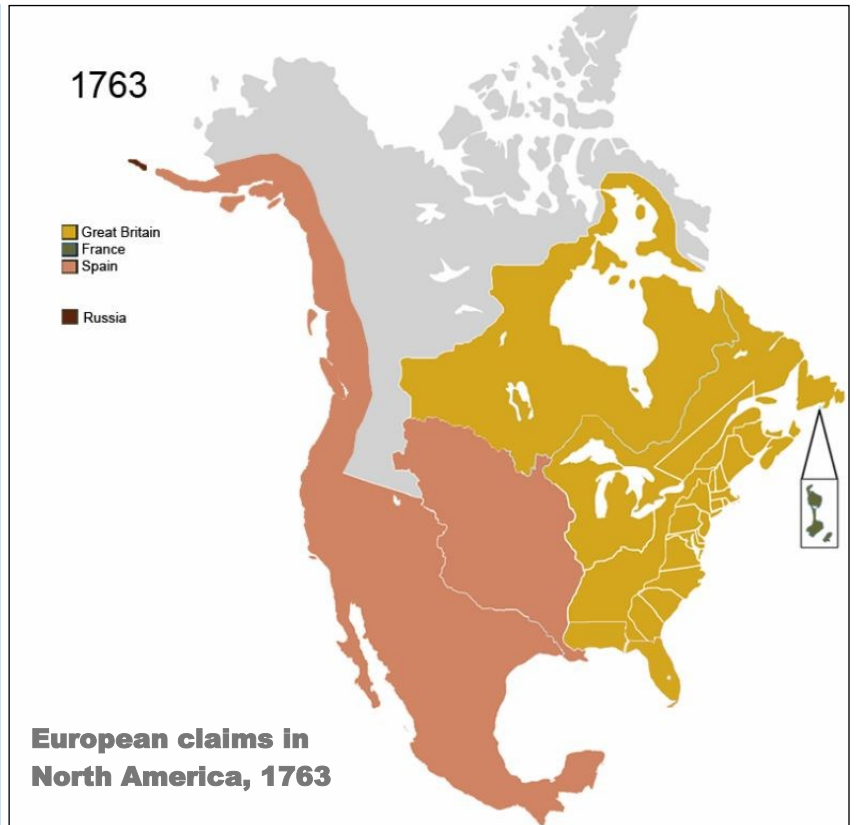
French & Spanish Archives

Part 1 | Finding evidence in the French and Spanish Archives

When French colonists settled St. Louis in 1764, they initially believed they were within the bounds of the French Empire. France had ceded the Illinois Country on the east side of the Mississippi River to Britain in 1763 following the French and Indian War, and setting up a post for the fur trade on the west bank would have been a priority (Fig. 1). For many of the French *habitants* who lived in Illinois, crossing the river was a convenient escape from British control—they sold their land and became some of the first families in St. Louis. In 1766, when Spanish officials arrived to administer New Orleans, French colonists had to admit their predicament: St. Louis was settled in Spanish territory, and they were starting to assert their claim.¹ The 1762 Treaty of Fontainebleau, a secret agreement between the kings of France and Spain, had transferred ownership of French holdings west of the Mississippi River to Spain. By the time of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, the region had (again, secretly) reverted to French rule but continued to be administered by the Spanish.

A genealogical mélange

The civil records created in the St. Louis area under French and Spanish rule are known as the French and Spanish Archives, or as the St. Louis Archives. These documents contain basic genealogical and historical information as well as insights into the lives, economic conditions, and relationships of early St. Louisans. Although most of the collection dates to the French and Spanish period, a number of documents have dates that extend several years into American ownership. Fortu-



nately for today's researchers interested in navigating the collection, civil servants, historians, and enthusiasts have been creating supporting materials for the past two hundred years. Translations written in the 1800s make it possible to read the documents without knowing French or Spanish.

The Archives are comprised of a wide variety of legal contracts similar in content to the notarial records of France and French Canada and the [Kaskaskia Manuscripts of Illinois](https://www.slcl.org/sites/default/files/09_2015.pdf) <https://www.slcl.org/sites/default/files/09_2015.pdf>. Land sales, marriage contracts, wills and probate, inventories, powers of attorney, personal property sales (see p. 11), and miscellaneous agreements are all represented in the collection. In addition to furnishing

Figure 1: Map showing European claims in North America. The reddish color is for Spain, while the yellowish color shows British claims. Source: *Wikipedia*, "Territorial evolution of North America since 1763" <<https://bitly.com/>>.

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Figure 2 | Marriage contracts in Collet’s index. A marriage between François Moreau and Catherine Maréchal is among those listed.

researchers with new information, their versatility and detail can help corroborate facts from other sources and even compensate for lost or elusive church records.

St. Louis, Illinois

Colonial and territorial Missouri was known by several potentially confusing names, including “Louisiana” and “Illinois,” until the name Missouri was adopted in 1812.² In the Archives, the St. Louis area is often called by names such as the *partida occidental de Illinois* (Spanish for “western part of Illinois”) or *St. Louis des Illinois* (French for “St. Louis of the Illinois [Country]”), and the entire region is sometimes referred to as *Haute Louisiane* (French for “Upper Louisiana”).

The Moreau family

François Moreau was buried in Florissant in 1802, but his death would help spur a U.S. Supreme Court case in 1856. *Meegan v. Boyle* centered on a dispute of ownership over part of François’ former land. Both Meegan, who was in possession of the property and claimed it by François’ will and a series of deeds, and Boyle, who bought the property in a sheriff’s sale against Moreau’s descendants, believed they owned the same land. A circuit court in Missouri rejected as evidence François’ will along with later deeds, a deci-

sion Meegan appealed to the Supreme Court.³ The case produced an in-depth examination of the legality of François’ will, his daughters’ dubious consent in deeding away their inherited property, and differences between French, Spanish, and American law. Using just a few of approximately 3,000 total records in the French and Spanish Archives, including one of those in question in the court case, we can learn a substantial amount of information about François Moreau.

