

OF NOTE

Guide to St. Louis Catholic Archdiocesan Parish Records now online

Originally published by the St. Louis County Library Foundation in 2001, *Guide to St. Louis Catholic Archdiocesan Parish Records* by Christine Human Hughes is [now available as a PDF from the St. Louis County Library website](#). <<http://tinyurl.com/pnhwpxs>>. The online version has been updated to reflect parish closings since 2001. The original can still be viewed in History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library Headquarters.

The guide provides a list of records held on microfilm in History & Genealogy. Listings include date ranges of records for each parish, the St. Louis County Library microfilm roll number, and the corresponding Family History Library film number. The PDF also includes historical information, lists of parishes by date of founding, references to print sources, and availability of parish jubilee histories.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis includes churches in Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, Perry, St. Charles, St. Francois, St. Louis, Ste. Genevieve, Warren, and Washington counties, and the Independent City of St. Louis.

History & Genealogy collections will be more accessible during the NGS Conference

History & Genealogy collections will be more accessible to the public in conjunction with the [National Genealogical](#)



Guide to St. Louis Catholic Archdiocesan Parish Records provides a finding aid to records on microfilm and is a useful resource for Catholic research.

[Society Conference](#) <<http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>> (NGS) taking place in St. Charles, May 13–16. Print collections shelved on Tier 4—normally closed to the public—will be open for browsing from Thursday, May 7 through Tuesday, May 12 during normal library hours. Tier 4 collections include family histories and yearbooks, as well as items for states not shelved on Tier 5. Library staff will also be stationed on Tier 4 to answer questions and provide assistance. Please note that the History & Genealogy [security policy](#) <<http://tinyurl.com/p939xpf>> will be in effect for both Tier 4 and Tier 5 during this time. Information about visiting History & Genealogy during NGS is available on [the library's website](#) <<http://tinyurl.com/o9kbgas>>.

Other NGS Conference items

■ History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library will be at booth 314 in the exhibit hall during the NGS Conference, right next the St. Louis Genealogical Society (booth 211). Stop by and say hello!

