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This guide provides an overview of resources for German genealogical research in the St. Louis metropolitan area available in the Special Collections Department. Additional items are available. Please consult the online catalog at www.slcl.org or ask for assistance at the Special Collections Reference Desk. See also “German Genealogy—General Resource” and “German Genealogy—Regional German Research” guides available in the Special Collections Department.

Call numbers or other location information follow each entry. Books with call numbers beginning with “R” are for library use only.

CHURCH RECORDS

German immigrants to the St. Louis area belonged primarily to denominations now represented by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, the Roman Catholic Church, and the United Church of Christ. The Special Collections Department has records on microfilm for all three groups with emphasis on the St. Louis metropolitan region. See “Church and Vital Records” guide available in the Special Collections Department for more information.

The Department also has histories, printed indexes and church record abstractions for many congregations. Consult the online library catalog or inquire at the Special Collections Department Reference Desk for assistance.

ILLINOIS

Auf nach Amerika! Beiträge zur Amerika-Auswanderung des 19. Jahrhunderts aus dem Paderborner Land und zur Wiederbelebung der historischen Beziehungen im 20. Jahrhundert [To America! Contributions to 19th-Century Emigration to America from Paderborn and the Recovery of Historical Ties in the 20th Century] (3 vols.). Paderborn, Germany: Bonifatius, 1994 – . Call no. R 943.565 A918

Volume 1 is available in English as *Let's Go to America! Information about the Immigrants to America in the 19th Century from the Paderborn, Germany Area*. Belleville, Ill.: Belleville Sister Cities, 1994. Call no. R 943.565 A918

Early German Churches (Before 1900) of Illinois. Quincy, Ill.: Illinois Chapter, Palatines to America, 1989. Call no. R 977.3 E12

Marxkors, Heinz. Nine volumes under various titles listing German emigrants to St. Libory, St. Clair County, Illinois. Call no. R 977.389 M392E

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A surname index is available on the Special Collections website under “Index to Emigrant Volumes by Dr. Heinz Marxkors” and in print on the finding aids counter.

MISSOURI

■ General

Burnett, Robyn. *German Settlement in Missouri: New Land, Old Ways*. Columbia, Mo.: University of Missouri Press, 1996. Call no. R 977.8 B964G

Detjen, David W. *The Germans in Missouri, 1900 – 1918: Prohibition, Neutrality and Assimilation*. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 1985. Call no. R 977.8 D481G

Duden, Gottfried. *Report on a Journey to the Western States of North America and a Stay of Several Years Along the Missouri (During the Years 1824, '25, '26 and 1827)*, James W. Goodrich, ed. Columbia, Mo.: University of Missouri Press, 1980. R 977.803 D845R.

Germans for a Free Missouri: Translations from the St. Louis Radical Press, 1857 – 1862. Steven W. Rowan, trans. Columbia, Mo.: University of Missouri Press, 1983. Call no. R 977.8 G373 and 977.8 G373

Juern, Joan M. *Call to the Frontier: Gottfried Duden's 1800s Books Stimulated Immigration to Missouri*. Missouri Research Roundtable Paper. Augusta, Mo.: Mallinkrodt Communications Research, 1999. Call no. R 977.8 J93C

Kamphoefner, Walter D. “Transplanted Westfalians: Persistence and Transformation of Socio-economic and Cultural Patterns in the Northwest German Migration to Missouri.” Doctoral dissertation. University of Missouri—Columbia, 1978. Call no. R 977.8 K15T

Kamphoefner, Walter D. *The Westfalians: From Germany to Missouri*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1987. Call no. R 977.8 K15W and 977.8 K15W

Kemper, Edward J. *Little Germany on the Missouri: The Photographs of Edward Kemper, 1895 – 1920*. Ann Kemper Hesse et al., eds. Columbia, Mo.: University of Missouri Press, 1998. Call no. R 977.861 K32L

Mallinckrodt, Anita M. *What They Thought: Missouri's German Immigrants Assess Their World* (2 vols.). Augusta, Mo.: Mallinckrodt Communications & Research, 1995. Call no. R 977.8 M254W

Marshall, Howard W. and James W. Goodrich, eds. *The German-American Experience in Missouri: Essays in Commemoration of the Tricentennial of German Immigration to America, 1683–1983*. Publications of the Missouri Cultural Heritage Center. Columbia, Mo.: University of Missouri, 1986. Call no. R 977.8 G373