Both residents of St. Louis, François Moreau and his wife, Catherine Maréchal, were married by a priest in Ste. Geneviève (likely due to the lack of a regular priest in 1767 St. Louis). Less than half of their marriage record from the church exists—a page has fallen out of the church book just where the priest was getting ready to name Catherine’s parents.⁴ Records in the Archives may help make up for this loss and provide other details.

Indexes

To see which documents in the Archives pertain to François Moreau, start by checking *O.W. Collet’s General Index to St. Louis County Archives* (R 977.865 C698G). Collet’s index is available in print in History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library as well as at other local libraries repositories. The index, transcriptions, and translations of the Archives can also be viewed on digitized microfilm through [FamilySearch](http://www.familysearch.org) <<http://www.familysearch.org>>. To access the index online, sign in or create a free account, then search in the [Family History Library catalog](https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog) <<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog>> for film number 466341, scroll down, and click the camera icon next to the first item.

Collet’s Index has several sections, the largest ones being those for grantors (sellers or property holders) and grantees (buyers or receivers of said property). An entry for François Moreau and Catherine Maréchal appears in the “Marriage Contracts” section (Fig. 2). According to the index, the record is in vol. 1, p. 520 of the Archives.

A separate card index created by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) is available at the Missouri Historical Society Library and Research Center and on microfilm in

History & Genealogy. This index is more detailed than Collet's index as it also includes names of everyone mentioned in the document, such as witnesses and owners of bordering property. Because this index is fully alphabetical rather than sorted by type, researchers can see an overview of records at a glance. In History & Genealogy, the film set is titled *Index to French & Spanish Archives, 1771-1803*.

In addition to these general indexes, specific types of records may be listed in other compilations. For example, records relating to probate are also indexed in *St. Louis and St. Louis County, Missouri Probate Records, Volume 1* (R 977.865 S145) published by the St. Louis Genealogical Society. Each index entry specifies the type of record (such as a will or inventory). Edward F. Mochel's *Index to St. Louis, Missouri, Marriages* (R 977.866 M688I) includes French and Spanish marriage contracts.

When looking in any index, keep in mind that most colonial French women kept their maiden names throughout their lives. If she outlived her husband, sometimes a woman took her deceased husband's surname at that point, using the moniker "widow" (*veuve* in French), as in the case of Hélène Danis, who became the Widow Hébert.

Language

Multiple spellings of names in records were a common occurrence, but particularly so when more than one language got involved. In Spanish, the letters B and V may be written interchangeably, so a name like Bienvenu can become Bienbenu when written in Spanish. First names usually morph between French and Spanish: Hyacinthe becomes Jacinto, Jacques (James) becomes Santiago or even Diego, and Pierre (Peter) becomes Pedro. In some documents, François Moreau is referred to as Don Francisco Moreau, but that only indicates the document was written in Spanish; it does not mean that François was a Spanish nobleman whose name really was Francisco. If in doubt about a name, search for it in your web browser to see if there is an unexpected equivalent.



Figure 3 (left) | French and Spanish Archives microfilm labels in History & Genealogy. The top film (French, Spanish) contains transcriptions, while the bottom film (French, Spanish, English) repeats the transcriptions with added translations.



Accessing the records

The transcribed and translated records are available at the St. Louis City Recorder of Deeds, on microfilm in History & Genealogy, and online on *FamilySearch*. The first barrier to use are the misleading labels applied to the transcriptions and translations, which may cause researchers casually browsing for pre-1816 records to overlook them entirely. Titles show a date range from 1816 to the 1840s—not the 1700s (Fig. 3). Despite the apparent temporal incongruity, the labels are technically correct; the year range refers to the dates that the transcriptions and translations of the original papers were created, not the years during which the transactions themselves occurred.

Figure 4 | A search for the St. Louis Archives in the FHL catalog. The correct result appears as a purple link here.

A simple way to find the records on *FamilySearch* without memorizing film numbers is to perform a keyword search in the catalog for St. Louis Archives (Fig. 4). The FHL title is *St. Louis City Archives Records, 1816-1848: Deeds, Land Grants, Marriage Contracts, Powers of Attorney, Notarial Records*.

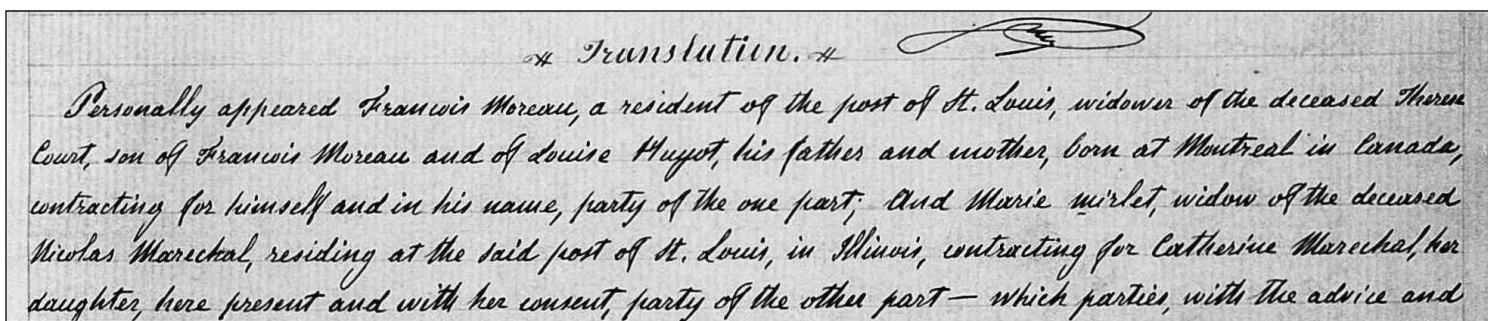


Figure 6 | The beginning of the marriage contract between François Moreau and Catherine Maréchal. Instrument 2010, vol. 1, p. 520.