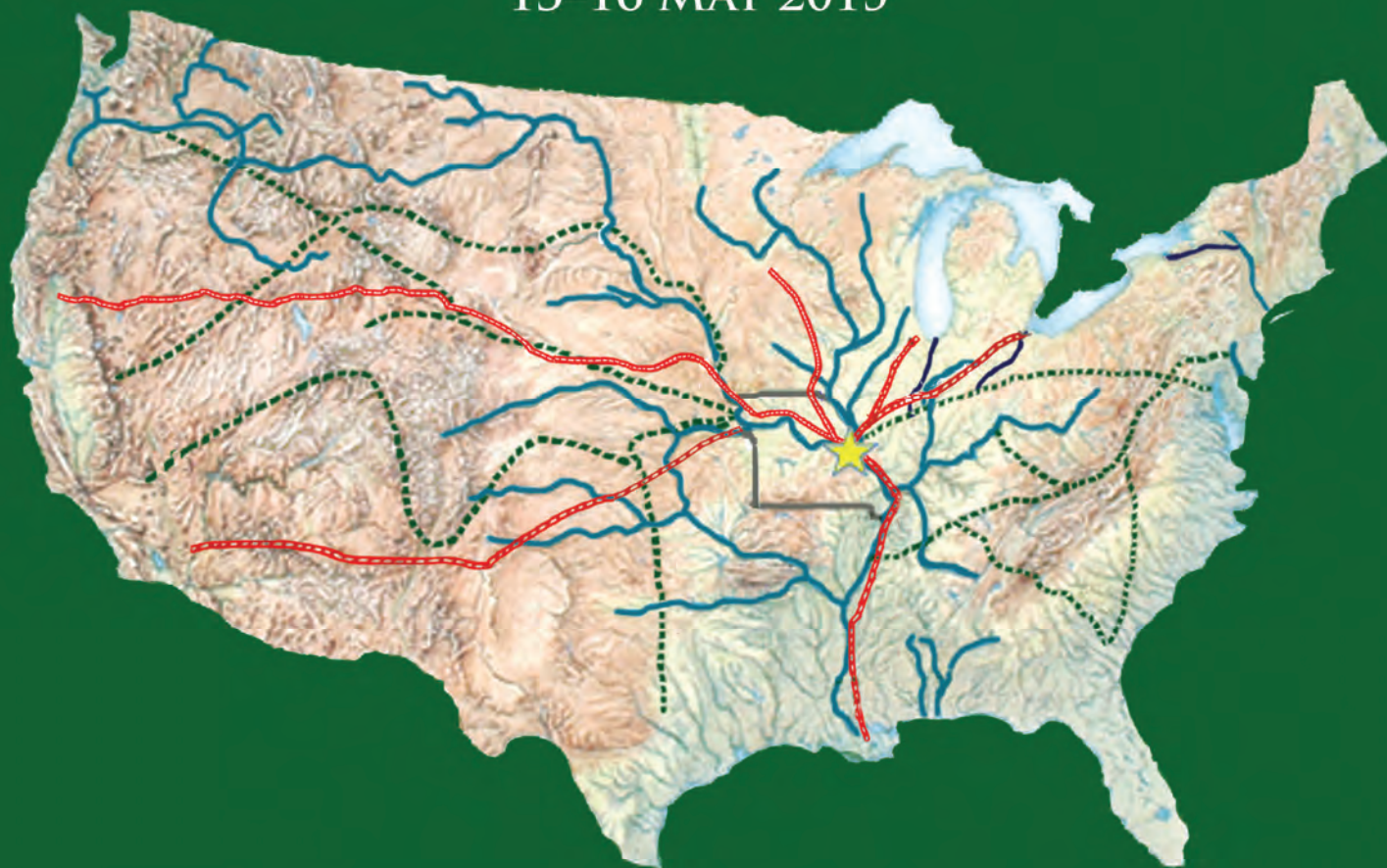
■ A special edition of PastPorts focusing on the NGS Conference will be published as a May-June issue. Printed copies will be available at History & Genealogy's booth in the conference exhibit hall and at the library. A PDF will be available on the library's website. PastPorts will resume its regular production schedule beginning with the July issue.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSING

Sunday, April 5 | Easter Day

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FOR THE RECORDS

The John Dabney Shane Manuscript Collection

Dinner at 6½ o'clock. A piece of Turkey, potatoes, turnips, a piece of beef, parmesan cheese, drink water. – [John Dabney Shane Manuscripts, D542-Diary of an Unknown Writer, Reel 6]

For readers in St. Louis, it seems odd to refer to Kentucky and Ohio as the West. But for the early settlers of the American Republic, these were indeed frontier areas.

John Dabney Shane was born in Cincinnati in 1812. He studied theology in Virginia, and returned to the Ohio Valley as a Presbyterian minister. In his spare time, he devoted

himself to the study of history. Of particular interest were the disappearing pioneer societies in Kentucky and Ohio. Adopting some of the same methodologies implemented by fellow historian Lyman Copeland Draper, Shane conducted interviews, collected and transcribed documents, and clipped newspapers. Where Draper tended to focus his research on famous individuals and military exploits, Shane's interests were socio-cultural. Shane explored business, religion, education, and many aspects of life on the frontier.

When Shane died in 1864, his heirs sold his manuscripts. Draper purchased them and incorporated many of them into his own volumes. These are now in Series CC [The Kentucky Papers] of the Draper Manuscript Collection. They can be found in volumes 11-19, 26-30, and 36-37. Descriptions of these can be found in *Guide to the Draper Manuscripts*¹. Additional information is available in *Calendar of the Kentucky Papers of the Draper Collection of Manuscripts*.²

Draper donated the portion of the Shane Manuscripts he did not want to the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia.³ These became known as the Shane Manuscript Collection. The Historical Society sorted the manuscripts into groups by subject matter and the Family History Library filmed the records. They are available on thirty-two rolls of microfilm. History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library has acquired copies of all thirty-two films.

The Shane Manuscripts consist primarily of letters, but include records from frontier churches, families, and individuals. Much of the collection consists of sermons and discussions of theological material. It also contains many sources of genealogical information, which in many cases cannot be found in any other resource.

