

FOR THE RECORDS

Heartman Manuscript Collection

Finding information about enslaved African American ancestors requires persistence and discovering newly available research sources. It also requires creative use of resources not often considered in genealogical research. Consider the following example.

Figure 1, right, shows a page documenting the renegotiation of a mortgage. In addition to the land, the mortgage also included the enslaved people on the plantation. In this case, ages are included, and children are listed with their mother. This document not only links children to their mother but also names the slave owner (Winslow Hatch) and places the family at a particular time and place (4 April 1860 in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana). Not bad for an eight-page document.

This document comes from an unusual archival collection called the Heartman Manuscript Collection, a rich source for African Americans tracing their ancestry in Louisiana. The History & Genealogy Department recently acquired a microfilm copy of this collection.

Background

Charles F. Heartman, a Mississippi book dealer, became interested in collecting materials relating to African Americans and slavery. Despite discouragement from most of his contemporaries, he began to seek out manuscript materials in the 1920s and continued building his collection for over 20 years. In 1945, Heartman sold his collection in two parts. Xavier University obtained over 4000 documents dating from 1724 to 1897 relating to the social, economic, civil, and legal status of

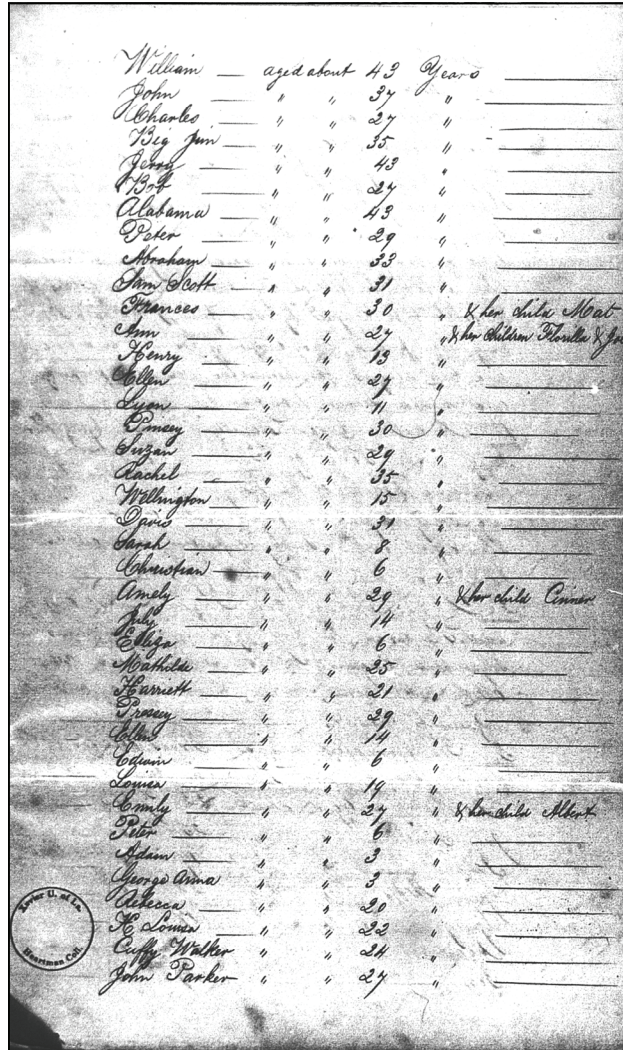


Figure 1 | Mortgage document from the Heartman Manuscript Collection listing the slaves of Winslow Hatch and mentioning the names of mothers.¹

enslaved African Americans and Free People of Color in Louisiana. Documents include slave sales, mortgages of plantations and slaves, sheriff's sales, wills, and similar items. Texas Southern University obtained the remainder of the collection, which is available to researchers at the Robert J. Terry Library.

Using the collection

As with any research of enslaved African American ancestors, using the

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documents in the Heartman collection requires prior knowledge of both the slaveholding family and the place of enslavement. Once the researcher determines that the Heartman Collection is a possible source, the *Guide to the Heartman Manuscripts on Slavery*² (call no. R 976.3 X3G) should be consulted. The guide is a descriptive finding aid that lists individual documents in each box and folder in the manuscript collection. The guide includes a name index (usually the names of slaveholders) pointing to the page where the document mentioning the name is found.