To read the marriage contract between François and Catherine, we can look at volume 1 of the transcriptions (which are labeled “French, Spanish”), or at the transcriptions and translations (labeled “French, Spanish, English”). Page numbers in the indexes correspond to page numbers in the transcriptions-only film. If you are looking for the English translations, note that the original page numbers have been retained in the left margin even though they no longer match up page for page. Since it includes both a transcription and a translation, each document is at least twice as long. On top of that, page numbers are not written in the margins by the English transcriptions—they only appear next to the preceding untranslated transcriptions (Fig. 5).

To get to the right page:

Locate the correct page number in the left margin, which will appear next to the French or Spanish transcription at the point that a new page occurred in the transcription-only volumes. In cases of particularly long documents, there will be long gaps of pages of English translation with no page numbers.

If you cannot read the original language, scan the beginning of documents on the target page for names you expect to find based on the index entry. The name of a notary or official appears first. An instrument number (or document number) will be written in the margin, which you may want to note down for your records.

Move forward through the film or digitized images until the French or Spanish transcription ends and the English translation with begins. The word “~ Transla-

tion ~” is written in large handwriting at the beginning of translations with squiggly marks to help it stand out. The instrument number is often, but not always, repeated.

Due to copying errors, sometimes a record is absent from the page and volume stated by the index. The record may be on the same page in another volume, or it may appear on a similar page number. Dates (which appear at the beginning or end of documents) may also be mistranscribed, so learning to read numbers and names of months in French and Spanish will help ensure accuracy.

I love you, but...

Marriage contracts functioned as prenuptial agreements and were very common among the French in both France and North America. They are full of important genealogical details. The arrangement between François and Catherine (instrument no. 2010) begins:

“Personnellement appa François Moreau, a resident of the post of St. Louis, widower of the deceased Therese Court, son of François Moreau and of Louise Huyot, his father and mother, born at Montréal in Canada, contracting for himself . . . ; And Marie Mirlet, widow of the deceased Nicolas Marechal, residing at the said post of St. Louis, in Illinois, contracting for Catherine Maréchal, her daughter” (Fig. 6).

From those few lines, we not only confirm François’ parents’ names, but we learn his place of birth and that he had a previous wife, who died.

We also finally see the names of Catherine’s parents and that her father died before the date of the contract, later stated to be 7 Sept. 1767. Although the contract was made between François and Catherine’s mother, the agreement required Catherine’s consent. Since she did not contract on her own behalf, she may have been a minor, though the record does not state her age. In the transcription and translation, her mother’s maiden name, Mirlet, is underlined to signal a misspelling in the original record. A look in the grantee section of Collet’s index for Catherine Maréchal shows a transfer of property to her from her parents, Nicolas Maréchal and Marie-Jeanne Irlet, Irlet being a more correct spelling of her name than Mirlet (Fig. 7).

The contract says that the couple received the agreement and consent of several present friends and family members before naming them:

“on the part of the said François Moreau, René Kercerau and Louis Dehetres, his relatives and friends, and on the part of said Catherine Marechal, the said Marie Mirlet, her mother, Joseph Calve, her brother-in-law, Jacques Marechal . . .”

These lists of witnesses can often help us establish relationships and identify aunts, uncles, and other relatives and associates.

Like other marriage contracts in the collection, this one absolves the spouses of debt the other accumulated before the marriage. It also binds François to provide a dowry of 500 *livres* for Catherine, empowers Catherine to retain control of her property throughout the marriage, and, “in consideration of the sincere friendship which the said future couple bear each other,” promises a donation of all property to the surviving spouse should they have no children. Even though they married and lived within the Spanish Empire, St. Louis couples like François and Catherine agreed to act according to the *Coutume de Paris*, traditional French customary laws. Carl Ekberg and Sharon Person discuss the *Coutume* and its use in St. Louis at length in *St. Louis Rising: The French Regime of*

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Marie Jeanne Maréchal, his wf. by inv'y	3	357
Cath. Moreau, née Maréchal, wf. F'çois, by inventory.....	3	357
MARECHAL, Marie née Irlet, wid. of Nic. Martin Duralde.....	1	300

Louis St. Ange de Bellerive (R 977.866 E36S and circulating copy).

Land and a Job

Two land sales from François Moreau to Pierre Payant that took place in St. Ferdinand (Florissant) between 1796 and 1797 reveal more details (Fig. 5). According to the grantor section of Collet’s index, both appear on page 127 of vol. 4. The first chronologically (no. 1300) tells us that Pierre Payant was a blacksmith, while the second (no. 1299) says that François was the lieutenant of the militia. Since his marriage in 1767 did not state an occupation, perhaps François was promoted to that position sometime between his marriage and this sale. His military role is a clue to look in other sources, such as the correspondence between officials published in Louis Houck’s *The Spanish Regime in Missouri* (R 977.802 H835S). A commission issued to François is listed in the book’s index, and it states that François was appointed lieutenant in 1793, being a “person of courage, energy, and good conduct.”[5] Not every land record specifies an occupation, but they often do.

Land was measured in *arpents*, which were slightly smaller than acres. Deeds contain descriptions of land and the names of bordering owners and features. For example, the single *arpent* of land sold in the first contract was “situated at St. Ferdinand adjoining Maynard [Menard] on one side, and the River on the other, and at one end the rivulet, such as it exists.” The second sale between Moreau and Payant was for a more substantial amount of land, with François

Figure 7 | Maréchal entries in Collet’s grantor index show a different spelling of Catherine’s mother’s name: Irlet instead of Mirlet.

selling "a piece of land situated in the prairie of Said Village [St. Ferdinand] one arpent front by forty deep, bounded on one side by land of Joseph Pressé; on the other by that of Said Vendor." This tells us the name of another neighbor (Joseph Pressé) and informs us that François, the "Said Vendor" on adjoining land, did not sell all of his land in the vicinity.