Examples from the Record

The Shane Manuscripts contain a number of interesting records that could be of great benefit to your research. The following are examples of the type of information you are likely to find within the collection.

Established in 1795, the First Presbyterian Church in Flemingsburg, Kentucky, is among the oldest congregations

PastPorts is published by the St. Louis County Library History and Genealogy Department, located on Tier 5 of the library headquarters.

[Current and past issues can be downloaded from the web <http://www.slcl.org/pastports>.](http://www.slcl.org/pastports)

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Tours

Tours of History & Genealogy are conducted on the first Wednesday and third Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. No registration is required. Group tours are gladly arranged with advance notice by calling 314-994-3300, ext. 2070.

Communicants Names by Birth	by Marriage	Born	Baptized	Proposed	Married	Dismissed	Died
Margaret	(Cousin of her father) Vanamant	Aug 28. 1775		1793			Dist. 1830
Jacob	Helligoff	March 15. 1770	(her husband used to say he was the half-brother)	1796		Dis. Aug. 27/96 to Wash Co. Ind. (arrived to Ind.)	
John	Miller	Jan 7. 1753		1796			30 April 1835
John	Hart	April 19. 1740		1796			April 2 - 1835
David	Hart	Aug 15. 1775		1796			April 1828
Ann	(Cousin of her father) Lee Sr	1770		1797			
Anna	Shanklin	April 1777		1797			
Barbara	Helligoff	Sept 17. 1766		1798			Dis. Aug. 27/96 to Wash Co. Ind.
Matilda	Hart	Aug 26. 1792		1798	Sept. 29 - 96		
Josiah	Yeates	July 15. 1769		1798			July 26. 1829
Jane	Dougherty	Feb 7. 1777		1798			Dis. to Wash Co. Ind.
Thomas	Berchington	1766		1798			
Anna	Above	Nov 18. 1750		1800			
Mary	Keely	June 12. 1767	her husband was a new light, and she was	1800			
Martha	Grand	Jan 11. 1746		1801			
Nicholas	Gardner	April 26. 1777	lived out on farm both dead.	1801			
Eleanor	Above	Oct 8. 1787		1801			17 March 1832
Nathaniel	W. Bullitt	June 30. 1760		1801			
John	Keith	Dec 30. 1765		1802			
Gordon	Keith	Apr 15. 1774		1803			
Nancy	Gardner	Nov 21. 1784		1803			
James	Patton	Feb 7. 12. 1777		1804			
James	Patton	Feb 7. 2. 1787	lived on by the river - once lived near the	1804			
James	Patton	Feb 1. 2. 1787		1804			
Ruth	Keith	Jan 8. 1766	her husband was a new light.	1804			
Rachel	Gardner	Nov 25. 1769		1805			
Elizabeth	Thomson	Sept 2. 1779	now Mrs James Keith	1805			
Martha	Starnell	April 1. 1773		1805			
Rebekah	Shanklin	June 10. 1744	c. from Rocking ham Co.	1806			Jan 26 1836

Figure 1 | Communicants Lists, F629 Flemingsburg, Kentucky Presbyterian Church Papers Roll 9.

west of the Appalachian Mountains. Shane obtained a register of communicant members listing more than 400 individuals. In many cases it includes their birthdates (from the 1700s) and on some records names of their spouses or parents. Often recorded is a date of death or information about their migration away. Genealogists recognize that this type of information from early American history is very difficult to obtain. Figure 1 shows the first page of the record.

Early Kentucky marriage records can be difficult to obtain. While Ancestry has an index covering 1802 to 1850, and FamilySearch covering 1785 to 1979, neither contains actual images of marriage licenses. The Robert Marshall Marriage Licenses in the Shane Collection include more than 100 early Kentucky marriage licenses from Scott, Bourbon,

Fayette, and Woodford counties. Most of these cannot be found in any other resource. The William Appleton and Elizabeth Lemon Marriage License (Figure 2) is an example of one of these licenses.