As a finding aid to the original manuscript collection, the guide can be challenging to use with the microfilm set. For example, the arrangement of documents in the microfilm often differs from that of the original manuscripts. This applies particularly to collections one and three. A second issue is differing terminology. What the guide refers as “boxes,” are labeled on the microfilm targets as “collections.” This is minor, but it can confuse researchers if they are not aware of it. Figure 2, right, shows how the various collections are organized on the microfilm.

Heartman assembled the documents from various sources over a long period of time, and the collection reflects his own organizational scheme. His filing system introduces an element of randomness that is not typically found in archival collections. On the positive side, the collection includes a vast array of documents, although it typically does not include a range of documents covering the same family or place.

Further examples from the collection

Figure 3 shows a bill of sale for six enslaved persons, Edward, Martha, John, Harriet, Leah, and Hannah from Thomas R. Purnell to Samuel M. D. Clark in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana. Like the previous example, this document ties the individuals to a specific place and provides the names of the former slave owner. With that name, it is possible to search for documents from his family that might reveal more information about the enslaved family.

Roll	Collection	Description
Roll 1	Collection I	Documents from Various States, 1751-1875
	Collection II	Documents from Louisiana, 1765-1829
	Collection III	Documents from Louisiana, 1830-1837
Roll 2	Collection IV	Documents from Louisiana, 1838-1849
	Collection V	Documents from Louisiana, 1850-1859
Roll 3	Collection VI	Documents from Louisiana, 1834-1871
	Collection VII	Documents from New Orleans 1811-1846
Roll 4	Collection VIII	Documents from Louisiana Relateing to the Economic, Civil and Legal Satus of "Free Persons of Color" and of Slaves, 1777-1825
	Collection IX	Documents from Louisiana Relating to the Economic, Civil and Legal Status of "Free Persons of Color" and of Slaves, 1821-1876
	Collection X	Police Reports from New Orleans, 1821
Roll 5	Collection XI	Police Reports from New Orleans, 1822
	Collection XII	Police Reports from New Orleans, 1824
	Collection XIII	Reports from the City Workshop, New Orleans, 1828-1830
	Collection XIV	Reports from the City Workshop, New Orleans, 1830-1831
Roll 6	Collection XV	Police Reports from New Orleans, 1814
	Collection XVI	Guard Service Reports from New Orleans, 1824
	Collection XVII	Vouchers and Receipts for the Work of Slaves in Chain Gangs in New Orleans, 1806-1846; Police Reports, 1837
	Collection XVIII	Various Reports from Spain, 1794-1796 and New Orleans, 1810-1839
Roll 7	Collection XIX	Various Reports from New Orleans, 1820-1846
	Collection XX	Records of the City of New Orleans and the United States Armed Services, 1841-1897

Figure 2 | Heartman Manuscript Collection documents are organized into collections and folders within the microfilm set. This chart provides a general overview of the contents of each microfilm roll.

As one might expect, some enslaved people attempted to escape. Unfortunately, a great many of these attempts were not successful. The Heartman Manuscripts includes “Report of Prisoners in the Police Jail of Second Municipality [New Orleans] on January 1844” listing captured runaways slaves. The document provides not only the names of the individuals, but also that of their slave owners.

On a more positive note, the final example in Figure 4 shows an affidavit confirming that Richard Hill was born free of free parents in Philadelphia. This important possession would undoubtedly be a treasure to Mr. Hill’s descendants.

Charles Heartman was ahead of his time when he amassed his collection, and his efforts certainly preserved a number of documents that would otherwise have been lost. Although it can be a challenging

resource to use, it should definitely be in the genealogical toolkit of anyone researching African American ancestry in Louisiana.

Notes

1. “List of Slaves from the Renegotiation of a Mortgage on a Sugar Plantation and 50 Slaves in Terrebonne Parish”, *Heartman Manuscript Collection*, Box VI, Folder A, Item 5, Roll 3.
2. *Guide to the Heartman Manuscripts on Slavery*. Boston, Mass.: G.K. Hall, 1982. R 976.3 X3G
3. “Sale of Slaves by Thomas R. Punnell to Samuel M. D. Clark,” *Heartman Manuscript Collection*, Box II, Folder A, Item 5, Roll 1.
4. “Affidavit Sworn by Wealthy Hill and Hetty Jeffers Confirming the Status of Richard Hill as Being Born Free of Free Parents in Philadelphia,” *Heartman Manuscript Collection*, Box VII, Folder D, Part 5, Item 1, Roll 4.

