

# PastPorts

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## OF NOTE

### Special presentation highlights German sources for genealogical research

St. Louis County Library will present “German Genealogical Sources in the Special Collections Department” on Saturday, January 28, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Headquarters Auditorium. Speaker Scott Holl will cover:

- Standard reference tools, such as guides, handbooks, and lexical aids
- Immigration and emigration records
- Church records
- Special St. Louis sources
- Unique and hard-to-find sources, such as *Ortssippenbücher* and *Deutsches Geschlechterbuch*

The program is free and open to the public. No registration is necessary.

## MICROFILM GEMS

### Journal of Commitments to the House of Refuge, 1854-1899

The Journal of Commitments to the House of Refuge, 1854-1899, a single roll of microfilm located in film drawer 2 in the Special Collections Department, provides a glimpse into the lives of the institution's residents. With a few exceptions, the population consisted of girls between the ages of three and 14 and boys between the ages of three and 16. While the name “House of Refuge” might sound assuring and welcoming, the sizeable number of those who escaped, some repeatedly, suggests otherwise.

## LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The library will observe the following holiday closings:

■ **Martin Luther King Day**  
Monday, January 16

■ **Presidents' Day**  
Monday, February 20

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

PastPorts is a monthly publication of the Special Collections Department located on Tier 5 at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters, 1640 S. Lindbergh in St. Louis County, across the street from Plaza Frontenac.

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Regularly scheduled tours of the Special Collections Department are conducted on the first Wednesday and third Saturday of the month at 10:30 am. No advance registration is required. Group tours are gladly arranged with advance notice. Please call the Special Collections Department at 314-994-3300, ext. 2070 for scheduling

## CLASSES

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

### ☎ Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition

Friday, January 6, 2 p.m.

Headquarters Computer Lab

Larry Franke, instructor

Registration is now open.

### ☎ Introduction to Fold3 and HeritageQuest

Tuesday, January 10, 2 p.m.

Headquarters Computer Lab

Larry Franke, instructor

Registration is now open.

### ☎ Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition

Monday, January 23, 2 p.m.

Headquarters Computer Lab

Larry Franke, instructor

Registration opens December 26.

### ☎ Introduction to Fold3 and HeritageQuest

Thursday, February 2, 2 p.m.

Headquarters Computer Lab

Larry Franke, instructor

Registration begins January 5.

### Indexes

The microfilm includes an every-name index, preceding the journal, arranged alphabetically by the first letter of the last name. A printed index may also be accessed in “The House of Refuge,” an article and transcribed index by Peggy Greenwood published in the “St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly” over the course of six issues (call no. R 977.865 S145, 1992 vol. 25, issues 2, 3, and 4; 1993, vol. 26, issues 1, 2, and 3),

### Journal of commitments

The entry for each child appears on a single line across the left and right-hand pages and records both commitment and release information. Commitment data includes the child’s name, age, date of arrival, authority committing the child, and the cause. Release information tells the date, authority approving the release, child’s destination upon release, and remarks.

The cause of commitment may tell something about each child’s personal life. While some came because of minor crimes and others entered on their own or at the request of a parent or step-parent, still others came because they were abandoned or had no home.

The child’s destination after release often provides genealogical clues. Records commonly mention relatives or guardians, or provide helpful notations such as *sent to city workhouse*, *allowed to depart*, *sent to [named] orphanage*, or list the identity and residence of the person who provided employment. The destination column often says “indentured to” with the name of the person taking the child, that person’s residence, and the date. Quite a few indentured children went to individuals in rural communities in Illinois and Missouri.

The remarks column frequently reveals notations of escapes and occasionally deaths. Three unique journal entries appear in 1863, in the midst of the Civil War. In those cases, “released to the Provost Marshall” explained the destination for three older teenagers and the remarks column simply stated “being claimed as deserters.”

### Supporting Sources

The following library sources provide more information about the House of Refuge:

*Historical St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 1874–1922*. Online database. Search for keywords “house” and “refuge.”

## EVENTS

Events are sponsored by the St. Louis County Library and are free and open to the public. No registration is required.

### ■ StLGS Italian Special Interest Group

Monday, January 9 | 7 p.m.