The Shane Manuscripts include records of interment in the Cemetery of the First Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati. These can be very useful for documenting death, especially in the era before other forms of death records. Figure 3 shows the record of interment for Samuel Patterson.

Baptist records are particularly difficult to find. Included in the Shane Manuscripts on reel 28 is the “Manuscript Collection of Church Records, Letters, Diaries, and other Papers Related to Kentucky, Illinois, and Ohio.” It includes membership lists of various churches as well as minutes

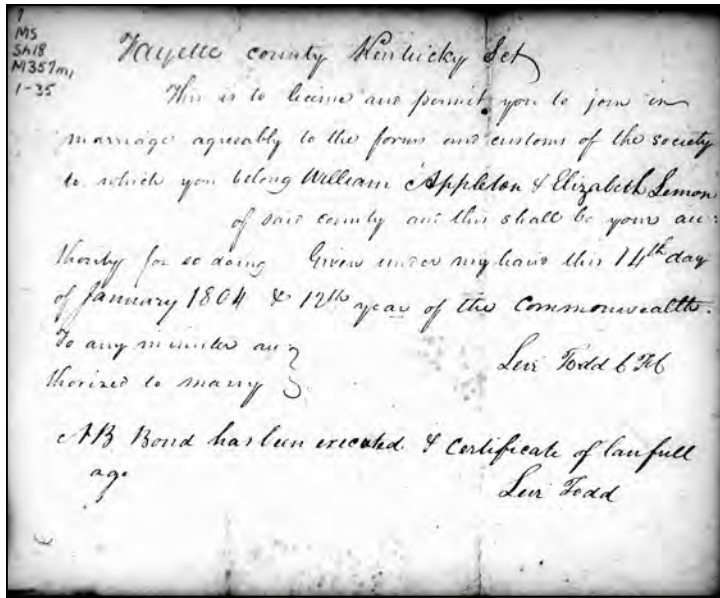


Figure 2 | William Appleton & Elizabeth Lemon Marriage License, M357m1 Robert Marshall Marriage Licenses, Bourbon and Fayette Counties, 1800 - 1826 Roll 18.

and other records. An example is Figure 4 showing a page from the lists of members at Clear Creek, Fayette County, Kentucky.

These are only examples and barely scratch the surface of the information available in the Shane Collection.

Using the records

Unfortunately, an every-name index to the Shane Manuscripts does not exist. With a simple understanding of how the records are arranged, however, it is definitely possible to find information in the collection.

At the time of filming, the Presbyterian Historical Society had sorted the documents of the Shane Collection into 158 sections of related items. The section headings are such things as the “Cabin Creek, West Union and Eagle Creek Papers,” the “H. T. Duncan Papers,” and the “William Williamson Papers.” These describe the general subject matter contained within each section.

The sections are found in alphabetical order and within each section is one or more file folder containing about ten items. The title for each item is listed on the front of file folder. The folder front appears on the film before the contents. Occasionally, the items are out of date order, and in a few cases the records were filmed out of numerical sequence.

Included on the films are some finding aids created by the Historical Society⁴. These finding aids demonstrate no known correlation with the John Dabney Shane microfilm. Due to this inconsistency, we do not recommend their use.

Recommended is William K. Hall’s *The Shane Manuscript Collection: A Genealogical Guide to the Kentucky and Ohio Papers*⁵. The book contains a few minor errors, but it is an invaluable resource for anyone using the Shane Manuscripts. The book describes in detail the major sections of the manuscripts, providing roll by roll background information on the key figures mentioned in the manuscripts.

To further assist a researcher, the History and Genealogy staff has created an [online finding aid](http://tinyurl.com/ohcjau6) <<http://tinyurl.com/ohcjau6>> for the collection listing the title of each document with date of creation and section and item number. It also lists History and Genealogy roll numbers and the corresponding Family History Library film numbers. Items are listed in the order they appear on the film.

Researching the manuscripts

So how exactly should you go about researching in the Shane Manuscripts?