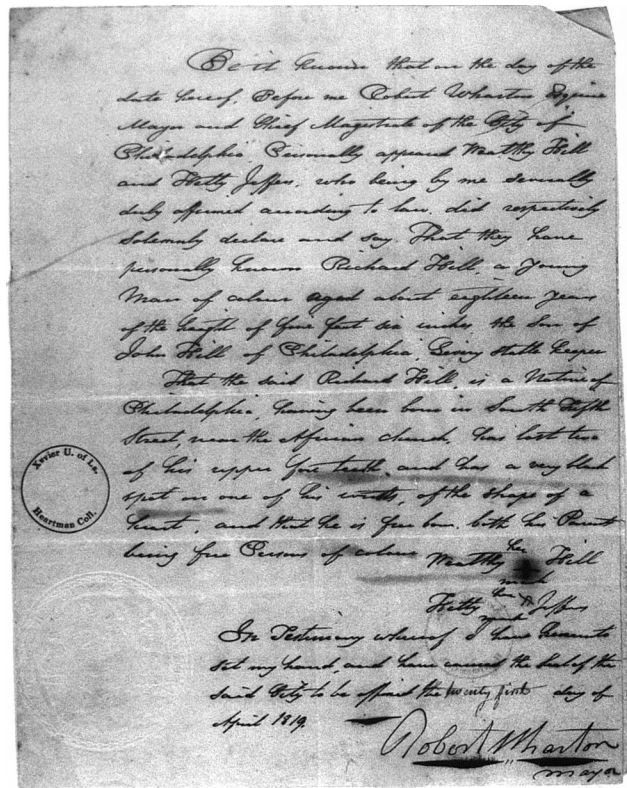
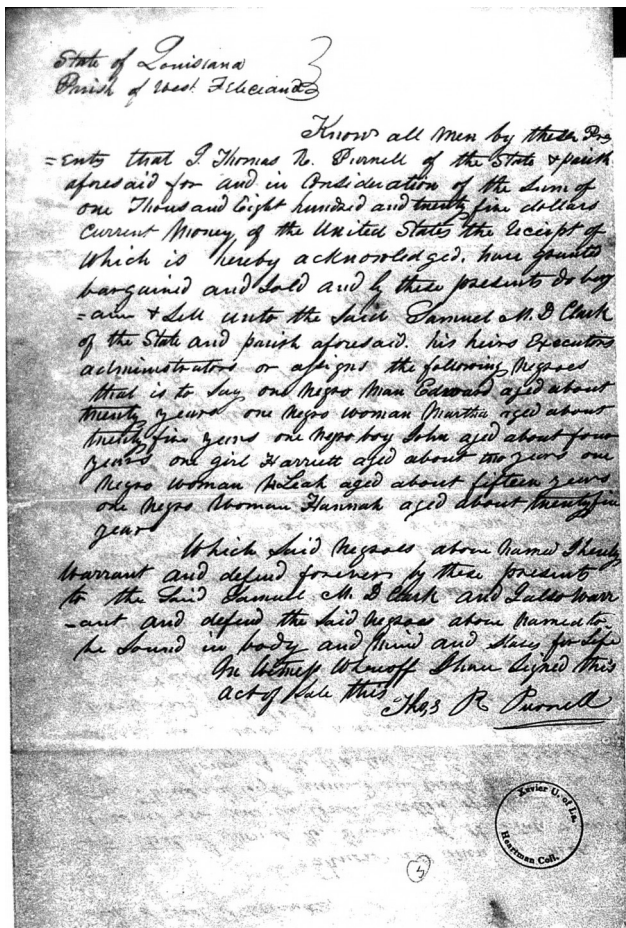
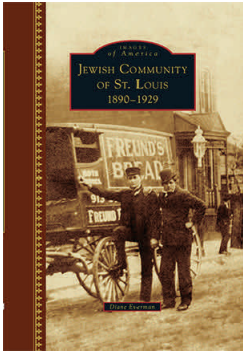


Figure 3, right | Bill of sale for six slaves from Thomas R. Punnell to Samuel M.D. Clark in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana³.

