OF NOTE

Upgrade your old library card now

Patrons who have white library cards with eight-digit numbers are now required to get new cards with ten-digits. Due to software upgrades, the library’s computer system now only recognizes ten-digit card numbers. That means the old, white eight-digit cards will no longer work for checking out books, accessing account information, using the library’s online databases at home, or printing in the Special Collections Department. To get a new card, stop by any St. Louis County Library branch and present your old card and a photo ID. Blue library cards are still valid and do not need to be replaced.

Genealogical conferences offer opportunities to sharpen skills, connect with others

Two important Family History Conferences are on the horizon. These events are great opportunities to learn research methods and resources, meet experts in the field, and connect with other researchers.

St. Louis Genealogical Society Family History Conference
Saturday, May 2, 8 am – 4 pm
Maryland Heights Centre, 2344 McKelvey Rd.

Treat yourself to a day of genealogy at the St. Louis Genealogical Society (StLGS) annual Family History Conference. This year’s featured speaker will be David Rencher, AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA, an outstanding speaker on Irish research. Mr. Rencher is director of the Records and Information Division of the Family and Church History Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City. Thirteen other speakers round out the program, giving attendees plenty of choices. Parking is free. Lunch will be available on site for an additional fee, or dine at nearby restaurants. Have fun, expand your knowledge, enjoy shopping in the vendor area, and visit with other genealogists, both old friends and new! Get complete conference information and register online through the StLGS website. [URL: http://www.stlgs.org/fair.htm]

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National Genealogical Society  
Family History Conference  
Wednesday, May 13 – Saturday, May 16  
Raleigh Convention Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Are you ready to expand and sharpen your genealogical research skills? If so, this year’s National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference might be just what you need. Hear nationally known speakers, or take a break and browse the large vendor area. Genealogy is the topic of conversation in conference sessions, in hallways, in restaurants, and yes—even in the elevators! Familiar St. Louis faces will be there, including three of the Special Collections staff. Some St. Louis researchers have already registered and made travel plans. More information and online registration is available at the NGS website. Printed conference brochures are also available in the Special Collections Department.  
[URL: http: www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_venue]

New reference set added to  
Julius K. Hunter and Friends  
African American Research Collection

The Special Collections Department has recently acquired 18 volumes of No Land, Only Slaves! by Edith Smith and Vivian Lehmann. The set features abstracted slave records from deed books such as emancipations, “free papers” or affidavits of character, deeds, bills of sale, powers of attorney, schedules of separate property, pre-marital agreements, bonds, wills, and other gifts of slave property. Future volumes will be added to the collection as they become available.

Smith, Edith and Vivian Lehmann. No Land, Only Slaves!  
Balch Springs, Tex.: E. Smith & V. Lehman, 2004-.  
R 976 S646N

Vol 2. Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.  
Vol 7. Panola and Grayson Counties, Texas.  
Vol 10. Fannin County, Texas.  
Vol 11. Upshur and Ellis Counties, Texas.  
Vol 12. San Augustine County, Texas.  
Vol 13. Rusk County, Texas.  
Vol 14. Travis County, Texas.  
Vol 15. Cass County, Texas.  
Vol 16. Navarro County, Texas.  
Vol 17. Bastrop County, Texas.  
Vol 18. Hempstead County, Arkansas.

Family histories from Zion  
Genealogical Society now available for checkout

Last fall, the Zion (Ill.) Genealogical Society (ZGS) donated 52 published family histories to the Special Collections Department (see PastPorts, Dec. 2008). The books have now been processed and cataloged and can be checked out with a valid St. Louis County Library card or requested through interlibrary loan. The Department is grateful to ZGS for these valuable additions to the collection. A list of titles follows. For call numbers and other specific details, check the library’s online catalog.  
[URL: http://webpac.slcl.org]

Allen, George P. History and Genealogical Record of the Alling-Allens of New Haven, Conn.: The Descendants of Roger Alling, First, and John Alling, Sen., From 1639 to the Present Time.  
Balliet, Stephen C. Balliet, Balliett, Balliette, Balyeat, Bolyard, and Allied Families.  
Brown, Margaret B. The Barber Family: Including the Related Dawkes, Crickett, and Holloway Families.  
Burt, Mary Emma & Robert Eugene Burt. Some Hauenstein / Howenstine / Howenstein Families from Germany and Switzerland and Descendants.  

