

# PastPorts

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## OF NOTE

### Special Collections Department announces publication of new book

The Special Collections Department is pleased to announce the publication of a new book written by staff member Ruth Ann Hager and entitled *Dred & Harriet Scott: Their Family Story*. Most of the research for the book was conducted using sources held by the St. Louis County Library's Special Collections Department.

A special book release program will be held on Friday, Feb. 5, 7:00 p.m. at Library Headquarters, 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd. The event, co-sponsored by the St. Louis County Library 2010 Black History Month Celebration and the Special Collections Department, is free and open to the public. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Lynne Jackson, great-great-granddaughter of Dred and Harriet Scott and President of the Dred Scott Heritage Foundation will offer introductory remarks.

The book will be available for purchase and signing at the book release event on Feb. 5. Copies can also be purchased any time in the Special Collections Department, any St. Louis County Library branch, and by mail. The cost is \$25 per copy (plus shipping if purchased by mail—see order form on page 2).

### Wi-Fi now available in Special Collections

Special Collections Department visitors can now use the Internet wirelessly on their laptops. Besides Internet access, all electronic databases offered by the library, including *Ancestry* and *Footnote*, can be used on laptops connected through the library's wireless system. No login using a library card number is required.

## FOR THE RECORDS

### Researching African American Ancestors

African American genealogical research can pose special challenges because of slavery and the history of the U.S. prior to the establishment of equal rights. However, researchers can achieve success with persistence and the right approach. The following information provides a basic overview and some tips for doing African American genealogical research.

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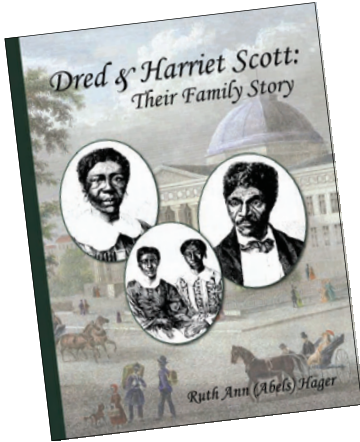
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by Ruth Ann (Abels) Hager

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## Remember the basics

Basic research techniques apply to African American genealogy just as they do to any other type of family history research:

- Start with yourself and write down what you know.
- Look for family papers and photographs for clues.
- Interview living relatives.
- Record findings and document their sources. Standard forms such as family group sheets and generation charts (included in the [Dec. 2009 issue of \*PastPorts\*](http://www.slcl.org/pastports/2009/12.pdf) <<http://www.slcl.org/pastports/2009/12.pdf>>) can help you get organized.
- Begin with what you know and work backwards one generation at a time.
- Focus on one family line at a time.
- Learn about American, state, and local history, as well as the history of slavery and the Civil War. Become familiar with the historical context in which your ancestors lived.
- Base research on facts, not assumptions. Family lore must be proved through documented evidence.

## Research your family back to 1870

The Civil Rights Act of 1866 and the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the U.S. Constitution adopted in 1868 outlawed slavery and gave citizenship rights to all people born on U.S. soil or who had completed the process of naturalization. Civil records, including the 1870 federal census, began documenting all African Americans as they did other citizens of the United States. Research back to this time period, therefore, should include investigation of all available legal and civil records, including census, wills and probate, real estate, tax, voter registration, military service, court records, and other public records.

## Determine if your ancestor was a slave

Not all African Americans were slaves; many in both the North and South were “free people of color.” If the individual was free, he or she may have been set free by the owner (manumission). If the individual was a slave, then it will be necessary to identify the last slave owner. Civil War military records, such as those of volunteer U.S. Colored Troops, or Reconstruction Era records, such as those from the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands and the Southern Claims Commission, can provide clues.

See the bibliography below for more information about these records.

If he or she was free, the ancestor will be listed in federal census general population schedules prior to 1870. Slaves were enumerated under their owner’s names in separate slave schedules in the 1850 and 1860 federal censuses. Records of manumissions for some states and locales are available in the Department.

## If your ancestor was a slave, investigate the slave owner and his family as well

Researching the genealogy of the slave-owning family can often provide information about the enslaved ancestor. Since slaves were considered property, for example, they were often passed from one generation to another by inheritance. It is, therefore, important to research wills and probate records related to the slave-owning family. The owner’s family can be important in another way; it was not uncommon for one parent of a slave’s child to be a member of the slave-owning family.