Figure 5, left | Affidavit confirming that Richard Hill was born a Free Black man in Philadelphia⁵

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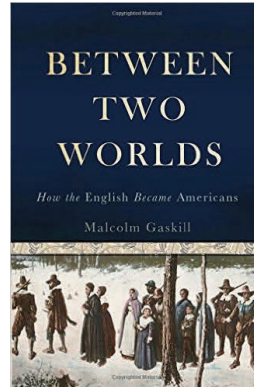


Jewish Community of St. Louis: 1890-1929

By Diane Everman

Arcadia, 2016 | R 977.866 E96J and circulating copies

The St. Louis Jewish community began in the early 19th century and increased rapidly in the decades surrounding the turn of the century. Jewish immigrants brought skills and determination that helped the community evolve and prosper, but they faced challenges to survive, acculturate, and flourish. Not everyone had easy lives or great wealth, yet most worked to succeed and help others. Jewish endeavors covered all spheres, from small businesses to the Freund Bakery and Stix, Baer and Fuller Department Store to the Lesser-Goldman Cotton Company. Many garment district businesses were owned and run by Jews. Philanthropy and social betterment created the Young Men's Hebrew Association, the Jewish Sanatorium, the Home for Aged & Infirm Israelites, the Jewish Hospital, and many other entities. Members of the Jewish community proudly served in World War I and participated in clubs and organizations, as well as in political, civic, and cultural affairs. —*Publisher*



Between Two Worlds: How the English Became Americans

By Malcolm Gaskill

Basic Books, 2014. R 973.2 G248B

In the 1600s, over 350,000 intrepid English men, women, and children migrated to America, leaving behind their homeland for an uncertain future. Whether they settled in Jamestown, Salem, or Barbados, these migrants—entrepreneurs, soldiers, and pilgrims alike—faced one incontrovertible truth: England was a very, very long way away.

In *Between Two Worlds*, celebrated historian Malcolm Gaskill tells the sweeping story of the English experience in America during the first century of colonization. Following a large and varied cast of visionaries and heretics, merchants and warriors, and slaves and rebels, Gaskill brilliantly illuminates the often traumatic challenges the settlers faced. The first waves sought to recreate the English way of life, even to recover a society that was vanishing at home. But they were thwarted at every turn by the perils of a strange continent, unaided by monarchs who first ignored then exploited them. As these colonists strove to leave their mark on the New World, they were forced—by hardship and hunger, by illness and infighting, and by bloody and desperate battles with Indians—to innovate and adapt or perish.

As later generations acclimated to the wilderness, they recognized that they had evolved into something distinct: no longer just the English in America, they were perhaps not even English at all. These men and women were among the first white Americans, and certainly the most prolific. And as Gaskill shows, in learning to live in an unforgiving world, they had begun a long and fateful journey toward rebellion and, finally, independence. —*Publisher*



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St. Louis Cardinals Uniforms and Logos: An Illustrated History, 1882–2016



By Gary Kodner

St. Louis Cardinals Hall of Fame Museum, 2016
R 796.357 K76S

This book takes a timeline journey through the evolution of the Cardinals uniforms and logos; from Von der Ahe to DeWitt: from Brown Stockings to Cardinals; from Sportsman's Park & Club to the St. Louis Cardinals, LLC Uniforms & Logos. In addition to the chronological timeline documenting the history of the St. Louis Cardinals uniform, this book includes promotional items, signs, scorecards, merchandise and more. The Uniforms & Logos book shows the definitive history of the St. Louis Cardinals logos and uniforms.—*Publisher*

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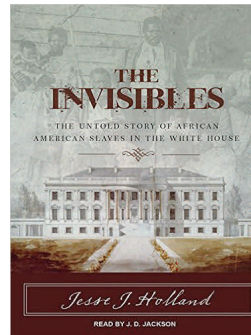
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The Invisibles: The Untold Story of African American Slaves in the White House

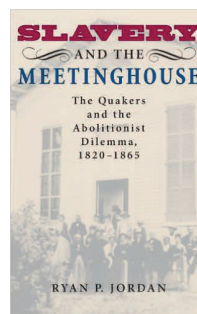
By Jesse J. Holland

Lyons Press, 2016 | 306.362 H735I

The Invisibles: The Untold Story of African American Slaves in the White

House is the first book to tell the story of the executive mansion's most unexpected residents, the African American slaves who lived with the U.S. presidents who owned them. Interest in African Americans and the White House are at an all-time high due to the historic presidency of Barack Obama, and the new Smithsonian National Museum of African American Culture and History.