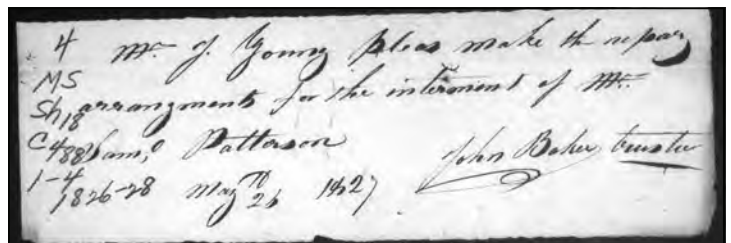


Figure 3 | Interment of Mr. Samuel Patterson, 25 May 1827, C488 Cincinnati First Presbyterian Church Records Roll 4.

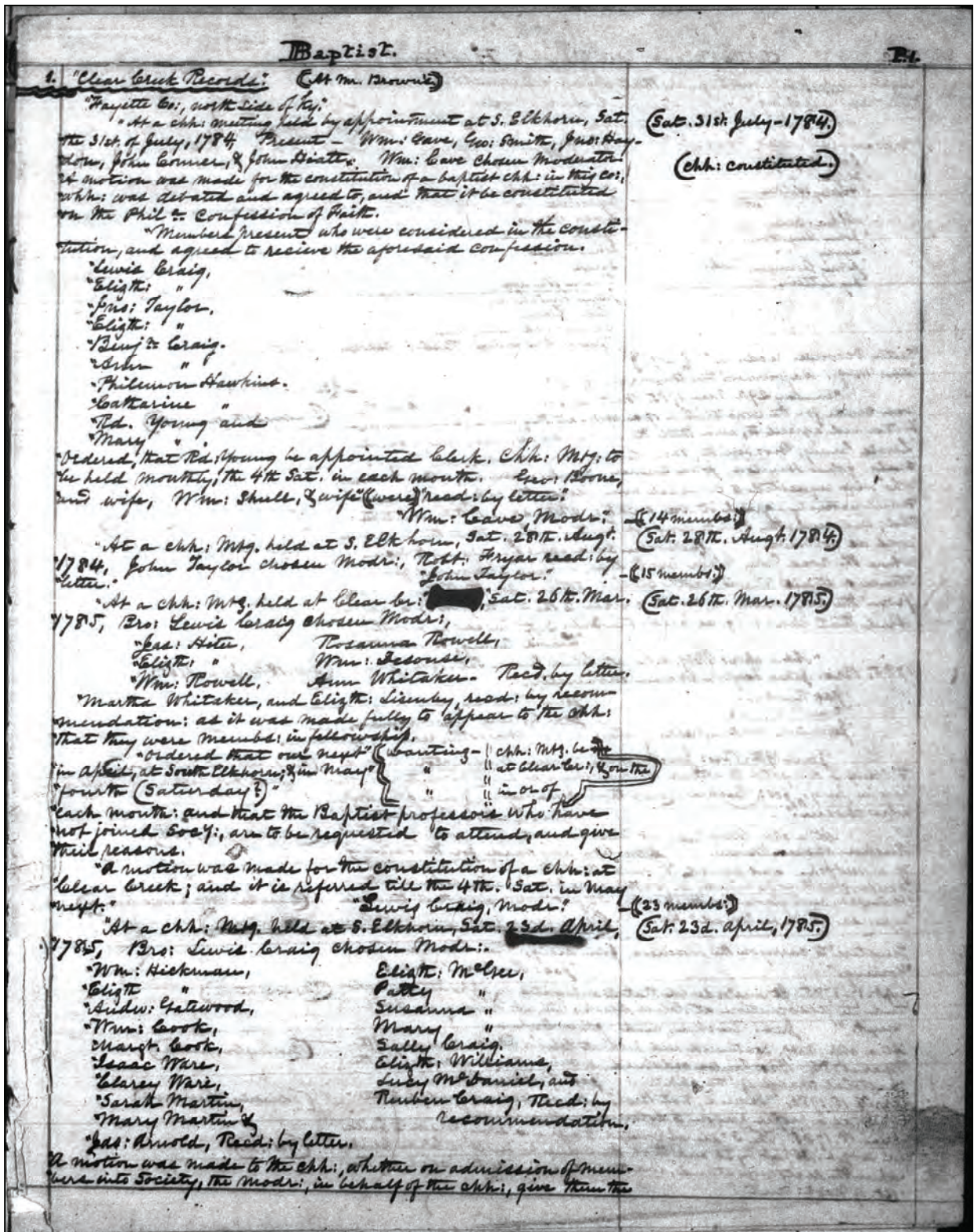


Figure 4 | Lists of members at Clear Creek, Fayette County, Kentucky, Baptist Records, Kentucky & Ohio, ML-75 Sh2 Safe 2 Vol 3 Roll 28.