## Look for clues of African origin

Once you progress beyond the Civil War era, look for clues leading to possible African origins. Study the history of the slave trade and the Middle Passage that brought slaves from Africa. Since many people of African descent did not come directly to the United States, your research may lead you to the Caribbean. If your ancestor escaped through the Underground Railroad, you may have to do research in Canada.

## Researching African American ancestors in the Special Collections Department

The following bibliography provides a general overview of materials available in the Special Collections Department. Additional items are available. Check the [library catalog](http://webpac.slcl.org) <<http://webpac.slcl.org>> or inquire at the Department’s reference desk.

Call numbers and other location information follow each entry. Books with call numbers beginning with “R” may be used in the library only. A dagger (†) indicates that a research guide is available. An asterisk (\*) indicates that an index is available. The majority of the materials listed here are part of the Julius K. Hunter & Friends African American Research Collection.

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## General Sources

*Black Family Research: Records of Post-Civil War Federal Agencies at the National Archives.* Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2006. R 929.1 W319B

Fears, Mary L. Jackson. *Slave Ancestral Research: It's Something Else.* Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1995. R 929.1089 F288S

Hunter, Julius. *Digging for Family Roots: A Beginner's Guide to African American Genealogical Research.* St. Louis, Mo.: Julius K. Hunter & Friends African American Research Collection, St. Louis County Library, 2000. R 929.1089 H945D

Rose, James M. and Alize Eichholz. *Black Genesis. 2nd edition.* Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 2003. R 929.1072 R796B

Smith, Franklin Carter and Emily Anne Croom. *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your African-American Ancestors: How to Find and Record Your Unique Heritage.* Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 2008. 929.1089 S647G (2008)

Witcher, Curt Bryan. *African American Genealogy: A Bibliography and Guide to Sources.* Fort Wayne, Ind.: Round Tower Books, 2000. 929.1089 W819A

Woodtor, Dee. *Finding a Place Called Home: A Guide to African-American Genealogy and Historical Identity.* New York: Random House, 1999. R 929.1 W898F and 929.1 W898F

## Antebellum Slavery

To find records of enslaved African American ancestors, one must research the lives and records of their slave owners. State-level research guides, also available in Special Collections, may suggest location-specific sources to further assist research about the slave owner.

### ■ MAJOR SETS

*The American Slave, A Composite Autobiography.* 19 vols. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Pub., 1972. R 306.362 A512, Supplement, Series 1, 12 vols., 1977. R 306.362 A5121, Supplement, Series 2, 10 vols. 1979. R 306.362 A5122

*Race, Slavery, and Free Blacks: Petitions to Southern Legislatures and County Courts, 1775–1867.* Microfilm. Bethesda, Md.: University Publications of America,

1998–. Microfilm R 326.0975 R118 (Microfilm drawers 37–39).

Seven guides / indexes and a two-volume book edition include selected petitions. R 326.0975 R118 (located on top of microfilm cabinet).

Siebert, Wilbur H. *Wilbur H. Siebert Collection.* Microfilm. Columbus, Ohio: Ohio Historical Society. Microfilm R 977.1 S571W (Drawer 126).

Contents listed in *MIC 192, Wilbur H. Siebert Collection (1840-1954), Microfilm Edition.* n.p.: Ohio Historical Society, Manuscript Collections, n.d. R 977.1 S571M.

This microfilm set includes research and materials about the Underground Railroad.

Smith, Edith. *"No Land, Only Slaves!"* 18 vols. Balch Springs, Tex.: E. Smith & V. Lehman, 2004. R 976 S646N

*State Slavery Statutes.* Frederick, Md.: UPA Academic Editions, 1989. Microfiche R 342.73 S797 (Microfiche drawer P).

The index to this microfiche set is *State Slavery Statutes: Guide to the Microfiche Collection.* Frederick, Md.: University Publications of America, 1989. R 342.73 S797 (located on top of microfilm cabinet)

*U.S. Customs Service Records: Port of New Orleans, Louisiana: Inward Slave Manifests, 1807-1860 and Outward Slave Manifests, 1812-1860.* Microfilm (Aisle 1A, shelves 40-41).

Partial transcription of Inward Slave Manifests is available in the Slave Data section on the AfriGeneas website at <http://afriogeneas.com/slavedata/>.

Clayton, Ralph. *Cash for Blood.* Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 2002. R 973.711 C622C

Pages 132-639 of this book is an index to slave manifests inward bound to New Orleans from Baltimore and other Maryland ports.

## Military

See also the "[Military Records](http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/rg_military_guide.pdf)" guide <[http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/rg\\_military\\_guide.pdf](http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/rg_military_guide.pdf)>, also available in the Special Collections Department.

