

FOR THE RECORDS

Historical newspapers provide important clues and insight to ancestors' lives

Historical newspapers are a vital source for genealogical research. Anyone who has done family history research knows the value of finding published obituaries. But newspapers also sometimes offer additional—and sometimes surprising—details of an ancestor's life. For example, the Special Collections Department staffer responsible for the *Westliche Post* obituary index unexpectedly discovered an August 1890 death notice for James Purcell, an Irishman born in County Tipperary. No notice appeared in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, where one might expect to find it. Why an Irishman's death notice appeared in a German newspaper and not in the English-language one remains a mystery.

In the course of searching for Purcell in the *Historical St. Louis Post-Dispatch Database*, the staffer discovered the death notice of a different James Purcell (actually Richard James) who died the same year. Besides the obit, she also found a detailed article about the deceased's two wives. Mr. Purcell had apparently neglected to divorce one wife before marrying the other, leading to a battle over his estate. All of this was colorfully reported by the newspaper.

Newspapers can also provide crucial information that can break through a brick wall. One such instance involved a researcher who could not find the death date or location of his great-great grandfather. Family lore stated that he had just disappeared one day. After fruitlessly searching for years, he discovered an article through a historical newspaper database that provided the date and place of death. The article was a lucky find, although the information included some tragic facts. The deceased had hanged himself from a railroad trestle far away from where his family lived.

The traditional challenge with newspaper research has been accessing information. Without an index (or electronic equivalent) a newspaper remains buried treasure. The advent of digitization is a boon to researchers, and indexing projects help open up the wealth of information newspapers can provide.

Historical newspapers in the Special Collections Department

The Special Collections Department provides broad access to historical newspapers with emphasis on the St. Louis area through microfilm and electronic databases. A complete list of the Department's holdings begins on page 11.

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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.



Special Collections Workshops

FOR LAND SAKES!

Learning How to Read and Write Township and Range Land Descriptions

Chose one of two dates:

■ **Saturday, May 8**
9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Headquarters East Room
Registration is now open

■ **Wednesday, May 12**
6:00 – 8:30 pm
Headquarters East Room
Registration is now open

Registration is limited to 12 participants per session.

Call (314) 994-3300, ext. 2070 to register

The ability to read and understand land descriptions is essential for unlocking important information found in deeds, probate files, and court case documents in states using township and range property descriptions. Participants will learn:

- **How to plat property on a township grid**
- **How to write a land description from a plat map image**

States using township and range descriptions east of the Mississippi River are Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio, and Wisconsin. All states west of the Mississippi except Texas and Hawaii use the system.

Besides the presentation and hands-on activities, the class will include a brief tour of the Special Collections Department to familiarize students with specialized resources needed for land research.

This workshop is designed for researchers who would like to advance their research skills. Knowledge of basic research skills and previous experience in doing genealogical or property research is recommended.

INTRODUCTION TO GERMAN FOR GENEALOGISTS

Participants will receive a brief overview of the German language, instruction in deciphering the German printed alphabet (*Fraktur*), and an introduction to the vocabulary necessary for understanding published obituaries and columnar headings used in church records. The workshop will include hands-on exercises.

Participants will learn to:

- **Identify the letters of the German *Fraktur* alphabet**
- **Recognize and decipher key words printed in *Fraktur***
- **Extract key information from a published obituary with the help of a vocabulary list**
- **Understand terms used in columnar headings in pre-printed German church record forms**

Knowledge of German is helpful but not required to attend this workshop.

Chose one of two dates:

■ **Tuesday, June 15**
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Headquarters East Room
Registration begins May 18

■ **Saturday, June 19**
9:30 – 11:30 am
Headquarters East Room
Registration begins May 22

Registration is limited to 12 participants per session.

Call (314) 994-3300, ext. 2070

Fraktur

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St. Louis newspapers

The following St. Louis newspapers in the Special Collections Department have indexes or are accessible electronically. See page 11 for a complete list of titles. Newspaper microfilm is located on Tier 4. The online indexes mentioned below are available on the [Special Collections website](http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/) <http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/> unless otherwise noted.

■ *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 1874 – present.