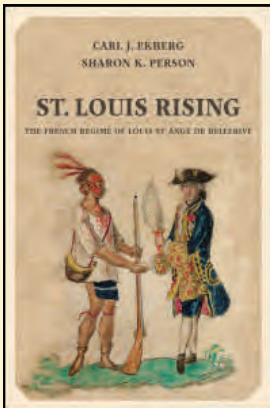
St. Louis County Library Foundation
and History & Genealogy present

Sharon Person & Carl Ekberg
Local Historians & Co-Authors

St. Louis Rising: The French Regime of Louis St. Ange de Bellerive

Thursday, April 30, 7:00 p.m.
Library Headquarters Auditorium

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Seating is limited; early arrival is recommended.



The standard story of St. Louis's founding tells of fur traders Pierre Laclède and Auguste Chouteau hacking a city out of wilderness. "St. Louis Rising" overturns such gauzy myths with the contrarian thesis that French government officials and institutions shaped and

structured early city society. Drawing on new source materials, the authors delve into the complexities of politics, Indian affairs, slavery, and material culture that defined the city's founding period.

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Books for signing will be available for purchase.

Step 1 | The first step is to search the [online finding aid](http://tinyurl.com/ohcjau6) <<http://tinyurl.com/ohcjau6>>. Use the browser's search function [Ctrl+F] to search for a name (of a person, place, church, etc.). If the name is in one of the document titles you should be able to find it.

Step 2 | If that doesn't work, look at the names of the various sections. Hall's book can help you determine if a further search in a particular section makes sense. For example, if your ancestors were in Fayette County, Kentucky, you might want to look in records from that region.

Step 3 | Use the finding aid and the Hall book to choose potential records to view.

The John Dabney Shane Collection, like most manuscript collections, can be a challenging resource to use, but a diligent researcher can discover treasures in it that make the effort worthwhile.

Notes

1. Harper, Josephine L, *Guide to the Draper Manuscripts*. Madison: State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1983. R 929.3 H294G and 929.3 H294G.
2. Weeks, Mabel Clare, *Calendar of the Kentucky Papers of the Draper Collection of Manuscripts*. Owensboro, Ky.: Cook & McDowell Pub., 1979, 1925. R 929.3 S797C and circulating copy.
3. See the Draper Manuscript Collection ,15 CC 201 and 32 CC 79. Also see the John Dabney Shane Collection Roll JDS-19 M681—Shane Collections, Miscellaneous Papers, Item 31, and Roll JDS-23, Sh18z—Papers on the Life and Letters of Rev. J. D. Shane, Item 11.
4. See List of Shane Papers on roll JDS-1 and Index to Shane Manuscript Papers on roll JDS-26 for examples of these.
5. Hall, William K., *The Shane Manuscript Collection: A Genealogical Guide to the Kentucky and Ohio Papers*. Galveston: Frontier Press, 1990. R 976.9 H181S.

LOCAL HISTORY

Tornado of Sept. 1927

On Sept. 29, 1927, a devastating tornado ripped through St. Louis. The next day, the Post-Dispatch headline read, “86 Killed, 500 Hurt in Tornado; \$10,000,000 Loss; Six Square Miles of Buildings Laid in Ruins.” Reports also included a list of the tornado’s casualties, with their names, ages, addresses, occupations and places of death.

Items in the local history file in History & Genealogy include a set of 14 donated photos of the aftermath of the



Photos in History & Genealogy’s local history file depict the devastation created by the 1927 tornado.