### ■ REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Grundset, Eric, editor. *Forgotten Patriots: African American and American Indian Patriots in the Revolutionary War: A Guide to Service,* (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)



*Sources and Studies*. Washington, D.C.: National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 2008. R 973.344 F721

## ■ CIVIL WAR

Berlin, Ira, Joseph P. Reidy, and Leslie S. Rowland, editors. *The Black Military Experience*. Freedom, A Documentary History of Emancipation, 1861–1867, Series II, Vol. 1. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1982. R 973.7415 B627 and 973.7415 B627

*Organization Index to Pension Files of Veterans Who Served Between 1861 and 1900*. T289. Microfilm rolls for the U.S. Colored Troops are located in aisle 1A, microfilm shelves 39–40; index available on *Footnote*.

*Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served with the U.S. Colored Troops*.

Artillery, M1818 (Aisle 1A, shelves 22–29) †

Cavalry, M1817 (Aisle 1A, shelf 19) †

Infantry (Aisle 1A, shelves 19–33)

1st regiment, M1819 (shelf 19) †

2–7th regiments, M1820 (shelves 30–32) †

8–13th regiments, M1821 (shelves 33–35) †

14–19th regiments, M1822 (shelves 35–38) †

54th Massachusetts regiment, M1898 (shelves 32–33) †

55th Massachusetts regiments, M1801 (shelves 19–22) †

*Ancestry* and *Footnote* offer images of Compiled Service Records for some U.S. Colored Troops. The project is a work-in-progress for both databases. For more information, inquire at the Special Collections Department Reference Desk.

*Descriptive Recruitment Lists of Volunteers for the United States Colored Troops for the State of Missouri, 1863–1865*. NARA microfilm publication M1894. Washington, D.C.: Julius K. Hunter and Friends African American Research Collection, St. Louis County Library and National Archives and Records Administration, 2002.

More information about this source, including an index, is available on the [St. Louis County Library website](http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/mo_recruits_m1894.pdf) <[http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/mo\\_recruits\\_m1894.pdf](http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/mo_recruits_m1894.pdf)>.

“Civil War Slave Compensation Claims in Compiled Military Service Records of U.S. Colored Troops (USCT): Index Links.” [Webpage online](http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/jkh/slaveclaims/index-links.htm). St. Louis: St. Louis County Library <<http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/jkh/slaveclaims/index-links.htm>>.

## Post-Civil War records

### Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands (located in Aisle 1A)

Marriage Records of the Office of the Commissioner, Washington Headquarters –M1875†

Records of the Field Offices for the State of Alabama – M1900; Arkansas – M1901; District of Columbia – M1902; Louisiana – M1905; Maryland and Delaware – M1906; Mississippi – M1907; Mississippi “Pre-Bureau Records” – M1914; Missouri – M1908; New Orleans – M1483.

Records of the Assistant Commissioner for the State of Mississippi: Register of Indentures of Colored Orphans, Register of Marriages of Freedmen (Roll 42), Labor Contracts of Freedmen (Rolls 43–50) – M826\* †

Mississippi Freedman's Bureau Labor Contracts Index (fiche carousel)†

Records of the Assistant Commissioner for the State of Tennessee: Labor Contracts, Jan 1, 1865–Jan. 1, 1868 Arkansas County, AR– Bolivar County, MS; Reports Relating to Bounty Claims and Disbursements, May 18, 1867–April 30, 1869 – M999 (Roll 25) – M826 †

### Freedmen's Savings and Trust Company (Aisle 1A)

*Indexes to Deposit Ledgers in Branches*, M817.

*Registers of Signatures of Depositors in Branches, 1865–1874*, M816

See also *Freedmen's Bank Records* [CD-ROM #M8]. An index is also available on *HeritageQuest*.

### Southern Claims Commission

See the Special Collections guide, [“Researching Southern Claims Commission Records”](http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/scc_guide.pdf) <[http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/scc\\_guide.pdf](http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/scc_guide.pdf)>.