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———. Our Taunton Burt’s: Richard & James and Their Descendants.


Crews, Laura E. My Kinsfolk: A Story and Genealogy of the Crews, Sampson, Wilber and Waddel Families.

Curtis, Mary Emma. Michael Fetters Family: From Their German Roots in Direct Descent to Michael Fetters (1819-1875) of Burr Oak, Indiana and His Descendants.


Dudink, Agnes Devries. For Remembrance = Zum andenken.

Durland, Mary. Johann Heinrich Schuenemann and Maria Catherine Greitenevert: Their Ancestors in Ochtrup, Germany and Their Descendants.


Markley, Janet James. Matthew James of New Hampshire and His Known Descendants.


Nichols, M.Q. White Roots: A Nichols Genealogy.

Pierce, Frederick Clifton. Foster Genealogy: Being the Record of the Posterity of Reginald Foster, an Early Inhabitant of Ipswich, In New England.

Ray, Jennie Haggard. History of the Haggard Family In England and America 1433 To 1899 To 1938.

Reedy, Julia Price. Our Family of Yesteryear.


Senglaub, Mrs. O.W. Descendants and Families of the Senglaub Genealogy.

Skittino, Mr. and Mrs. Charles. Family History, 1625-1987.

Sturtevant, Robert Hunter. Descendants of Samuel Sturtevant.

Thompson, Rupert Farnham. Thomas Boon, Immigrant.

Tingley, Raymon M. Tingley Family: Being A Record of the Descendants of Samuel Tingley of Malden, Mass. in Both the Male and Female Lines, Vol. 2.

Trampush, Raymon L. and Aurora Lemoine Trampush. Genealogy of the Lemoine-Civalier Lineage In France-Canada-U.S.A.

Turner, Ronald R. Webb Families of the Virginias.

Van Devanter, Ann C. Anywhere so Long as There Be Freedom: Charles Carroll of Carrollton, His Family & his Maryland.

Wally, Eleonore Anderson. Our Book of Swedish Ancestors.

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Scottish monumental transcription books provide a unique genealogical resource

Those who are researching Scottish ancestors could be in luck. Discoveries await in the volumes of Scottish monumental inscription books now available in Special Collections Department. Published in Scotland, these books are rarely available in U.S. libraries. Of the more than 400 titles in the collection, the St. Louis County Library is the only institution listed as owning 250 of them, according to the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), whose WorldCat database includes the holdings of most U.S. libraries. [URL: http://www.worldcat.org]

Monumental inscription books are, as the name suggests, transcriptions of texts inscribed on tombstones and other monuments to the dead, such as memorial plaques, war memorials, and church monuments. While some inscriptions are brief, many offer detailed information. The following are some examples:

- “John FAIRLIE Wright, w Jean MORRIES. 1776” (From Renfrewshire Monumental Inscriptions [Pre-1855], Vol. 1, p. 59, call no. R 941.439 R412)

- “In memory of JOHN HOPE late tenant in New Mill who died 6.7.1810 aged 65 years and ISABELL HOPE his spouse who died 10.7.1829 aged 65 years also four of their children who died young. Likewise JAMES HOPE their son who died 15.1.1832(?) aged 25 years also JOHN HOPE their son late farmer in Plowlands who died 3.11.1847 aged 53 years also ADAM HOPE their son surgeon Jedburgh who died 22.11.1852 aged ? years.” (From Roxburgh: Roxburghshire Monumental Inscriptions, Vol. 9, p. 32, call no. R 941.37 R887)


The volumes also commonly offer cemetery and locality maps, historical data, photographs of cemeteries and churches, and sources of other genealogical information.