Various additional resources related to land are available in libraries, archives, and online. [Missouri Digital Heritage](https://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh) <<https://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh>>, a website maintained by the Missouri State Archives, provides indexed and digitized records. See the "*Registre d'Arpentage*" database to find land surveys drawn by Antoine Soulard at about 1800, as well as French and Spanish land grants in the "Missouri Land Records" collection. History & Genealogy has microfilm of later St. Louis deeds, also indexed by Collet, which pick up where the French and Spanish Archives end.

In the latter collection of deeds, 1818 and 1819 sales from François' children to Pierre Chouteau eventually required intervention by the 1856 Supreme Court case. Analysis of the handwriting determined that his daughters' names were written in the handwriting of several other persons, including one daughter's husband.⁶ The women married under French and Spanish laws that prevented their husbands from selling their paraphernal property, or the property they held outside the marriage, without the women's permission. The courts ruled that the deeds lacked sufficient evidence to prove the women consented to the sales.

Wills with a story

Wills in the Archives can be an unforeseen home of miniature narratives. The beginning of a will may contain a descriptive reason for making the will. Guillaume Hébert *dit* Lecompte, a traveling merchant, wanted to make sure his property would be disposed of to his liking considering "the unexpected accidents, which take place every day in this country, as well by the Indians as by the dangerous navigation of the Mississippi River, on which he is about to expose himself, intending to go to New Orleans" (vol. 3, p. 211, no.

2168).

One Jean-Baptiste "Vonnet," or Bonnet, made his will (vol. 3, p. 292, no. 2229) in 1785 at the home of François Moreau, where he was then living, and where Lieutenant-Governor Francisco Cruzat found him "sick in body but sound in mind." Though it does not state a relationship, Bonnet's will names François as his "legitimate heir."

In his own 1798 will (vol. 1 p. 463, no. 2257), dictated to his son-in-law Louis Collin for want of a notary, François Moreau professes his deep belief in the Catholic faith and donates one *piastre* to the St. Ferdinand parish, sorry for not being able to give more due to his poverty. He then does something that his contemporaries, Spanish law, and United States courts largely found to be invalid:

The said François Moreau, afterwards, appointed Joseph Moreau, his son, his universal legatee; . . . he hopes that if fortune favors him, he will bestow frequent recollections on his father . . ."

According to the 1856 Supreme Court Case, Spanish law did not allow François to declare one child his universal heir without naming and providing a reason for disinheriting the others. A witness testified that Joseph Moreau was imprisoned for attempting to claim this legacy until Pierre Chouteau "had him released". Yet this was not the reason for the will's exclusion as evidence. François' will was never proven, and his estate was divided as if he had been intestate.⁷ Despite this, François did not completely forget his other children in his will. For example, Joseph was supposed to distribute property of their then-deceased mother, Catherine Maréchal, between his siblings.

The will ends with a revealing obligation for Joseph:

"And I, Joseph Moreau bind myself by this will to give my father a thousand weight of flour and a fat hog every year until the last day of his life if I should marry; for this reason I bind myself to furnish the

Name	Type	Vol.Page	Instrument	Date	French or Spanish Link
Moreau, François wid'r	Marriage Contract with Catherine Maréchal	1.520	2010	9/7/1767	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-998M-1C1J
Maréchal, Catherine	Nicolas Maréchal dec'd & wife Marie-Jeanne Irlet, by inv	3.357	2301	9/10/1770	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-998M-13Q9

above mentioned articles in case my father should not wish to remain with his daughter in law, whether through discord or otherwise.”

Evidently, François planned to live with Joseph unless he found reason to argue with his daughter-in-law. Joseph probably did not marry until around 1805, three years after his father's death.⁸ It is possible he had a previous marriage, but this provision may speak more to François' concerns, or perhaps his son's inclinations, than reality.

Ultimately, François' will is a challenge to the instinct to accept the truth of records at face value. The official report on the court case says “Joseph Moreau, after his release from prison, acted towards the property of the estate, and towards his brothers and sisters, as if his father had died intestate.”⁹ In other Archives documents, François' estate was inventoried and settled as if he wrote no will.

Staying organized

The number of documents to locate and process can quickly become overwhelming—hundreds are likely if you are researching multiple families in early St. Louis. Spreadsheet programs such as Excel and Google Sheets can help you track, organize, and retrieve records efficiently. A simple method is to create a column for names (surname first so you can sort by surname), a column for the document type or description, a column for instrument number, and a column for the volume and page number. Type the volume and page number as a decimal (1.520 for volume 1 page 520, for example) so you can sort documents in order of appearance on the microfilm. (Fig. 8)

Additional columns can help you sort your data in useful ways. Filling out a date column will give you a chronological overview of transactions by one or multiple families, which can be useful when tracking land and property transfers. Use the “Format” option in the spreadsheet program to make sure numbers and dates are in an appropriate number format. A column for links is helpful for quickly accessing images in *FamilySearch* from the spreadsheet, though the longevity of the links is questionable.

I'm looking at the originals, right?

Probably not. The documents in the Archives were rewritten multiple times because they contain important legal contracts denoting property ownership. In fact, if they had never been rewritten, we would not know what many missing originals said. The original transcription and translation books are kept at the St. Louis City Recorder of Deeds and are the official legal documents. The surviving original papers are held by [the Missouri Historical Society](http://www.mohistory.org) <<http://www.mohistory.org>>.

There are a few ways to tell the originals and the transcriptions apart. The originals are loose sheets, once folded multiple times, and information such as the names of the people involved are written on an outside fold. (Fig. 9) Signatures come in different handwriting on the originals, displaying a variety of literacy levels and styles. The time-pressed horizontal creases are plainly visible. The transcriptions and translations, on the other hand, are bound in book form. They are often followed by short notes in English with 1800s dates.