*Records of the Commissioners of Claims (Southern Claims Commission), 1871–1880*. M87 (Drawer 123)

*Records of the U. S. House of Representatives: Southern Claims Commission, 1871–1880*. P2257 (Drawer 124) †

*Southern Claims Commission Approved or Settled Claims, 1871–1880*. Alabama, M2062; Virginia M2094; West Virginia, M1762 (Drawers 123–124)

Georgia, M1658 (Drawer O) †

*Southern Claims Commission Disallowed Claims, 1871–1880*. M1407 (Drawers L-N) †

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*U. S. Court of Claims Docket Cards for Congressional Case Files, 1884–1937.* M2007 (Drawer 124)

#### ■ BUFFALO SOLDIERS, SPANISH AMERICAN WAR, AND THE PHILLIPINE INSURRECTION

Gatewood, Willard B. *“Smoked Yankees” and the Struggle for Empire: Letters from Negro Soldiers, 1898-1902.* Urbana, Ill.: University of Illinois Press, 1971. R 973.8 G259S

Schubert, Frank N. *On the Trail of the Buffalo Soldier II: New and Revised Biographies of African Americans in the U.S. Army, 1866-1917.* Lanham, Md.: SR Books/Scarecrow Press, 2004. R 355 S384O and Q 355 S384O

Schubert, Frank N. *Voices of the Buffalo Soldier.* Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2003. R 355.0089 V889 and 355.0089 V889

Sorensen, George Niels. *Iron Riders: Story of the 1890s Fort Missoula Buffalo Soldiers Bicycle Corps.* Missoula, Mont.: Pictorial Histories Publishing, 2000. R 978.6 S713I

#### ■ WORLD WAR I

Harris, Stephen L. *Harlem's Hell Fighter: The African-American 369th Infantry in World War I.* Washington, D.C.: Brassey's, Inc., 2003. 940.4127 H316H

Scott, Emmett J. *Scott's Official History of the American Negro in the World War.* Washington, D.C.: E.J. Scott, 1919. R 940.403 S425S

Sweeney, William Allison. *History of the American Negro in the Great World War: His Splendid Record in the Battle Zones of Europe.* New York: Negro Universities Press, 1919. R 940.403 S974H

#### Census records

Federal census schedules, 1790-1930 are available on *Ancestry*, *Footnote* (incomplete), and *HeritageQuest* (incomplete) electronic databases

#### ■ PRE-1870 CENSUS RECORDS

The 1790-1840 federal census population notes the number of slaves in a household.

The 1850 & 1860 federal census population schedules include free people of color. Slaves are listed on slave schedules under owners' names.

#### ■ OTHER CENSUS RECORD SOURCES

The following census records are available on microfilm in

the Department and electronically where noted:

1890 Veterans Schedules exist for part of Kentucky and other states alphabetically after Kentucky through Washington, D.C. Veterans of U.S. Colored Troops are included. Also available on *Ancestry*.

Agricultural and mortality census schedules for 1850–1880 are available for Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Missouri in microfilm format. Mortality schedules are also available on *Ancestry*. See also *African Americans in the 1870 U. S. Federal Census*, CD-ROMs #165 and M10.

State censuses taken in a number of states before and after the Civil War, provide another look at families (and possibly their slave owners' households if pre-Civil War), in years between the federal censuses. Check *Ancestry* for availability. State censuses for Illinois and Missouri are available on microfilm in the Department.

Print sources include census indexes and abstracts. Check the library catalog by doing a keyword search using a state's name and the word “census” or inquire at the Special Collections Department Reference Desk..

#### City Directories

Beyond providing name, occupation, and address information, reviewing city directories for successive years may indicate when a person moved, left a city or died.

#### ■ ST. LOUIS CITY & COUNTY

St. Louis City: 1821–1855 (scattered years); 1860–1948 (includes all published years); 1952–1980 (scattered years). St. Louis City directories for 1863-1923 are also available on *Footnote*.

St. Louis County: 1893–1979 (scattered years)

#### ■ OTHER LOCALES

Microfilm copies of city directories for some cities in Arkansas, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Missouri (other than St. Louis) are held by the Department. Check the catalog by doing a keyword search for the name of the city and the word “directory,” or inquire at the Special Collections Department Reference Desk. *Footnote* also offers images of city directories for selected cities.

#### Electronic databases

St. Louis County Library offers a range of electronic databases that can be used for free at any St. Louis County Library location. Patrons with a valid St. Louis County

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Library card can also access many electronic databases remotely through the Internet. For more information, contact the Special Collections Department.

Available databases are listed on the St. Louis County Library website at "[History and Genealogy](http://www.slcl.org/databases/genealogy.htm)" list <<http://www.slcl.org/databases/genealogy.htm>>, or browse the "[A-Z](http://www.slcl.org/databases/atoz.htm)" list <<http://www.slcl.org/databases/atoz.htm>>. Databases dealing specifically with African American history and genealogy include the following:

*African-American History Online*

*African-American Newspapers: 19th Century, Parts 1, 2, & 3*

*Oxford African American Studies Center*

## Newspapers

### ■ ST. LOUIS

*St. Louis Argus*, 1919-1997 (incomplete)

*St. Louis Palladium*, 1903-1907

### ■ OTHER LOCALES

African American newspaper databases, including African American Newspapers: 19th Century, Parts 1, 2, & 3, are available. See "Electronic Databases," above.