To find a volume dealing with a specific locality, visit the St. Louis County Library’s online catalog and do a keyword search for the words “inscriptions” and “Scotland.” Browse the list, or search by adding a specific place name as a third keyword. [URL: http://webpac.slcl.org]

The Department’s monumental inscription books (with a few exceptions) are reference copies that do not circulate. Researchers who cannot visit the Department in person can access the information by requesting a lookup as follows:

- Search the library’s online catalog to determine a book of interest. Most books include surname indexes.

- A lookup request must state the individual’s name and the specific monumental inscription book to search.

- Patrons may ask for up to three searches per request by written letter or by e-mail to scollections@slcl.org. Emails should include a postal mailing address.

- If the requested information is found, copies of appropriate pages will be sent by U.S. Post along with an invoice for 15 cents per photocopy plus a $1 processing fee.

More information about research services and fees is available on the Special Collections Department website. [URL: http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc]

The idea for acquiring the monumental inscriptions can be credited to St. Louis Genealogical Society (StLGS) member Mary Berthold. Mary took on the task of finding and ordering the books and ensuring that payment was sent to the appropriate agencies in Scotland. Mary also helped finance purchases, along with StLGS members Joyce Mercer, Pat Stamm, Ilene Murray, and Ted Steele.
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.

NEW ACQUISITION SPOTLIGHT


That Google has become the most popular search engine on the Internet is hard to dispute. But many users are unaware of the many different tools and search techniques that make Google a remarkably versatile tool for searching the Web. The author guides the reader through the use of these features and shows how they can be used quite effectively for genealogical research.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS WEB PAGES

- Page added to “Histories of Religious Congregations of St. Louis:”
  - St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
- Pages added to “Civil War Slave Compensation Claims Index (18th Reg., USCT):”
  - Index of Claims by Soldiers’/Former Slaves’ Names
  - Index of Claims by Former Slave Owners’ Names

PRINT RESOURCES

Call numbers follow each title. Complete bibliographic information for each item is available in the St. Louis County Library’s online catalog. [URL: http://webpac.slcl.org]

- Family Maps by Gregory A. Boyd (abbreviated title)
  - Clark County, Missouri R 977.8343 B789F
  - Lawrence County, Illinois R 977.376 B789F
  - Stephenson County, Illinois R 977.333 B789F
  - Union County Iowa R 977.7853 B789F
  - A surname index for Arphax Family Maps is available online at [http://www.arphax.com](http://www.arphax.com).

- States and Counties (abbreviated titles unless italicized)
  - GEORGIA
  - ILLINOIS
    - Ray Richardson’s *History of Tonica: The First 100 years*. 1990. R 977.327 R524R
  - MISSOURI
    - *Prospect Baptist Church Minutes, 1858-1910, Webster County, Missouri*. Oversize R 977.8823 P966
    - *Within These Walls, 150 years of Ministry: First Baptist Church, Ironton, Missouri, 1858-2008*. 2008. R 977.8883 H393W

- Germany

- Family Histories
  - *Ancestors, Descendants and Relations of Thomas Crocker (1793-1856)*. 1965. [NGS] Oversized 929.2 C938C
  - *Ancestors and Siblings of Adolph and Hedwig Ballaseus Moll of St. Louis*. 2008. R 929.2 M726S and circulating copy (Continued on next page)
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Austin – Herndon and Allied Families. 1987. [StLGS] R 929.2 A935G
Caverlys of North America. 2008. R 929.2 C381C
Deep in the Heart of America: A Chronology of Six German Immigrant Lines to St. Clair County, Illinois. 1995. [StLGS] R 929.2 G574V
Dodge Family of New Shoreham, Rhode Island [NGS] 2008. 929.2 B154D
Ernst August Elbring, 1831-1904 :His Ancestors and Descendants. 2007. [StLGS] 929.2 E38C
Edward Rose, Negro Trail Blazer. 1967. [StLGS] RB
A Genealogical Account of the Descendants Of James Young, Merchant Burgess of Aberdeen and Rachel Cruickshank, His Wife, 1697-1893. 1894. [NGS] 929.2 Y68
Genealogical records of McIntosh Families in the United States and Canada. 1984. [NGS] 929.2 M152M
Lehman Ancestors in the Swiss Emmental Before Emigration: A Compilation of Lehman Families in the Area of the Emmental of Canton Bern, Switzerland, in the years 1550-1725. 2008. [StLGS] R 929.2 L523
Lehman, Layman Genealogy Handbook. 2006. [StLGS] R 929.2 L523L
The Scheve Family Story. 1992. R929.2 S328L
Scoville family records. [NGS] 1910-1911. 929.2 S432E
A Springer Family History. 1987. [StLGS] R 929.2 S769I
Upchurches of Virginia, North Carolina, Arkansas, and Indian Territory 1624-1925. [NGS] 2008. 929.2 U65C