The Invisibles chronicles the African American presence inside the White House from its beginnings in 1782 until 1862, when President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation that granted slaves their freedom. During these years, slaves were the only African Americans to whom the most powerful men in the United States were exposed on a daily, and familiar, basis. By reading about these often-intimate relationships, readers will better understand some of the views that various presidents held about class and race in American society, and how these slaves contributed not only to the life and comforts of the presidents they served, but to America as a whole.—*Publisher*



Slavery and the Meetinghouse: the Quakers and the Abolitionist Dilemma, 1820-1865

By Ryan P. Jordan

Indiana University, 2007
R 289.6 J82S

Ryan P. Jordan explores the limits of religious dissent in antebellum America, and reminds us of the difficulties facing reformers who tried peacefully to end slavery. In the years before the Civil War, the Society of Friends opposed the abolitionist campaign for an immediate end to slavery and considered abolitionists within the church as heterodox radicals seeking to destroy civil and religious liberty.

Shelf life

The Streets of St. Louis

R 977.866 M196S and circulating copy

Genealogists and researchers of local history may both find reason to keep a copy of *The Streets of St. Louis: A History of St. Louis Street Names* handy. William B. Magnan, a retired postal worker who was curious about the origin of street names he became familiar with throughout his career, co-authored the book with his wife, Marcella. *Streets of St. Louis* begins with a brief history of St. Louis centered on the roles of people who lent their names to the city's streets and landmarks.

It is not unusual to find a St. Louis-area ancestor living on a street that no longer seems to exist, and *Streets of St. Louis's* main research utility is helping to determine an old street's current name by way of an alphabetical index of street names in the back. Each entry lists other names the street has been called, and most entries provide some information about how the street got its name. Because both past and present names are included in the index, it is invaluable for quickly identifying name changes of city streets. County roads are generally not included, though a few of the oldest and best known do appear in the index.

Street addresses for residences are found in many sources, most commonly in the United States Federal Census (written vertically on the far-left side of the page), city directories, and death records. Business addresses are available in a variety of directories. These materials are all available in History & Genealogy.

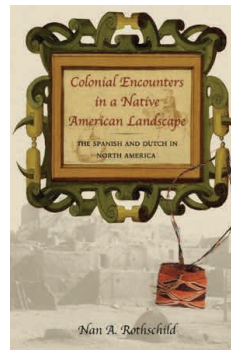
Other information included in the book are lists and short biographies of local governors and mayors, information about early parks, miscellaneous vignettes, and a list of public schools in the city with their locations and dates of operation when possible.

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In response, many Quaker abolitionists began to build "comeouter" institutions where social and legal inequalities could be freely discussed, and where church members could fuse religious worship with social activism. The conflict between the Quakers and the Abolitionists highlights the dilemma of liberal religion within a slaveholding republic.

—*Publisher*



Colonial Encounters in a Native American Landscape: The Spanish and Dutch in North America

By Nan A. Rothschild

Smithsonian Books, 2003

R 974.7 R845C

Nan A. Rothschild examines the process of colonialism in two separate areas of 17th-century North America seeking to answer several key questions: Where did each group live vis-à-vis the other? How entangled were their respective material cultures? How did these situations change over time? What was the nature and extent of their economic relationships? She points out that colonialism has been greatly understudied, is highly variable, and that the comparison of different case studies can bring new understanding to the details of each case and to understanding variation in colonial processes at large. The book transcends simple comparisons because of its strong grounding in the theoretical literature of colonialism.

New data from many different sources are brought together here, including much that is only available in unpublished reports, site files, and archives. Using a framework that considers landscapes, goods, labor, exchange, and identity, Rothschild's approach provides a breadth to the comparison that underscores similarities and differences. This has not been attempted before in either strictly historical or archaeological work on these two areas and makes her book unique.

—*Publisher*

New local history titles

Bonhomme Presbyterian Church, 1816-2016 by Helen Hume.
Mira Digital Publishing, 2016. R 977.865 H921B

Saint Louis: the Story of Catholic Evangelization of America's Heartland, Vol. 1, *From Canoe to Cathedral* by Michael J. Witt. Miriam Press, 2016 | R 977.866 W827S

New German genealogy titles

Ortssippenbücher (local genealogical registers)

Bockenem (Hildesheim, Lower Saxony), R 943.59 B825O
 Burgstall (Bördekreis, Saxony), R 943.182 B133F
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 Eddesse (Peine, Lower Saxony), R 943.59 W134E
 Freudenberg (Siegen-wittgenstein, North Rhein-Westphalia), R 943.563 H699O
 Günsdorf (Erzgebirgskreis, Saxony), R 943.21 M678F
 Günterode (Eichsfeld, Thuringia), R 943.224 W389F
 Immingerode (Göttingen, Lower Saxony), R 943.597 E57F
 Jüterborg (Teltow-Fläming, Brandenburg), R 943.154 B198F
 Logabirum (Ostfriesland, Lower Saxony), R 943.5917 S386F
 Macheren and Petit Ebersviller (Moselle, France), R 944.385 H519M
 Medelsheim (Saar-Pfalz-Kreis, Saarland), R 943.42 U95P
 Reichenbach (Vogtland, Saxony), R 943.21 D773F
 Sackelhausen (Romania / Banat), R 949.84 H374G
 Tutschfelden (Emmendingen, Baden-Württemberg), R 943.462 R364O