## State, county, church, and civil sources

State research guides available in the Special Collections Department and on the [library's website](http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/guides.htm) <<http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/guides.htm>> list sources for researching free people of color and slave owners before the Civil War, and African Americans after the Civil War.

Cemetery, court, deed, marriage, and probate records and church records for African Americans are available for many individual counties. Check the library catalog or inquire at the Special Collections reference desk.

Histories of slavery and records of manumission for some states and locales are available. When searching the library catalog, it is helpful to use the keywords "manumission" and "emancipation," as well as "slave" and "slavery."

## Additional selected Missouri sources

"Missouri Black Marriages" (microfilm). Post-Civil War marriage records, many of former slaves, are available for twenty-three Missouri counties. Microfilm rolls are shelved with others of the same county in alphabetical order by county in Aisles 1A and 1B.

"Free Negroes in Missouri: St. Louis County Court Records, 1835-1849." Typed index in 3-ring binder on Finding Aids table. Free Negro Licenses were first required in 1835. The contents were extracted from volumes 1-5 of St. Louis County Court Records, available in Microfilm Drawer 9.

# LOCAL HISTORY

## Researching Florissant

In addition to genealogical resources, Special Collections Department holdings include books, newspapers, periodicals and other materials pertaining to the history of communities in St. Louis County. This article is the first in a series to feature resources available for historical research in these local communities.

The City of Florissant is the oldest city in St. Louis County. No one knows for sure when the first European settlers arrived in the area, but the first civil government was founded under the Spanish Colonial regime in 1786 by François Dunegant *dit* Borosier.

Florissant has the largest population of any incorporated municipality in St. Louis County, and is one of the largest in geographic area. Considering the history and size of the community, it is no surprise that a number of books and articles have been written about it. The following is a list of books, periodicals, maps, newspapers, and articles in the local history clipping file about the city of Florissant.

### Books

Crank, Gretchen. *Reflections of the Florissant Valley*.

Dallas: Curtis Media Corp., 1990. R 977.865 C891R

*A Stroll through Coldwater Cemetery: Tombstone Inscriptions and Historical Information*. Webster Groves, Mo.: DAR, 1976. R 977.865 D238S

Davison, Rosemary S. (Rosemary Straub). *Florissant Missouri*. Virginia Beach, Va.: Donning Company Publishers, 2002. R 977.865 D265F

*Souvenir Program of the Florissant Centennial, 1857-1957*. Florissant, Mo.: Florissant Centennial Historical Committee, 1957. R 977.865 F639S

*Florissant Valley Chamber of Commerce Business and Professional Directory*. Florissant, Mo.: Florissant Valley Chamber of Commerce. R 977.865 F635

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Harland Bartholomew & Associates. *A Report on the Florissant, Missouri Revised Comprehensive Plan / Prepared for the City Planning Commission, Florissant, Missouri*. St. Louis: Harland Bartholomew, 1969. R 917.7865 H283R

*A look at Florissant: An Overview of the Municipal Government and Services of the City of Florissant*. St. Louis: League of Women Voters, 1969. R 917.7865 L434L

Mercer, Lee. *Calico Jam*. Missouri: 1971. R 977.865 F639C

*125th Anniversary: Bethlehem Lutheran Church*. Florissant, Mo.: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1974. R 977.865 O58

Owens, M. Lilliana. *The Florissant Heroines*. Florissant, Mo.: King Pub., 1960. R 977.865 O97F

Pondrom, Louis E. *Historical Records of St. Ferdinand of Florissant and St. Charles with Notes on Other Settlements of North St. Louis County*. 1898. R 977.865 P796H

*Saint Ferdinand of Florissant, 1789-1961: The Story of an Historic Parish*. Florissant, Mo.: St. Ferdinand of Florissant, 1961. R 977.865 S138 and 977.865 S138

Wright, John A. *Florissant*. Charleston, S.C.: Arcadia, 2004. R 977.865 W951F and 977.865 W951F

## Periodicals

*Florissant Valley Quarterly*. Florissant, Mo.: Florissant Valley Historical Society. R 977.865 F6392

## Maps

*City of Florissant and Its Environs*. Florissant, Mo.: Chamber of Commerce, 195-?. MAP R 977.865 C581

*Florissant, Missouri*. MAP R 977.865 F639

*Florissant Quadrangle, Missouri* topological map. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Geological Survey, 1969. MAP R 977.865 F639

*Township 47 North of the Base Line Range 6 East of the 5th Principal Meridian*. Saint Louis: Office of the Surveyor General for Illinois and Missouri, 1854. MAP R 977.865 T754

## Local History File

Inquire at the Special Collections Department Reference Desk for access.