Other new titles

Faces of the Civil War: An Album of Union Soldiers and Their Stories. 2004. R 973.741 C669F
Faces of the Confederacy: An Album of Southern Soldiers and Their Stories. 2008. R 973.782 C669F
Indian Papers of Texas and the Southwest, 1825-1916. 5 vols. 1995. R 976.4 I39
Mrs. Dred Scott: A Life on Slavery’s Frontier. 2009. R 973.7115 V241M
United States Submarine Men Lost During World War II. 2009. 2 vols. R 940.5467 W832U
The Special Collections Department wishes to thank the Wives of the Illinois-Missouri Squadron of U.S. Submarine Veterans in WWII for their generosity in donating these volumes.

SPECIAL EVENT

St. Louis Police History

9:30—10:30 am
Learn about the country’s oldest and largest police library and the early history of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Barbara Miksicek will share materials that represent tragic, humorous and sometimes downright surprising stories. Photos and artifacts will help illustrate what law enforcement was like almost 200 years ago.

11 am—noon
Joyce Loving will discuss the historical and genealogical resources available for researching police officers in the St. Louis County Library Special Collections Department.

Saturday
April 4, 2009
9:30 am—noon
St. Louis County Library Headquarters Auditorium
1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.
CALENDAR  EVENTS TAKING PLACE AT THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY LIBRARY

Note: Dates for Special Collections Department classes are indicated by 📅. Please register for classes in advance of the date by calling 314-994-3300 and asking for the Reference Department. Once connected, tell the Reference Librarian you would like to register for a class.

All events are free and open to the public.

APRIL

📅 Thursday, April 2, 9:30-11:30 am
Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class: History and Genealogy in Newspapers

📅 Saturday, April 4, 9:30 am-noon
Headquarters Auditorium
Special Collections Department Event
Topic: “St. Louis Police History”
Speakers: Barbara Miksicek & Joyce Loving

📅 Friday, April 10, 9:30-11:30 am
Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class:
Introduction to Genealogy Databases

📅 Monday, April 13, 2:00-4:00 pm
Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class:
History and Genealogy in Newspapers

📅 Tuesday, April 14, 7 pm
Headquarters Auditorium
St. Louis Genealogical Society Meeting
Topic: “Family Stories: Did It Really Happen That Way?”
Speaker: Ted Steele

📅 Wednesday, April 22, 9:30-11:30 am
Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class:
Introduction to Genealogy Databases

📅 Tuesday, April 28, 6:30-8:30 pm
Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class:
History and Genealogy in Newspapers

MAY

📅 Friday, May 8, 9:30-11:30 am
Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class:
Introduction to Genealogy Databases

📅 Wednesday, May 20, 7-9 pm
Headquarters East Room
St. Louis Genealogical Society Jewish Special Interest Group

📅 Friday, May 22, 9:30-11:30 am
Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class:
History and Genealogy in Newspapers

JUNE

📅 Thursday, June 4, 9:30-11:30 am
Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class:
Introduction to Genealogy Databases

📅 Wednesday, June 10, 2-4 pm
Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class:
History and Genealogy in Newspapers

📅 Tuesday, June 16, 6:30-8:30 pm
Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class:
Introduction to Genealogy Databases

📅 Wednesday, June 24, 9:30-11:30 am
Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class:
History and Genealogy in Newspapers

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