Other German titles

Altpreßische Geschlechterkunde (yearbook of the Verein für Familienforschung in Ost- and Westpreußen), Vols. 17–45, R 943 A469
Bayersoier Haus- und Hofgeschichte (Oberbayern, Bavaria) R 943.36 G824B
Map Guide to German Parish Registers, Vol. 56, *Free City of Hamburg*, R 943 H249M
Schäfer und andere Hirten im Saale-Unstrut-Gebiet [Shepherds and other herd keepers in the Saale-Unstrut area of Saxony], R 943.2 H587S

New British genealogy titles

Apprenticeship Disputes in the Lord Mayor's Court of London, 1573–1723, R 942.1 A652
The Baptisms and Burials of St. Michael's Church, Stanwix, R 942.789 J12B
Hearth Tax Returns for the Isle of Wight, 1664 to 1674, R 942.28 H436

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The Window Tax for South Westmorland, 1777, R 942.78 L918W
Sussex Archaeological Collections Relating to the History and Antiquities of the County, R 942.25 S964
Transactions fo the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, R 942.76 H673T
Transactions of the Royal Historical Society, R 942 T772
Victoria History of the County of Essex, R 942.67 H673
Victoria History of the County of Gloucester, R 942.41 V645
Westmorland Hearth Tax for the Year 1674, R 942.78 W533
The Window Tax for North Westmorland, 1777, R 942.78 L918W
Yorkshire West Riding Hearth Tax Assessment, Lady Day 1672, R 942.81 Y65

Genealogy programs at Cliff Cave

Monday, Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.

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■ Census Basics for Genealogical Research

Genealogical research in the United States begins with the Federal Census. Learn how to search within the Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest databases for federal and state census records. A History & Genealogy expert will explore key strategies on how to conduct effective census research. To take this class, you should already know how to use a computer and search the Internet.

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Newspaper databases make it easy to access millions of articles electronically, and they can be used at home with a valid St. Louis County Library card. Databases covered in this class will include 19th-Century U. S. Newspapers, NewspaperArchive, and current and historical St. Louis Post-Dispatch databases. To take this class, you should already know how to use a computer and search the Internet.

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Are you interested in finding your African-American roots? This class will show you how to research your ancestors using two case studies. The first will show you how to get started, and the second will demonstrate how you can use specific source materials to solve common road blocks. The class will conclude by investigating additional records to help deepen your research.

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The ability to locate military veterans can prove vital to the success of a genealogical research project. A History & Genealogy expert will explore strategies for conducting military research in the Fold3 and Ancestry Library Edition databases and in print and online resources. To take this class, you should already know how to use a computer and search the Internet.

March. 4, 2:00 p.m., Sachs | [Register](#)

PROGRAMS

Programs are free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

Saturday, Feb. 11 | 10:00 a.m

■ **Finding the Meaning Behind Objects: Analyzing Artifacts for Genealogy Research**

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting

The presenter will discuss why objects are meaningful to family history researchers and methods for uncovering clues to your family history through artifact analysis. Helpful resources for evaluating heirlooms that are available in the History & Genealogy Department of the St. Louis County Library will also be discussed. | Ellen Mays, St. Louis County Library History & Genealogy Department, Speaker

Saturday, March 11 | 10:00 a.m.

■ **Resources of the National Archives—St. Louis**

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting

The presentation will include information about useful holdings of the National Archives-St. Louis, including some lesser known and some recently added records. Suggestions for research room visits and written requests will also be provided. | Nancy Schuster, Speaker

Wednesday, March 29 | 7:00 p.m.

■ **In die Kirche Gehen: German Churches in St. Louis, 1830–1900**

StLGS German Special Interest Group

Follow the evolution of religious denominations in Germany and their transplantation to the St. Louis area beginning in the 1830s. Also learn about the development of German congregations within “English” denominations. | Scott Holl, Manager, St. Louis County Library History & Genealogy Department, Speaker

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