

# CHURCH & VITAL RECORDS

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Call numbers and other location information follow each catalogued entry. Books with call numbers beginning with "R" may be used in the library only. A dagger (†) indicates that a finding aid is available, and an asterisk (\*) indicates that an index is available.

## CHURCH RECORDS

### Atlases

Gaustad, Edwin Scott. *Historical Atlas of Religion in America*. New York: Harper & Row, Publishers, 1976. Call no. 200.973 G274H

Newman, William M. and Peter L. Halvorson. *Atlas of American Religion: The Denominational Era, 1776-1990*. Walnut Creek, Calif.: Altamira Press, 2000. Call no. R 977.3 N556A

### Directories and guides

Department of General Services, Office of Rosters and Statistics. *The Lutheran Annual, 2000, of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1999. R 284.1322 L973

Humphrey John T. *Understanding and Using Baptismal Records*. Washington, D. C.: Humphrey Publications, 1996. Call no. R 929.1 H926U and 929.1 H926U

Mead, Frank S. *Handbook of Denominations in the United States*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1995. Call no. 280.973 M479

*Official Catholic Directory*. New Providence, New Jersey: P. J. Kenedy & Sons, 2005. Call no. R 282 O32

### U. S. Catholic

Doyle, John J. *Genealogical Use of Catholic Records in North America*. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1978. Call no. R 929.1 D754G

Humling, Virginia. *U. S. Catholic Sources: A Diocesan Research Guide*. Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1995. Call no. R 026 H924U and Q 026 H924U

### Evangelical / United Church of Christ

Taylor, Richard H. *Congregations of the Evangelical Synod of North America and Related Groups*. Benton Harbor, Mich.: Richard H. Taylor, 1998. Call no. R 285.734 T245C.

### **German**

Smith, Kenneth L. *German Church Books: Beyond the Basics*. Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1989.  
Call no. R 943 S653G and 943 S653G

### **Irish**

Hotaling, Donna. *Genealogical Research in Protestant and Catholic Church Records in Ireland*.  
Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1978. Call no. R 929.1 D754G

Ryan, James G. *Irish Church Records: Their History, Availability and Use in Family and Local History Research*. Dublin, Ireland: Flyleaf Press, 2001. Call no. R 941.5 I68

### **St. Louis**

Evangelical and United Church of Christ Church Records. Microfilm. 114 rolls. Located in drawers 100-101. † Consists primarily of records of congregations originating in the German Evangelical Synod of North America and includes all microfilm available from the Archives at Eden Theological Seminary.

Hughes, Christine Human. *Guide to St. Louis Catholic Archdiocesan Parish Records*. St. Louis: St. Louis County Library. Call no. R 977.86 H893G and Q 977.86 H893G. This book is a guide to the microfilm set, *St. Louis Archdiocesan Parish Records*.

Jacobs, Robert P. *Religions in St. Louis: A Strong Heritage*. St. Louis: Interfaith Clergy Council, 1976.  
Call no. R 280.07 R382

Lutheran Church Records (Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod). Microfilm. 91 rolls. Located in drawers 101-102. † Includes all microfilm available from Concordia Historical Institute.

*St. Louis Archdiocesan Parish Records*. Microfilm. 252 rolls. Salt Lake City: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1993. Located in drawers 2-5. †

### **St. Louis Metro-East**

Diocese of Belleville. *Catholic Diocese of Belleville Parish Records*. Microfilm. 170 rolls.  
Located in drawers 98-100. †

## **VITAL RECORDS**

### **Guides and handbooks**

Burgess, Michael *et al.* *The State and Province Vital Records Guide*. San Bernardino, Calif.: The Borgo Press, 1993. Call no. 929.1 B955S

Kemp, Thomas Jay. *International Vital Records Handbook*. Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2000. Call no. R 929.3 K32I

### **Missouri**

*Missouri Birth and Death Records Database, Pre-1910*. Database online. Missouri State Archives.  
<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/birthdeath/#search>. Availability of records varies by county and date.

*Missouri Death Certificates. Database online.* Missouri State Archives. <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates>. Provides access to death certificates that are at least fifty years old. Records begin in 1910. Check the website for current availability.

**St. Louis City**

*St. Louis City Record of Birth, 1850-1910.* Microfilm. 18 rolls. Located in Drawer 1.

*St. Louis City Index to Records of Births, 1910-1929.* Microfilm. 8 rolls. Located in Drawer 1.

*St. Louis City Deaths. 1850-1908.* Microfilm. 62 rolls. Located in Drawer 1.\*

*St. Louis City Marriages, 1804-1883.* Microfilm. 144 rolls. Located in Drawer 69.\*

**St. Louis County**

St. Louis County, County Clerk. *Vital Records: Register of Births, 1883-1895.* Microfilm. 1 roll. Located in Drawer 2.

St. Louis County, County Clerk. *Vital Records: Permanent Record of Births: 1895-1910.* Microfilm. 2 rolls. Located in Drawer 2.

St. Louis County, County Clerk. *Vital Records, Register of Deaths: 1883-1910.* Located in Drawer 2.\*

St. Louis County, County Clerk. *Vital Records: Index to Deaths, 1910-1936.* Microfilm. 2 rolls. Located in Drawer 2.

*St. Louis County Marriage License Record, 1881-1928.* Microfilm. 14 rolls. Located in Drawer 69.\*

*St. Louis County Marriage Records, 1881-1980.* Microfilm. 305 rolls. Located in Drawers 69–71.\*

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