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Schneider, Carl E. *The German Church on the American Frontier : A Study in the Rise of Religion Among the Germans of the West, Based on the History of the Evangelischer Kirchenverein des Westens (Evangelical Church Society of the West) 1840-1866*. St. Louis: Eden Publishing House, 1939. Call no. R 284.173 S358G

Tolzman, Don Heinrich. *Missouri's German Heritage*, 2nd ed. Milford, Ohio: Little Miami Publishing Co., 2006. Call no. 977.803 M678

Van Ravenswaay, Charles. *The Arts and Architecture of German Settlements in Missouri: A Survey of a Vanishing Culture*. Columbia, Mo.: University of Missouri, 1977. Call no. R709.778 V274A

■ Specific groups and locales outside of St. Louis

Bek, William G. *The German Settlement Society of Philadelphia and Its Colony, Hermann, Missouri*. Americana Germanica Series. Philadelphia: Americana Germanica, 1907. Reprint, Americana Germanica, New Series 5, with new material, Boston: American Press, 1984. Call no. R 9787.861 B434G and 977.861 B424G

Forster, Walter O. *Zion on the Mississippi: The Settlement of the Saxon Lutherans in Missouri, 1839 – 1841*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1953. Call no. 977.8 F734Z

Frizzell, Robert W. *Independent immigrants: A Settlement of Hanoverian Germans in Western Missouri*. Columbia, Mo.: University of Missouri Press, 2007. Call no. R 977.8453 F921I

Hier snackt wi Plattdütsch [We Speak Low German Here]. Cole Camp, Mo.: City of Cole Camp, 1989. Call no. R 977.849 H633

Klaus, Timm. *Settlement of Farmers from Schleswig-Holstein (Germany) in Cooper County, Missouri / Siedlungsgeschichte schleswig-holsteinischer Bauern im Cooper County, Missouri, USA*. Hamburg, Germany: K. Timm, 2002. Call no. R 977.851 T584S

Mallinckrodt, Anita M. *Freed Slaves: Ex-Slaves and Augusta Missouri's Germans During and after the Civil War*. Missouri Research Roundtable Paper, no. 1. Augusta, Mo.: Mallinckrodt Communications & Research, 1999. Call no. R 977.839 M254F and Q 977.8 M254F

Mallinckrodt, Anita M. *How They Came: German Immigration from Prussia to Missouri*. Washington, D.C.: Mallinckrodt Communications Research, 1988. Call no. R 977.8 M254H

Shrader, Dorothy Heckman. *Hermann, 1836—A Dream in Philadelphia; 1986—A Town in Missouri*. Hermann, Mo.: Graf Printing Co., 1986. Call no. R 977.861 S561C and Q 977.861 S561C

Schroeder, Alfred E., ed. *Concordia Missouri, a Heritage Preserved: Essays on Cultural Survival*. Columbia, Mo.: University of Missouri—Columbia, 1996. Call no. R 977.8453 C744

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Bachhuber, Claire M. "The German-Catholic Elite: Contributions of a Catholic Intellectual and Cultural Elite of German-American Background in Early Twentieth-Century Saint Louis." Doctoral dissertation. St. Louis University, 1984. Call no. R 977.866 B122G

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Flaherty, William Barnaby. *The St. Louis German Catholics*. St. Louis: Reedy Press, 2004.
Call no. R 977.866 F157S

The German-American Heritage of St. Louis: A Guide. St. Louis: St. Louis Public Library,
1991. Call no. R 977.866 G373

Kellner, George H. "The German Element on the Urban Frontier: St. Louis, 1830 – 1860."
Doctoral dissertation, University of Missouri—Columbia, 1974. Call no. R 977.866 K29G

Olson, Audrey L. "St. Louis Germans, 1850 – 1920: The Nature of an Immigrant Community
and Its Relation to the Assimilation Process." Master thesis. University of Kansas, 1970.
Call no. R 977.866 O52S

NEWSPAPERS

Newspapers are on microfilm shelved on Tier 4

Amerika (Roman Catholic), 1903–1914.

Anzeiger des Westens, 1842–1898. A an obituary index is available on the Special Collections
Department website at www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc. Click on the "Indexes" tab, and scroll
down the page to "*Westliche Post Obituary Index*."

St. Louis Herald des Glaubens (Roman Catholic), 1889–1899.

Westliche Post, 1857–1938.

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