The following indexes are available:

Index to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 1980 – 2009. R 070 I98 (Tier 4). The index does not include obituaries except for notable persons.

[Post-Dispatch Obituary Online Index \(St. Louis Public Library\)](http://www.slpl.org/slpl/gateways/article240117856.asp) <http://www.slpl.org/slpl/gateways/article240117856.asp>. Compiled by the St. Louis (City) Public Library, the index currently includes obituaries published 1880 – 1930, 1942 – 1945, 1960 – 1966, and 1992 – 2009.

Historical *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* database (1874 – 1922). Provides full-text access and is keyword searchable. For tips on finding obituaries in this database, see [PastPorts, April 2010, p. 6](http://www.slcl.org/pastports/2010/04.pdf) <http://www.slcl.org/pastports/2010/04.pdf> (see page 12).

■ *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, 1853-1986

Issues for June 6, 1875 – July 23, 1888 are accessible electronically in the *Nineteenth Century U.S. Newspaper Database* (see page 12).

[A death index for 1860 and 1880](http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/indexes/globe_democrat_deaths.htm) <http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/indexes/globe_democrat_deaths.htm> is available online.

The Mercantile Library in St. Louis offers an [online index](http://www.umsl.edu/mercantile/special_collections/slma-112.html) <http://www.umsl.edu/mercantile/special_collections/slma-112.html> to the newspaper's clipping file.

■ *Carondelet News*, 1903 – 1935

An index for 1903 – 1906 is available [online](http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/indexes/carondelet/carondelet-index.htm) <http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/indexes/carondelet/carondelet-index.htm>, and includes births, marriages, and deaths. This is an ongoing project.

■ *Le Patriot*, (French) 1878, 1884, 1886, 1887

An index is available [online](http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/patriote.pdf) <http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/patriote.pdf>.

■ *La Revue de l'Ouest* (French), 1854.

An index is available [online](http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/revue.pdf) <http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/revue.pdf>

■ *St. Louis Argus* (African American), 1915 – 1942, 1945 – 1962, 1965 – 1966, 1986 – 1997

An obituary index is available through the [St. Louis Public Library website](http://www.slpl.lib.mo.us/libsrc/argusobit.htm) <http://www.slpl.lib.mo.us/libsrc/argusobit.htm> for 1915 – 1927 and 1942 – 1945.

■ *St. Louis Christian Advocate* (Methodist), 1850 – 1932

This newspaper was published weekly by the Methodist Episcopal Church South in St. Louis. Issues for Aug. 22, 1857 – Oct. 22, 1879 are accessible online through the [Missouri Digital Heritage website](http://cdm.sos.mo.gov/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=/christadvoc) <http://cdm.sos.mo.gov/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=/christadvoc>

The following print indexes are available:

Abstracts of Obituaries Published Weekly in the "St. Louis Christian Advocate," R 977.8 W893M. Five volumes cover 1870 – 1882,

A 6,500 Name Comprehensive Index, State-Wide Missouri Obituaries from "The St. Louis Christian Advocate" (Methodist), 1851 – 1882, R 977.8 W893S and circulating copy.

■ *St. Louis Star-Times*, 1910 – 1950. This newspaper was known for its ongoing series of articles on particular topics. Online indexes for several are available:

[Churches and Synagogues](http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/star-times-church-articles.pdf) <http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/star-times-church-articles.pdf>

[Local History](http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/star_times_local_history_articles.pdf) <http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/star_times_local_history_articles.pdf>

[St. Louis World War Fighters \(WWI\)](http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/star_times_ww1_fighters.pdf) <http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/star_times_ww1_fighters.pdf>

■ *Westliche Post* (German), 1857 – 1938

A general-interest newspaper for the German speaking community. [An online obituary index](http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/indexes/westliche/westliche-obit-index.htm) <http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/indexes/westliche/westliche-obit-index.htm> is an ongoing Special Collections Department project. An index for 1880 – 1889 is available.

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Anzeiger des Westens, another St. Louis German newspaper available on microfilm held by the Department, was absorbed by the *Westliche Post* in 1898.