Figure 8: French and Spanish index entries compiled in Google Sheets with quick links to *FamilySearch* images.

Traces of the French and Spanish Archives exist in other archives and collections. WPA material related to their work with the Archives is kept at the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Archive in the Old Courthouse. More than a few original deeds and contracts made their way into personal family papers and may not have been recorded, indexed, or translated with the rest. Several such family papers are available at the Missouri Historical Society Library and Research Center in collections relating to early St. Louis families such as Chouteau or Papin. A miscellaneous group of original records not indexed by Collet, including several marriage contracts and “early litigation,” was digitized by *FamilySearch* (FHL 981652) and can be viewed in affiliate libraries such as the St. Louis County Library. Try the keyword search “French Spanish Archives” in the *FamilySearch* catalog to find this set of records as well as a small number of original documents under the title “French and Spanish Archives, 1766-1816.”

Three Flags Day

Over the course of the 9th and 10th of March, 1804, onlookers in St. Louis would have seen the flags of three countries raised in turn: from Spanish, to French, then finally American. The secret treaty that returned St. Louis and the rest of Louisiana to France in 1800 was symbolically observed in the space of hours. As a new legal system was enacted and more English speakers moved to the city, St. Louisans had to adapt rapidly, but the traditions expressed by the French and Spanish Archives in St. Louis continued to be important in American law for many decades.

Notes

1. Spanish officials did not arrive in St. Louis until 1770, when Spanish Lieutenant-Governor Pedro Piernas took over command from Louis St. Ange de Bellerive, the French commandant. See Carl J. Eckberg and Sharon K. Person, *St. Louis Rising: The French Regime of Louis St. Ange de Bellerive*, (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2015), 75.
2. Stuart Banner, *Legal Systems in Conflict: Property and Sovereignty in Missouri, 1750–1860*,

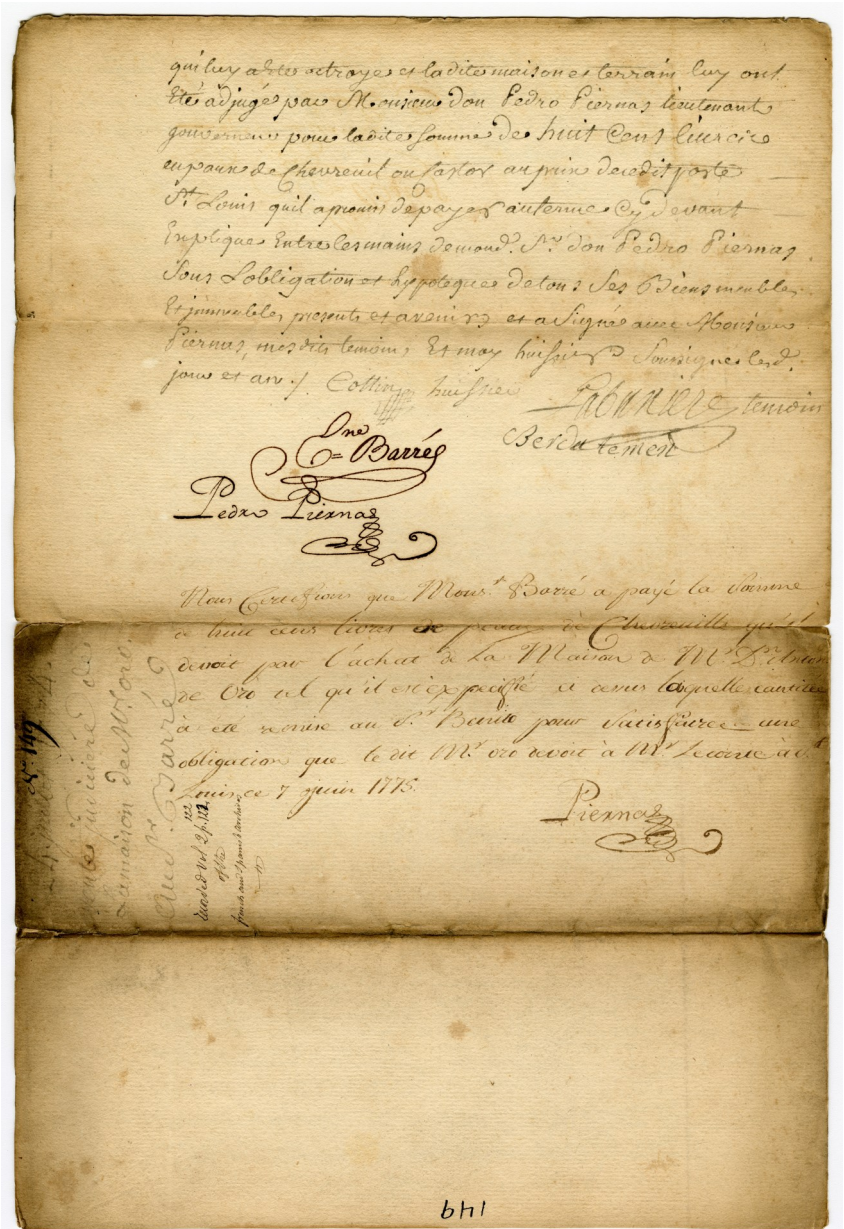


Figure 9 | Saint Louis Archives, Instrument No. 149: property transfer from Anthony DeOro to Étienne Barre, 1774. Image courtesy of the Missouri Historical Society. Original document. Notice the creases from past folding and the names and information written horizontally, which would have been the front of the document when folded.

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3. Mclean, John, and Supreme Court Of The United States, U.S. Reports: *Meegan v. Boyle*, 60 U.S. 19 How. 130. 1856. Periodical. <https://www.loc.gov/item/usrep060130/>. Hereafter cited as *Meegan v. Boyle*, 60 U.S. 130 (1856).