Headquarters East Room

Program and speaker to be announced

### ■ StLGS German Special Interest Group

Wednesday, January 11 | 7 p.m.

Headquarters Auditorium

“Walk with Four Through the Civil War”

Gerald Perschbacher, speaker

### ■ St. Louis Genealogical Society general meeting

Saturday, January 14 | 10 a.m.

Headquarters Auditorium

“How to Use the StLGS Website”

Bob Goode, speaker

### ■ StLGS Irish Special Interest Group

Tuesday, January 24 | 7 p.m.

Headquarters East Room

“Internet Sites Review, Book Reports,  
Group Discussion”

### ■ Special Collections Department Program

Saturday, January 28, 10:30 a.m.

Headquarters Auditorium

“German Genealogical Sources in the  
Special Collections Department”

Scott Holl, speaker

### ■ St. Louis Genealogical Society

Saturday, February 11, 10:00 a.m.

Headquarters Auditorium

“Getting Ready for the 1940 Census”

Dan Lilienkamp, speaker

“Genetic Genealogy”

Ted Steele, speaker

*Nineteenth Century Newspapers (Daily Missouri Republican, 1841–1858, Missouri Republican, 1888, and the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, 1875–1888). Online database. Search for keywords “house” and “refuge.”*

Stepenoff, Bonnie. *The Dead End Kids of St. Louis: Homeless Boys and the People Who Tried To Save Them*. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2010. R 362.74 D827D and circulating copy

## WEB NEWS

■ **1940 U.S. Census:** According to a posting on the [Archives.com website](http://www.archives.com/1940census) <<http://www.archives.com/1940census>> The 1940 census will be released to the public at 9 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on April 2, 2012. The data will be hosted on a website created collaboratively by Archives.com and the National Archives. The address will be announced at a later date.

Although census images will be made available for free on the Internet, no index will be available at the time the data is posted. In a joint statement released on December 16, Archives.com, FamilySearch and findmypast.com announced that the three organizations have created the 1940 Census Community Project to index the records and place them online as quickly as possible. FamilySearch will make its online indexing system available for volunteers to participate in the project. Information about the project, including how to volunteer, is available on [the 1940 Census Community Project website](http://the1940census.com/) <<http://the1940census.com/>>.

Special Collections Department staff member Dan Lilienkamp will offer tips for searching the 1940 census without an index at the February 11 meeting of the St. Louis genealogical Society (see “Events” on this page).

■ **SSDI removed from Rootsweb:** Rootsweb.com has removed the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) from its website citing [“sensitivities to issues surrounding the information”](http://searches.rootsweb.ancestry.com/ssdi.html) <<http://searches.rootsweb.ancestry.com/ssdi.html>>. The database is still available on Ancestry.com (which also owns Rootsweb), but access requires a paid subscription. Ancestry Library Edition, which includes access to the SSDI, is available for free at all St. Louis County Library branches.

## 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. **Please note: 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.**

### Print resources

Call numbers follow each title. Complete bibliographic information for each item is available in St. Louis County Library's [online catalog](http://webpac.slcl.org). < http://webpac.slcl.org>. Titles are abbreviated unless italicized.

### ■ States and counties

#### ALABAMA

*First, for the Duration: The Story of the Eighth Alabama Infantry, C.S.A.* 20087. R 976.1 G796F

#### DELAWARE

*Delaware Mortality Schedules, 1850–1880; Delaware Insanity Schedule, 1880 Only.* 2006.  
R 975.1 G796D

#### FLORIDA

*Florida 1850 Agricultural Census.* 2007. R 975.9 G796F

*Florida 1860 Agricultural Census.* 2005, 2002.  
R 975.9 G796F

#### GEORGIA

##### **Atkinson County 975.8822**

*Marriages of Atkinson County, Georgia, 1919–1950.* [NGS]. 2010.

*Pearson, Georgia, Newspaper Clippings, Vol. 1, 1917–1925.* [NGS]. 2010.

##### **Greene County 975.8612**

*Greene County, Georgia Deaths, 1860–1918.* [NGS]. 2010.

##### **Wilkinson County 975.8543**

*Cemeteries of Wilkinson County, Georgia.* [NGS]. 2010.