Other St. Louis newspaper indexes

The library has two indexes covering multiple titles.:

■ ***Index to St. Louis Magazines and Obituaries, 1980 – 1981, R 070 I38 (Tier 4)***

The index only includes obituaries published as articles in the *St. Louis Argus*, *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* and the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Even though it does not include all obituaries, the index is important, as it covers two years currently absent on the [St. Louis \(City\) Public Library's online obituary index](http://www.slpl.org/slpl/gateways/article240117856.asp) < <http://www.slpl.org/slpl/gateways/article240117856.asp>>.

■ ***Index to St. Louis Newspapers, R 070 I38***

A general subject index to the *Post-Dispatch*, *Globe-Democrat*, *St. Louis Sentinel*, and *St. Louis Argus*. The library has volumes for 1975 – 1979 on Tier 4 and for 1975 – 1978 in the Special Collections Department. They do not index obituaries except for famous persons.

Other Missouri newspapers

■ ***Independent Patriot, Dec 23, 1820 – Dec 13, 1826 (Jackson, Cape Girardeau County). Microfilm (Tier 4)***

■ ***Maryville Republican, 1870 – 1882 (Nodaway County). Microfilm, Tier 4***

An index is *Abstracted Newspaper Index of Nodaway County, Missouri, 1869 – 1900*, R 977.8124 O23A

Missouri newspaper indexes and abstracts

Kenneth Weant has published numerous indexes for Missouri newspapers that include births, marriages and deaths. The Department has Weant's indexes for the following Missouri counties (abbreviated titles unless italicized):

Audrain County, R 977.8332 W362A and circulating copy

Boone County, R 977.829 W362B and circulating copy

Callaway County, Missouri, R 977.8335 W362C and circulating copy

Deaths from & Indexes to Two Fulton Newspapers, Callaway County, Missouri from January 1887 to December 1910, R 977.8335 W362D

Deaths from Fulton Newspapers, Callaway County, Missouri from August 1848 to December 1886, R 977.8335 W362D

Chariton County, R 977.825 W362C

Cole County, R 977.855 W362C and circulating copy

Lafayette County, R 977.8453 W362L

Lewis County, R 977.8345 W362L

Lincoln County, R 977.837 W362L

Macon County, R 977.827 W362M

Marion County, R 977.8353 W362M

Moniteau County, Missouri, Q 977.852 W362M

Monroe County, R 977.8325 W362M

Montgomery County, R 977.8382 W362M and circulating copy

Pike County, R 977.836 W362P

Polk County, R 977.877 W362P

Ralls County, Missouri, R 977.8355 W362R

Ray County, R 977.819 W362R.

St. Clair County, Missouri, R 977.8466 W362S

Vernon County, R 977.844 W362V

Other states and counties

The Department has newspaper indexes and abstracts in print for individual cities and counties in Missouri and other states. Check the library's online catalog or inquire at the Department reference desk for assistance.

National newspapers and newspapers for other states

■ ***Boston Transcript (Genealogical Queries Only), June 6, 1896 – April 30, 1941 (microfiche, Tier 5, Drawer F)***

A searchable electronic index is on CD-ROM M5, titled *American Genealogical-Biographical Index*.

■ ***Los Angeles Times: Jan. 1, 1982 – Dec. 31, 2006 (microfilm, Tier 4)***

■ ***New York Times, 1851 – Dec. 31, 2006 (microfilm, Tier 4)***

Although published in New York, the *Times* has long been a national paper that picks up important or unusual stories in other localities. The Department has microfilm for issues 1851 – 2006 and the newspaper is available electronically on the *Historical New York Times Database* (see page 12), 1851 – three years before the

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current issue. The library has the following print indexes:

New York Times Index, 1858 – 2007. R 070 N532 (Tier 4)

Personal Name Index to the “New York Times Index,” 1851 – 2003. R 070 F191 (Tier 4)

The New York Times Obituary Index, 1858 – 1968.
R 070 N5323 (Tier 4 and Tier 5)

■ *Ostfriesische Nachrichten, 1884 – 1969*

Ostfriesische Nachrichten was a national newspaper printed in the U.S. for German immigrants from East Frisia, an area in present-day Lower Saxony. The Department has three obituary indexes:

Rick Gersema, *Obituary Index to the Ostfriesische Nachrichten and the Ostfriesen Zeitung (1916 – 1971)*, R 973.04392 G381O

Hans-Georg Boyken, *Wo sind sie geblieben? Ostfriesen in Amerika / Where did they stay: East Frisians in America (3 vols.)*, R 973.04392 B791W

Kenneth De Wall, *East Friesen Roots*, R 973.04393 D515E (covers 1884 – 1915).