4. Ste. Genevieve Catholic Church (Ste. Genevieve, Missouri), "Marriage Records from St. Joachim of the Illinois, October, 1764 to July 1778," François Moreau and Catherine Maréchal Marriage (21 September 1767). St. Louis Archdiocesan Parish Registers. SLCL microfilm 228. FHL microfilm 1939897, Item 4.
5. Louis Houck, *The Spanish Regime in Missouri, Vol. 2* (Chicago: Donnelley, 1909), 31-2.
6. Meegan v. Boyle, 60 U.S. 130, 147-8 (1856).
7. *Ibid.*, 143.
8. Joseph Moreau married Julie Mercier, born in St. Louis in 1789, though the record appears to be absent from nearby parish registers. The couple's union was recognized by the community, because priests describe their children as "legitimate." See the St. Louis Archdiocesan Parish Registers.
9. Meegan v. Boyle, 60 U.S. 130, 143 (1856)

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French and Spanish Archives part 2 | Personality records

The records of the French and Spanish Archives give an insight into the everyday life of residents and their contacts with legal institutions. In addition to legal instruments documenting land sales, probate, and marriage contracts, there is also a record set known as personality or personal property transactions.

Within, you will find typical transfers of property such as cattle or farming equipment but they also bear witness to the pervasiveness of slavery in early St. Louis. Enslaved African Americans and Native Americans were routinely sold between St. Louisans

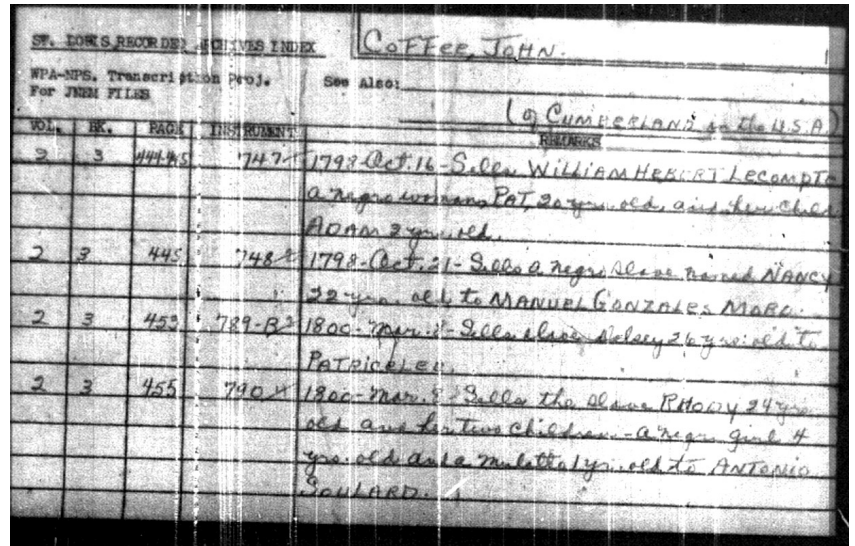
as well as those coming to St. Louis for trade. Often, the names are a veritable who's who of early St. Louis history, many of them recognizable for the street names or neighborhoods they lent their names to like Chouteau, Cerré, Clamorgan, and Soulard.

O.W. Collet's general index to St. Louis County archives has a section dedicated to these records arranged by grantor (seller) and grantee (buyer). The index gives a volume and page number in which to find the record in its original language of French or Spanish. There is also a version containing the origi-

nal language accompanied by an English translation. The WPA index also indexes these records. It provides more detail regarding the nature of individual transactions and often describes the slave at the time of the sale. (see image on this page).

Tracing a particular enslaved person is difficult as typically only first names, gender, and age are given. Other sources, however, may lead to identifying someone in the personalty records. For example, a woman named Pelage [sic] appears in the [Race and Slavery Petitions Project Database](https://library.uncg.edu/slavery/petitions/details.aspx?pid=9602) <<https://library.uncg.edu/slavery/petitions/details.aspx?pid=9602>>. In 1821, Pélagie (her correct name) petitioned the court in St. Louis to “sue for her freedom as a poor person.” As grounds for her petition, she alleged that her owner, François Valois or Vallois took her to live in French Village, Illinois, a free state, for several years. Afterwards, they returned to St. Louis where she also alleged that he had beaten her. She stated that she had been sold to Valois by Antoine Soulard in 1802 when she was an infant. A check of the personalty records index shows a transaction between Soulard and Valois in volume 2, pages 516-517, instrument no. 897. In the Spanish document, François Valois is buying a “Negro woman named Rode and her eight-day-old daughter.” The purchase took place in 1802, the year of Pélagie’s birth.

Upon further consultation of the WPA Index, there is a transaction between Antoine Soulard and John Coffee that took place on March 8, 1800. Antoine Soulard purchased a slave named Rhody and her two children from John Coffee of Nashville. On the same date, John Coffee sold another female slave named Delsey. This was not his first trip to St. Louis. In 1798, he sold an African-American woman named Pat and her child Adam along with another woman named Nancy. The date is significant because it indicates that John Coffee was likely the son of Joshua Coffee of North Carolina, who died in 1797 and whose will was probated in 1798. It stated that his son John should have the “first choice of five slaves to be disposed of for the purpose of procuring land.” During this time, he ac-

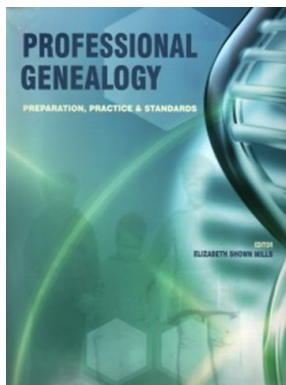


quired land along the Cumberland River near Nashville. Shortly after his arrival, he befriended Andrew Jackson, the future president, and they became business partners. In 1809, Coffee married Mary Donaldson, the niece of Jackson’s wife Rachel. Both Jackson and Coffee became military heroes, and Coffee’s troops assisted Jackson in a decisive victory at the Battle of New Orleans. In 1817, James Madison appointed him as surveyor general of the public lands. He eventually settled in Florence, Alabama.