##### **Other Georgia titles**

*Georgia 1860 Agricultural Census, 2 vols.* 2005.  
R 975.8 G796G

*Georgia Governor and Council Journals, 1782.* [NGS]. 2011. 975.8 W291G

#### ILLINOIS

##### **DeKalb County R 977.328**

*Cemeteries of Afton Township...* 1988.

*Cemeteries of DeKalb Township...* 1990.

*Cemeteries of Franklin Township...* 2003.

*Cemeteries of Malta Township...* 2003, 1988.

*Cemeteries of Paw Paw Township...* 2003, 1989.

*Cemeteries of Pierce Township...* 1989.

*Cemeteries of Sandwich Township...* 1988.

*Cemeteries of Victor Township...* 1988.

##### **Other Illinois titles**

*At Home with Illinois Governors: A Social History of the Illinois Executive Mansion, 1855–2003.* 2002.  
R 977.356 M753A

*Central Illinois Chronicles, Vol. 2.* 1998. R 977.3 C397

#### INDIANA

##### **Crawford County R 977.228**

*Abstracts of Wills, 1818–1916, 2 vols.* [1818–1916]. 2011.

*Delayed Birth Records, 1941–1954.* 2003.

*Marriage Consents & Affidavits, 1818–1860.* 2003.

*Marriages, 1818–1860.* 1984.

*Naturalization Records.* 1981.

*Probate Court Guardian Bond & Oath – Book A 14 Nov 1848 – 12 Aug 1852 and Guardians' Bonds, Oath & Letters No. 1 – Probate Crawford Court of Comm. Pleas. (2<sup>nd</sup> Book) 2 Aug 1853 – 11 Apr 1896.* 2003.



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### IOWA

#### **Cedar County R 977.766**

*Family Maps of Cedar County, Iowa...* 2011.

### MARYLAND

#### **Anne Arundel County R 975.255**

*Annapolis, Maryland, Families*, 2 vols. 1979; reprint, 1989.

#### **Other Maryland titles**

*Maryland 1860 Agricultural Census*, 2 vols. 2007.  
R 975.2 G796M

### MISSISSIPPI

*Mississippi 1850 Agricultural Census*, 3 vols. 2008,  
2002. R 976.2 G796M

*Mississippi 1860 Agricultural Census*, 2 vols. 2005,  
2002. R 976.2 G796M

### MISSOURI

#### **Dent County R 977.886**

*Ozark Heritage: Dent County, Missouri*, Vol. 2. 1980.

#### **Douglas County R 977.8832**

*Douglas County Landowners (c1964 – 1965)*. 2006.

#### **Gasconade County R 977.861**

*Gasconade County, Missouri Records*. 2011.

#### **Jefferson County R 977.867**

*As You Were: A History of De Soto and Surrounding Area*, Book 2. 2000.

#### **Mercer County 977.8213**

*Mercer County Pioneer Traces*, Vols. 1 – 3. [StLGS].  
1997.

#### **Miller County R 977.856**

*Trip to Charleytown: The German-American Community at St. Elizabeth, Missouri, 1880 – 1920*.  
2006.

#### **Scotland County R 977.8312**

*Scotland County, Missouri Records*. 2011.

#### **St. Louis County 977.865**

*Chesterfield, Missouri: From Untamed Wilderness to Thriving Municipality*. [StLGS]. 2011.

#### **Washington County R 977.864**

*Washington County, Missouri Records*. 2010.

#### **Other Missouri titles**

*Boys Town of Missouri: History*. [StLGS]. 1992.  
362.74 N338B

*Civil War Records: Missouri Volunteer Infantry*, Vol. 2.  
2011. R 973.7478 W362C

### NEW YORK

*Black Gotham: A Family History of African Americans in Nineteenth-century New York City*. [NGS]. 2011.  
305.896 P485B

### NORTH CAROLINA

#### **Davidson County R 975.668**

*Cemetery Records of Davidson County, N.C.*, 8 vols.

#### **Davis County R 975.669**

*Davis County, North Carolina Tax Lists of 1843 and 1847*. 1995.

#### **Montgomery County R 975.674**

*Cemetery Records of Montgomery County, NC*,  
Vol. 1. 1999.