“A Stable City Faces Possible Belt-tightening.” *St Louis Post-Dispatch* (16 Nov. 1981).

Davison, Rosemary, “Florissant—An Historical Treasure.” *Marketplace*, Vol. 4, No. 2.

“Florissant: Once Tiny Village Is Now A Prosperous City.” *North and Northwest Journal* (3 May 1989): 5B.

“Florissant House Tour Set.” *County Star Journal* (17 Nov. 1993): 10A.

“Florissant Valley Chamber of Commerce Trade Area.” *1999-2000 Florissant Valley Chamber of Commerce Membership Directory*.

“Flourishing: Residents Take Pride in Sense of Community.”

“Francois Dunnegant [sic], Father of Florissant, Missed Fortune, Won Trust, Place in History.” *Florissant Valley Reporter* (7 March 1963): 5.

“Historical Society News” in *Florissant Valley Quarterly*, Vol. 13, No. 3 (July 1996): 7.

“Know Your County: Florissant.” *St. Louis Star-Times* (22 Feb. 1946).

“Florissant.” *Suburban Spotlight*.

Marty, Carolyn. “Pictorial Book to be A ‘Family Album’ of Florissant Valley.” *Overland/St. Ann Journal* (16 Sept. 1990): 7C.

Milburn, Mark. “Florissant Lovers’ Quarrels.” *St Louis Magazine* (July 1990): 37.

“Florissant,” *Where We Live*. Missouri Historical Society.

O’Neil, Tim. “Lewis and Clark Deed to Land in Florissant Was Signed by Both Explorers.” *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* (30 March 2008): C1.

*Old Saint Ferdinands* (publication information not available)

“Rediscover Old Town Florissant.” *Florissant Valley Quarterly*. Vol. 13, No. 3 (July 1996): 7.

“St. Ferdinand Parish at Florissant Organized 145 Years Ago—Building is 100 Years Old—Big Celebration For Saturday.” *St Louis County Watchman-Advocate* (5 Aug. 1921): 1.

Southwestern Bell, “The Florissant Story,” *Scene*.

“The Story of 175 Years of Jesuit Life in Florissant: A Record of Sacrifice, of Devotion, and of Service of God.”

## Newspapers

*Florissant Valley Reporter*, 1966-1984. Shelved on Tier 4.

## Church records

The Department holds microfilm records of some Florissant churches, including Catholic, Lutheran and United Church of Christ. Inquire at the Special Collections Department reference desk for more information.



## WEB NEWS

**Library of Congress Digitizes 60,000 Books**—The Library of Congress (LOC) has digitized approximately 60,000 books and linked them through its [catalog](http://loc.gov) <<http://loc.gov>> and the [Internet Archive](http://www.archive.org) <<http://www.archive.org>>, a non-profit website. Items include genealogies and local and military histories. A list can be viewed through a direct link on the [LOC website](http://www.archive.org/details/library_of_congress) <[http://www.archive.org/details/library\\_of\\_congress](http://www.archive.org/details/library_of_congress)>.

### Web finds

■ **[Hamilton County \[Ohio\] Probate Court Archived Records Search](http://www.probatect.org/courtrecordsarchive/bukcats.aspx)** <<http://www.probatect.org/courtrecordsarchive/bukcats.aspx>>—This site features a database of court records, estates, wills, guardianships, births, marriages, marriage, death and other records, 1791 to 1994. The website can be helpful for St. Louis genealogy, as many settlers passed through Cincinnati, Ohio (located in Hamilton County) before continuing west.

■ **[Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War National Graves Registration Database](http://www.suvcwdb.org/home/index.php)** <<http://www.suvcwdb.org/home/index.php>>—The successor organization to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), this organization's website includes an index to Union (and some Confederate) veterans' graves throughout the U.S.

### New on Ancestry

■ **Delaware Vital Records**—Death records, 1811-1933; birth records, 1800-1932; marriage records, 1806-1935 (updated): These databases include both indexes and images to original records.

■ **Ohio Obituary Index, 1830s-2009 from the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center**—An index to more than 1.5 million obituaries from Ohio newspapers held by the Hayes Library and more than 40 others.