Card listing documents mentioning John Coffee in the WPA Index to the French and Spanish Archives.

So what became of Pélagie? We know from court documents that her mother Rhody was deceased by this time and that her father was still enslaved. She was under the age of twenty-one and therefore could not represent herself, so the court allowed a freed African-American man to be her “next friend” or advocate. His name was David Jack or alternatively, Desire Jaque. Based on her claims, she was granted her freedom. Missouri law at the time held that a slave that had traveled to and resided in a free state or territory was considered freed. This would change in the run up to the Civil War. Arguments over states’ rights and the federal judiciary’s push against state emancipation laws culminated in the Dred Scott decision in 1857. The Supreme Court ruled that as a black man, Scott had no right to bring an emancipation suit or any suit as he was not a citizen and could never be a citizen of the United States.

NEW BOOK HIGHLIGHTS



ELIZABETH SHOWN MILLS

**Professional Genealogy:
Preparation, Practice &
Standards**

Genealogical Publishing, 2018

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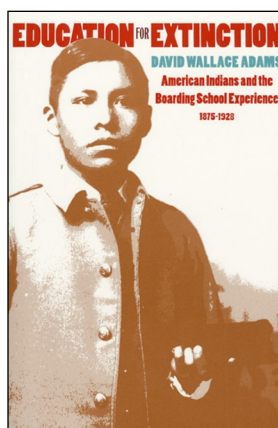
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In 2001 twenty-three genealogists collaborated to produce the first-ever textbook outlining professional standards and practices in the discipline of genealogy. Edited by Elizabeth Shown Mills, the groundbreaking *Professional Genealogy: A Manual for Researchers, Writers, Editors, Lecturers & Librarians* (ProGen) addressed not just genealogy sources but also strategies and analytical skills, best practices and standards for historical research, and how to conduct a genealogical business. It remains a go-to manual for genealogists.

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daily basis, ProGen PPS provides a framework to coach them well. If you are a family or local historian, seeking to learn and preserve your heritage, ProGen PPS will help you avoid common pitfalls and guide you through the production of quality works.—Publisher



DAVID WALLACE ADAMS

**Education for Extinction:
American Indians and the
Boarding School Experience,
1875-1928**

University of Kansas, 1995

R 371.9797 A211E

The last "Indian War" was fought against Native American children in the dormitories and classrooms of government boarding schools. Only by removing Indian children from their homes for extended periods of time, policymakers reasoned, could white "civilization" take root while childhood memories of "savagism" gradually faded to the point of extinction. In the words of one official: "Kill the Indian and save the man."

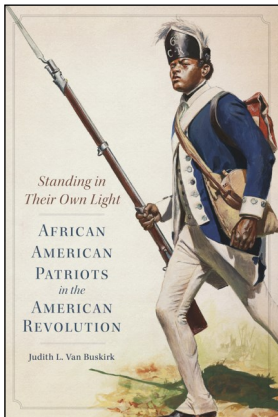
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signed to reconstruct them both psychologically and culturally. The assault on identity came in many forms: the shearing off of braids, the assignment of new names, uniformed drill routines, humiliating punishments, relentless attacks on native religious beliefs, patriotic indoctrinations, suppression of tribal languages, Victorian gender rituals, football contests, and industrial training.

Based upon extensive use of government archives, Indian and teacher autobiographies, and school newspapers, Adams's moving account is essential reading for scholars and general readers alike interested in Western history, Native American studies, American race relations, education history, and multiculturalism.—*Publisher*



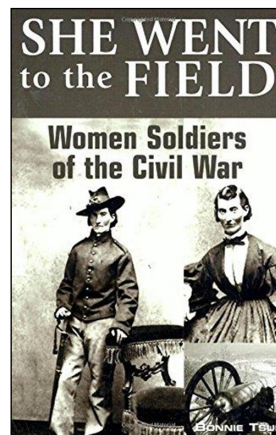
JUDITH L. VAN BUSKIRK
Standing in Their Own Light: African American Patriots in the American Revolution
 University of Oklahoma
 R 973.346 V217S

The Revolutionary War encompassed at least two struggles: one for freedom from British rule, and another, quieter but no less significant fight for the liberty of African Americans, thousands of whom fought in the Continental Army. Because these veterans left few letters or diaries, their story has remained largely untold, and the significance of their service largely unappreciated. *Standing in Their Own Light* restores these African American patriots to their rightful place in the historical struggle for independence and the end of racial oppression.

Revolutionary-era African Americans began their lives in a world that hardly questioned slavery; they finished their days in a world that increasingly contested the existence of the institution. Judith L. Van Buskirk traces this shift to the wartime experiences of African Americans. Mining firsthand sources that include black veterans' pension files, Van Buskirk examines how the struggle for independence moved from the battlefield to the courthouse—and how personal conflicts contributed to the larger

struggle against slavery and legal inequality. Black veterans claimed an American identity based on their willing sacrifice on behalf of American independence. And abolitionists, citing the contributions of black soldiers, adopted the tactics and rhetoric of revolution, personal autonomy, and freedom.

Van Buskirk deftly places her findings in the changing context of the time. She notes the varied conditions of slavery before the war, the different degrees of racial integration across the Continental Army, and the war's divergent effects on both northern and southern states. Her efforts retrieve black patriots' experiences from historical obscurity and reveal their importance in the fight for equal rights—even though it would take another war to end slavery in the United States.—*Publisher*



BONNIE TSUI
She Went to the Field: Women Soldiers of the Civil War
 TwoDot, 2006
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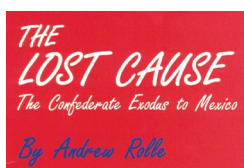
This exciting new volume profiles several substantiated cases of female soldiers during the American Civil War, including Sarah Rosetta Wakeman (aka Private Lyons Wakeman, Union); Sarah Emma Edmonds (aka Private Frank Thompson, Union); Loreta Janeta Velazquez (aka Lieutenant Harry T. Buford, Confederate); and Jennie Hodgers (aka Private Albert D. J. Cashier, Union). Also featured are those women who may not have posed as male soldiers but who nonetheless pushed gender boundaries to act boldly in related military capacities, as spies, nurses, and vivandieres

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("daughters of the regiment") who bore the flag in battle, rallied troops, and cared for the wounded.