1927 tornado. The pictures depict buildings reduced to rubble and homes missing their facades. The photos belonged to a library patron’s aunt who was a life-long St. Louis resident. A report in the file by members of the Engineers’ Club of St. Louis and the St. Louis Chapter of the American Institute of Architects dated September 1928 offers recommendations on how to repair damaged buildings and implies that those made after the 1896 tornado were ignored. Other items in the file include newspaper articles, such as the one previously mentioned.

Materials in the local history file are available for viewing and research on Tier 5. Ask a librarian for assistance.

GENEALOGY AT CLIFF CAVE APRIL–MAY

Programs take place at the Cliff Cave Branch of St. Louis County Library, 5430 Telegraph Road. Programs are free and open to the public.

■ Lineage Societies and Their Documents

Monday, April 20 | 6:30 p.m.

Learn about the advantages of utilizing lineage societies in genealogical research.

Judy Belford, speaker

■ Ordering Microfilm Through FamilySearch.org

Monday, May 18 | 6:30 p.m.

Millions of records from around the world are available through the Family History Library microfilm loan program. Find out how to find and order microfilm rolls through the FamilySearch website for viewing in History & Genealogy at the library’s Headquarters location.



Genealogy PROGRAMS

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St. Louis Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting **Tuesday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.**

Auditorium



Making the most of Microsoft Word

Speaker: Ilene Murray

Whether you are writing a book or just typing up your research notes, the more you know about how Microsoft Word works, the easier your job will be. From formatting basics to inserting graphics, this overview of Word will help you gain control over this powerful program. (This talk only applies to Word 2011/2013 for the PC and 2011 for the Mac, NOT older versions.)

St. Louis Genealogical Society Irish Special Interest Group **Tuesday, April 28, 7:00 p.m.**

East Room

Immigration from Ireland in the 1800s

The speaker will give a brief lecture on the topic of emigration from Ireland in the 1800s, focusing on who left Ireland during this time to go to America and why.

Speaker: Gabrielle M. Woeltje

CROSSROADS OF AMERICA

National Genealogical Society 2015 Family History Conference

Wednesday, May 13–Saturday, May 16

St. Charles Conference Center–St. Charles, Missouri

The 2015 National Genealogical Society Family History Conference is a unique opportunity to attend lectures and workshops presented by the top professional genealogists. Many exhibitors will be on hand, and attendees will have opportunities to meet and interact with family history researchers from around the country. Full conference and one-day registrations are available. Visit www.ngsgenealogy.org for more information.

St. Louis County Library is proud to be the home of the National Genealogical Society Collection and welcomes all researchers during the NGS Conference.

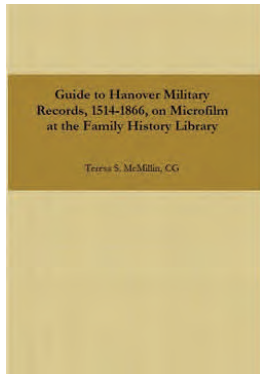


St. Louis County **Library**

Program sites are accessible. Upon two weeks' notice, accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Call 314-994-3300 or visit www.slcl.org



NEW IN HISTORY & GENEALOGY



Guide to Hanover Military Records, 1514–1866, on Microfilm at the Family History Library

By Teresa S. McMillin

**Lind Street Research, 2014
R 943.5954 M167G**

Military records for the former Kingdom of Hanover are detailed sources covering the years 1514–1866. The original records are held in German archives, but microfilmed images are available to researchers through the Family History Library (FHL) Family History Centers and other affiliates world wide. Hanover's military records are untapped by researchers. Until now, English-language finding aids have been non-existent. Existing guides contained no cross-reference to the

FHL microfilm numbers. This book, created specifically for users of the FHL collection, fills that void.

The records span 130 rolls of FHL microfilm. Muster rolls may include the date and place of a soldier's birth, a physical description, or a father's name. Transfers to and from other companies provide clues to additional muster rolls to review. Other types of records in this collection include regimental journals; pension data (including widow's pleas for pensions); marriage consents; field church books; horse muster rolls, including physical descriptions of the horses and the names of the soldiers who rode them; and much, much more. Research involving a Hanover ancestor is not complete without considering this collection.