### Footnote Spotlight

■ **Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Birth Returns** (1849, 1871-1908)—Includes the returns (stubs) from original birth certificates that generally include the date and place of birth, maiden name of mother, name of father, their ages and nativity. Records are most complete beginning 1877. Cleveland is the county seat of Cuyahoga County.

*Ancestry Library Edition* and *Footnote* can be used for free at any St. Louis County Library location.

## WORKSHOP

### Register now!

## Genealogical Research: Getting the Most out of the Special Collections Department

Choose one of two dates:

- **Wed., Feb. 24, 6:30-8:30 pm**  
Headquarters East Room
- **Sat., Feb. 27, 9-11 am**  
Headquarters East Room

This introductory course will have three main emphases:

- An overview of genealogical research, including how to get started, citing sources and organizing research findings.
- Basic library skills, including a discussion of the Dewey Decimal system, the online library catalog, resource formats (print, microform and electronic), and collection guides and finding aids
- An overview of resources available in the Special Collections Department.

This workshop is appropriate for beginning researchers and those who have little or no previous experience. **Registration is limited to 18 participants per session.**

### Pre-registration required

Each workshop is free and open to the public but space is limited. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. To register for a workshop or for more information, call the Special Collections Department at 314-994-3300, ext. 2070.

# 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 its 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.

## ■ Family Maps by Gregory A. Boyd

Lauderdale County, Alabama. 2006. R976.199 B789F

A [surname index for Arphax Family Maps](http://www.arphax.com) is available online <<http://www.arphax.com>>.

## ■ MISSOURI

*Genealogical Abstracts from Boone Co., MO Newspapers*. 6 vols. 2006-. R 977.829 R163G

*Genealogical Abstracts from Howard Co., Mo. Newspapers*. R 977.8285 R163G

*Genealogical Abstracts from Pike Co., MO Newspapers*. 2009-. R 977.836 R163G

*Genealogical Abstracts from Randolph Co., MO Newspapers*. 2007-. R 977.8283 R163G

*Lincoln County, Missouri*. 4 vols. 2001-. R 977.837 W362L

*St. Charles County, Missouri Stray Book and Record of Marks and Brands, 1809-1822...* 2004. R 977.389 R163S

*Saint Louis University: A Concise History (1818-2008)*. 2009. R 977.866 F157S

## ■ OTHER U.S. LOCALITIES

*Antietam National Battlefield and National Cemetery, Sharpsburg, Maryland*. 1986. R 975.291 S671A

*Garland County, Arkansas: Our History and Heritage*. 2009. R 976.741 G233

*Maryland German Church Records*. Vols. 5, 13 and 16. 1995. R 975.2 W427M

*North Carolina Troops, 1861-1865: A Roster*. Vol. 17. 2009. R 975.6 M266N

*Records Relating to Personal Participation in World War II...* 2009. R 940.54 D519R

*Sesquicentennial History: St. Mary's Church, Edwardsville, Illinois, 1842-1992*. 1992. R 977.386 S493

*SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Collinsville, Illinois, 1856-2006...* 2006. R 977.386 S774

## ■ GERMAN GENEALOGY

*About Rich Polder Farmers and Poor Moorfolk: Ostfriesland under Prussian Rule*. 2003. R 943.5917 H779A

*Churches of Ostfriesland / Ostfriesische Kirchen*. 2002. R 943.5917 N739C

*Chronik von Rudelstetten, 1999* [Chronicle of Rudelstetten]. 1999. R 943.37 B393C

*Collection of Genealogical Information of Palankaer-Americans... 1895 to 2008*. 2008. [NGS] 973.043 B344C

*Familienbuch Pabstorf: (Kreis Halberstadt): 1641 bis 1875* [Family Genealogical Register of Pabstorf: 1641 to 1875]. 2007. R 943.18 S334F

*Geschichte der Häuser und Höfe von Paitzdorf und Mennsdorf* [History of the Houses and Farms of Paitzdorf and Mennsdorf]. 2008. R 943.222 B825G

*Häuserbuch von Burgholzhausen* [History of the Houses of Burgholzhausen]. 2006. R 943.18 H587H

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## NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

*Leben "im rych zu croeve": die Bürger und ihre Familien seit 1600: Kröv - Kövenig - 1899, Kinheim - 1803, Kinderbeuern - Hetzhof - 1798, Bengel - Springiersbach - 1798, die Höfe im Alftal – 1798* [Life in Kröv: The Citizens and Their Families since 1600: Kröv-Kövenig, 1899, Kinheim, 1803...]. 2 vols. 2009. R 943.435 O28L