Examining the Civil War through the lens of these women soldiers who fought in the conflict offers valuable insight on existing historical work. This volume will acquaint readers with these women, offering in-depth biographies and behind-the-scenes information. While drawing from recent academic work, *Women Soldiers of the Civil War* is a lively text geared toward the general-audience reader.—*Publisher*



ANDREW R. ROLLE

The Lost Cause: The Confederate Exodus to Mexico
University of Oklahoma, 1992
R 972 R749L



In the midst of the heartbreak, confusion, and rumors that followed Appomattox, some Southerners resolved to emigrate rather than surrender, and emigrate they did—to South America, Europe, Canada, and Mexico.

Mexico's Emperor Maximilian, trying to secure his shaky throne against Juarez' opposition, encouraged these recalcitrant Confederates to settle in Mexico. But, doomed to defeat by the internal crisis in Mexico and by the Southerners' failure to face reality, the Confederate colonies were established and destroyed within two years' time. Later, many of the colonists who survived the ordeal tried to forget that they had ever gone into exile.

Among the emigrants were many prominent Southern leaders, barred from holding public office and, in some cases, facing possible arrest: General Jo Shelby, the hero of the Confederacy, who later became so reconciled to the victory of the North that he voted for a Republican; Commodore Matthew Maury, internationally recognized oceanographer and naval astronomer, who was welcomed to Mexico by Maximilian himself; Henry Watkins Allen, "the single great administrator produced by the Confederacy," who founded the English language Mexican Times; and Thomas Caute Reynolds, former lieutenant governor of Missouri, who encouraged Maximilian to stay in Mexico but who himself left. In all there may have been be-

tween eight and ten thousand Confederates in Mexico.

The exodus, exile, and repatriation of the Confederates constitute a hitherto incompletely known incident in American history. In this fully documented account, Andrew F. Rolle reveals the hope, humor, disappointment, and defeat of Americans who believed that the only way to save their way of life was to leave their homeland.—*Publisher*

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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. 8	2:00 p.m.	Lewis & Clark Register
Jan. 10	2:00 p.m.	Headquarters Register
Feb. 12	2:00 p.m.	Sachs Register
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Jan. 15	10:00 a.m.	Cliff Cave Register
Jan. 16	2:00 p.m.	Headquarters 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.

Jan. 22	2:00 p.m.	Florissant Valley Register
Jan. 24	2:00 p.m.	Headquarters Register
Feb. 26	10:00 a.m.	Weber Road Register

CLASSES TO EXPAND RESEARCH SKILLS

Researching Newspaper Databases

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, and St. Louis Post-Dispatch databases.

Jan. 29	10:00 a.m.	Weber Road Register
Feb. 13	2:00 p.m.	Headquarters Register

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.

Jan. 31	2:00 p.m.	Headquarters Register
Feb. 5	2:00 p.m.	Daniel Boone Register

Identifying Ancestral Military Veterans

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

Feb. 4	2:00 p.m.	Headquarters Register
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AFRICAN AMERICAN RESEARCH

Tracing Your African American Ancestors

Learn basic techniques for researching African American ancestors, including how to get started, solve common roadblocks, and use additional records to deepen your research.

Feb. 6	6:30 p.m.	Lewis & Clark Register
Feb. 16	10:00 a.m.	Florissant Valley Register

Advanced Techniques for African American Research

The usual techniques can often lead to roadblocks in African American genealogical research. The instructor will use case studies to demonstrate how researchers can fill gaps in missing information. Prerequisite: "Tracing Your African American Ancestors."

Feb. 16 2:00 p.m. Florissant Valley | [Register](#)
 Feb. 20 6:30 p.m. Lewis & Clark | [Register](#)

PROGRAMS

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

Wednesday, January 2, 6:30 p.m. | Cliff Cave

Searching the Special Schedules of the U.S. Census

The U.S. Federal Census population schedules are the most frequently used of all genealogical records. Discover the special census schedules that offer even more information about your ancestors. Larry Franke, speaker.

Saturday, Jan. 12, 10:00 a.m. | Headquarters

Panel Discussion: Ask Louie

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting

Do you have a brick wall and need help? Our panel of genealogists will field questions from the floor. Email your questions in advance to programs@stlgs.org.

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 7:00 p.m. | Headquarters

Meyers Gazetteer and Other Parish Finding Aids

StLGS *German* Special Interest Groups

Learn about what information the Meyers Orts- und Verkehrs-Lexicon provides and when other parish finding aids and gazetteers are needed. Carol Whitton, speaker.

Tuesday, Jan. 22, 7:00 p.m. | Headquarters

And the Wall Will Come Crumbling Down

StLGS *Irish* Special Interest Group

The speakers will suggest strategies for addressing research problems. Questions will be taken from the floor. Carol Hemmersmeier & Kay Weber, speakers.

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Wednesday, February 6, 6:30 p.m. | Cliff Cave

Jail & Prison Records in Genealogical Research

Learn about local, state, and federal prison records, and how to access them. P.O.W. records and records of interned and displaced persons will also be covered. Tom Pearson, speaker.

Saturday, Feb. 9, 10:00 a.m. | Headquarters

Putting Meat on the Bones

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting

The speaker will explore a wide variety of sources that you can use to "put meat on the bones" and discover the stories about your ancestors' lives. Ted Steele, speaker.