#### **Other North Carolina titles**

*North Carolina 1850 Agricultural Census*, 6 vols. 2008.  
R 975.6 G796N

### OHIO

#### **Fairfield County R 977.158**

*Birth Records from the Fairfield County Probate Court*,  
4 vols. [1867 – 1908]. 2009.

*Fairfield County, Ohio, Deaths*, Vol. 1, 1867 – 1890.  
2010.

### PENNSYLVANIA

#### **Berks County R 974.816**

*Early Landowners of Pennsylvania: Atlas of Township Warrantee Maps of Berks County, PA*. 2006.

#### **Blair County R 974.875**

*Cemeteries of Freedom Township...* 1991.

#### **Dauphin County R 974.818**

*Early Landowners of Pennsylvania: Atlas of Township Warrantee Maps of Dauphin County, PA*. 2009

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### Fayette County R 974.8884

*Early Landowners of Pennsylvania: Atlas of Township Warrantee Maps of Fayette County, PA.* 2005.

### Lancaster County R 974.815

*Early Landowners of Pennsylvania: Atlas of Township Warrantee Maps of Lancaster County, PA.* 2008.

### Washington County R 974.882

*Early Landowners of Pennsylvania: Atlas of Township Warrantee Maps of Washington County, PA.* 2008.

### York County R 974.841

*Some Eighteenth Century Marriage and Death Records from the Area of York County, Pennsylvania.* 2003.

### SOUTH CAROLINA

*Marriage and Death Notices from the Southern Presbyterian.* Vol. 3, 1830 – 1891. [NGS].  
R 975.7 H725M

*South Carolina 1860 Agricultural Census,* 3 vols. 2006.  
R 975.7 G796S

### TENNESSEE

#### Anderson County R 976.873

*Records of Holley Gamble Funeral Home, Clinton, Tennessee, 1944 – 1960.* 1990.

#### Dickson County R 976.844

*County Court Minutes., Vols. 1 – 2, 1804 – 1814.* 2008 – 2009.

#### Polk County R 976.8875

*Polk County, Tennessee, Marriage Records, 1894 through 1970.* 1995.

### TEXAS

*Texas 1850 Agricultural Census,* 2 vols. 2003.  
R 976.4 G796T

*Texas 1860 Agricultural Census,* 5 vols. 2008.  
R 976.4 G796T

### VIRGINIA

#### York County R 975.5422

*Cemeteries of City of Poquoson, Virginia and Some Cemeteries of York County, Virginia.* 1999.

### Other Virginia titles

*Virginia 1850 Agricultural Census,* 5 vols. 2004 – 2007.  
R 975.5 G796V

### WEST VIRGINIA

*West Virginia 1850 Agricultural Census,* 2 vols. 2007.  
R 975.4 G796W

*West Virginia 1860 Agricultural Census,* 4 vols. 2007 – 2008. R 975.4 G796W

### ■ Family Histories

*Chandler Awbrey Johnston, 1825 – 1882 and Some of His Ancestors and Descendants.* 2003.  
R 929.2 J72J

*Deguire dit La Rose and Allied Families: The French Ancestry of Emma Deguire of Iron County, Missouri.* [NGS] 2011. 929.2 D321J

*Descendants of Judge John Lowell of Newburyport, Massachusetts.* [NGS] 2011. 929.2 L914S

*John Broome and Rebecca Lloyd: Their Descendants and Related Families, 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries.* [NGS], 2 vols. 2009. 929.2 B873S

*Rev. Moore Bingham (1797 – 1853) and His Wives, Ann Barber and Lucy Barber: Their Ancestors and Descendants.* [NGS] 2011. 929.2 B613J

### ■ Yearbooks

*Central High School: The Red and Black.* June 1922. [St. Louis City]. R 371.8 C397

*Roosevelt High School: Bwana.* 1937 – '39. [St. Louis City]. R 371.8 R780

### ■ Other new titles

*Brevet Brigadier Generals in Blue.* 1990.  
R 973.7092 H942B

*Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634 – 1635, Vol. 7.* [NGS] 974.02 A549G

*Jews in American Politics.* 2001. R 973.049 J59



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