*Map Guide to German Parish Registers: Kingdom of Prussia, Province of Sachsen III.* Vol. 29. 2009. R 943 H249M

*Ortsfamilienbuch Holzkirchen mit Speckbrodi, 1608-1920* [Local Family Genealogical Register of Holzkirchen, including Speckbrodi]. 2008. R 943.36 B393O

*Ortsfamilienbuch Munningen mit Ziegelmühle und Faulenmühle (katholisch und evangelisch), 1588-1920 (Ehen bis 1930)* [Local Family Genealogical Register of Munningen, Including Ziegelmühle and Faulenmühle (Catholic and Protestant), 1588-1920 (Marriages to 1930)]. 2007. R 943.37 B393O

*Ortsfamilienbuch Schwörsheim und Haid, 1565-1930...* [Local Family Genealogical Register of Schwörsheim and Haid, 1565-1930...]. 2006. R 943.37 B393O

*Ortsfamilienbuch Wörnitzostheim, 1634-1900* [Local Family Genealogical Register of Wörnitzostheim, 1634-1900]. 2001. R 943.37 R369O

*Ortsippenbuch Bursfelde und Glashütte* [Local Family Genealogical Register of Bursfelde and Glashütte]. 2008. R 943.59 K96O

*Storm Floods: 1,000 Years of Catastrophic Floods on the Ostfriesian Coast.* 2001. R 943.5917 S381S

### ■ OTHER NATIONAL GROUPS

*Czecho-Slovaks in America.* 2008. R 973.04918 M648C

*Norway to America: A History of the Migration.* 1978. R 973.04398 S472N

*Promise of America: A History of the Norwegian-American People.* 1999. R 973.043982 L911P

### For your information

#### ■ St. Louis County Library homepage

[www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org)

#### ■ Special Collections Department homepage

[www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/](http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/)

#### ■ St. Louis County Library online catalog

[webpac.slcl.org](http://webpac.slcl.org)

#### ■ St. Louis County Library event calendar

[host7.evanced.info/stlouis/  
evanced/eventcalendar.asp](http://host7.evanced.info/stlouis/evanced/eventcalendar.asp)

#### ■ Special Collections Department phone

(314) 994-3300, ext. 2070

#### ■ Library hours

Sunday	1 pm - 5 pm
Monday	9 am - 9 pm
Tuesday	9 am - 9 pm
Wednesday	9 am - 9 pm
Thursday	9 am - 9 pm
Friday	9 am - 5 pm
Saturday	9 am - 5 pm

**The library will be CLOSED on Monday, Feb. 15 in observance of Presidents Day.**

# CALENDAR GENEALOGICAL EVENTS AT THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY LIBRARY

Note: Dates for Special Collections Department events are displayed in blue and workshops are indicated by 📚. Please register for classes in advance of the date by calling 314-994-3300, ext. 2070. All events are free and open to the public.

## FEBRUARY

### **Saturday, February 13, 10 am**

Headquarters Auditorium  
St. Louis Genealogical Society Meeting  
Topic: "The Overlooked Step: Organizing Your Research"  
Speaker: Ann Carter Fleming, CG, CGL, FNGS

### **Wednesday, February 17, 7 pm**

Headquarters East Room  
STLGS Jewish Special Interest Group  
Topic: "What Did They Die From?"  
Speaker: Ilene Murray

### **📚 Wednesday, February 24, 6:30 pm**

East Room  
Special Collections Department Workshop  
Topic: "Getting the Most out of the Special Collections Department."

### **📚 Saturday, February 27, 9 am**

East Room  
Special Collections Department Workshop  
Topic: "Getting the Most out of the Special Collections Department."

## MARCH

### **Saturday, March 6, 10 am**

Headquarters East Room  
STLGS Irish Special Interest Group  
Topic: "Introduction to Irish Genealogy"  
Speaker: Sandra Brunsmann Hughes

### **Saturday, March 13, 10 am**

Headquarters Auditorium  
St. Louis Genealogical Society Meeting  
Topic: "Commercial Websites"  
Speaker: Ted Steele

### **Thursday, March 18, 7 pm**

Headquarters Auditorium  
STLGS French Special Interest Group  
Topic: "The Chatillon-DeMenil Mansion"  
Speakers: Kevin O'Neill and Edna Dieterle

### **Wednesday, March 24, 7 pm**

Headquarters Auditorium  
STLGS German Special Interest Group  
Topic: "Alsace – Lorraine"  
Speaker: Dan Lilienkamp



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