This new guide is a translation of major portions of the original German finding aid. In addition, the author added the FHL microfilm number for each record identified. Several new chapters include an overview of the history of the Kingdom of Hanover and details on how to use the guide, demonstrated by following the military career of one soldier.—*Adapted from author's website*

A History of Czech Lands



Edited by Jaroslav Pánek & Oldřich Tuma
**University of Chicago, 2009
R 943.7 P191H**

Born January 1, 1993 after it split with Slovakia, the Czech Republic is one of the youngest members of the European Union. Despite its youth as a nation, this land and the areas just outside its modern borders boasts an ancient and intricate past. With *A History of the Czech Lands*, editors Jaroslav Pánek and Oldřich Tuma—along with several scholars from the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic and Charles University—provide one of the most complete historical accounts of this region to date. The first study in English with this scope and ambition, *A History of the Czech Lands* is essential for scholars



View this month's list of new books on the web

A list of new books received during the previous month is posted on the [library's website](#).

View the list by clicking on the graphic, left, or by typing the URL into your browser: <http://tinyurl.com/ktha6fr>. [You can also download the list as a PDF from the library's website](#) <http://tinyurl.com/okz4vvs>.

For more information about viewing the new book list online, exporting records, and saving items to a customized list, call (314) 994-3300 or ask a librarian when visiting any St. Louis County Library branch.

of Slavic, Central, and East European studies and a must-read for those who trace their ancestry to these lands.

—*Publisher*

Ortssippenbücher

[A complete list of Ortssippenbücher / Familienbücher in History & Genealogy is available on the library's website](http://tinyurl.com/omw45vw) <<http://tinyurl.com/omw45vw>>.

Diedenbergen, Hesse, 1640–1900. R 943.416 G125D
 Krakau, including Kleingräfendorf, Saxony-Anhalt, 1599–1899. R 943.184 B899O
 Möckerling, including Nieder- and OberKlobikau, Wünschendorf, and Reinsdorf, Saxony-Anhalt, 1647–1703. R 943.184 B899O

CLASSES

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

APRIL

Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition Database

Tuesday, April 7 | 2 p.m.
 Headquarters Computer Lab
 Larry Franke, instructor
 Registration is now open.

Introduction to Fold3 and HeritageQuest

Thursday, April 16 | 2 p.m.
 Headquarters Computer Lab
 Larry Franke, instructor
 Registration is now open.

History and Genealogy in Newspapers

Wednesday, April 22 | 2 p.m.
 Headquarters Computer Lab
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Publications related to the Civil War Period

Hartman, David W. *Biographical Rosters of Florida's Confederate and Union Soldiers, 1861-1865*. 6 vols. Wilmington, N.C.: Broadfoot, 1995. R 973.7459 H333B
Southern Bivouac. 6 vols. Wilmington, N.C.: Broadfoot Pub. Co., 1992-. R 973.713 S727
Southern Historical Society Papers. Wilmington, N.C.: Broadfoot Pub., 1990-1992. R 973.7 S727
Report of the Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War. 8 vols. plus index. Wilmington, N.C.: Broadfoot Pub. Co., 1998. R 973.73 U58R

British history and genealogy

Several items for research in England and Wales have been added as part of the Lewis Bunker Rohrbach Collection. Publications include 16th–17th century visitation records, parish records of London, pedigrees for various localities, marriage license allegations to local bishops, and *Welsh Genealogies, AD 1400–1500* (10 vols.). Consult the [New Genealogy and Local History book list](http://tinyurl.com/ktha6fr) online <<http://tinyurl.com/ktha6fr>> for titles and call number information.

New at Ancestry

Births, marriages and deaths for various locations in Germany
 Registers of Patients at Naval Hospitals, 1812-1934
 Italy, Waldensian Evangelical Church Records, 1679-1969
 Many new databases for German and Jewish Holocaust research.
 Alabama, Passenger Lists, 1904-1962
 Georgia, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1904-1964
 Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867-1952