Gersema’s index is alphabetical, making it easier to use than the other two, which list obituaries by year. For more information about *Ostfriesische Nachrichten*, see [PastPorts, Sept. 2009, p. 2](http://www.slcl.org/pastports/2009/09.pdf) <<http://www.slcl.org/pastports/2009/09.pdf>>

■ *Washington Post*, Jan. 1 1986 – Dec. 31, 2006

Free historical newspapers on the web

More and more libraries and archives are digitizing newspapers and providing free access through the Internet. One of the most ambitious projects is the [Library of Congress’s \(LOC\) Chronicling America website](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/) <<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>>, an ongoing project to digitize the LOC’s newspaper collection.

A comprehensive list of both free and pay websites offering digitized newspapers for the U.S. and other countries is on [Wikipedia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_online_newspaper_archives) <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_online_newspaper_archives>.

The University of Pennsylvania Library also has an [extensive list of online historical U.S. newspapers](http://gethelp.library.upenn.edu/guides/hist/online_newspapers.html) <http://gethelp.library.upenn.edu/guides/hist/online_newspapers.html>.

The International Coalition on Newspapers (ICON)

provides [links](http://icon.crl.edu/) <<http://icon.crl.edu/>> to many online newspapers published in foreign countries.

Finding newspapers

Unfortunately, not all newspapers are online. So, how does a researcher find out if a newspaper exists for a locality, and if one does, where copies might be located? In most cases, the place to start is the local public library, which is usually the most knowledgeable source of information about a community’s newspapers. Otherwise, the Department has a number of newspaper bibliographies in print, most of which identify the repository where a newspaper title can be found:

■ *American Newspapers, 1690 – 1829*, R 071 B855H

Lists titles by state and city. It provides publishing histories but not where newspapers can be found.

■ *American Newspapers, 1821 – 1936: A Union List of Files available in the United States and Canada*, R 071 A512

Includes brief publishing histories and location of newspapers in repositories.

■ *Bibliographic Checklist of African American Newspapers*, R 071.3 H519B and circulating copy

Titles are listed by state and city and include available date ranges available. Holding institutions are identified.

■ *Missouri Newspapers on Microfilm at the State Historical Society of Missouri*, R 070.052 S797M

■ *Newspaper Indexes: A Location and Subject Guide for Researchers (3 vols.)*, R 071.016 H659N and circulating copy

This is a guide to newspapers that were known to be indexed at the time of publication (1977, with updates in 1979 and 1982). Newspapers are listed by state and city. Entries identify the repository holding the newspaper index. Information about repositories is given in the second half of each volume, although much of it is now out of date.

Several excellent sources for identifying and locating newspapers can be accessed on the Internet:

■ [Chronicling America](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/) <<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>>

Click on “Find” and this Library of Congress website lets researchers search for (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)

newspapers by title, date, location, and other criteria. The database is comprehensive and provides publishing history and repository locations where a title can be found.

■ [Illinois Newspaper Project](http://www.library.illinois.edu/inp/) < <http://www.library.illinois.edu/inp/>>

A search engine allows searching by title, city, and state. Results identify in which repository the newspaper may be found. The database covers newspapers found in Illinois institutions regardless of where they were published.

Once the title of a newspaper is known, microfilm copies can often be obtained through inter-library loan. Copies of specific articles can usually be requested from holding institutions if exact information, such as article title and date, are known.

Ortssippenbuch lists emigrants who went to St. Louis

The Special Collections Department recently acquired *Leben und Sterben im Kirchspiel Bramsche: Ein Familienbuch*, by Udo Niemann (Berlin: Udo Niemann, R 943.5911 N671L. The seven-volume set is a local family genealogical register (*Ortssippenbuch*) for the parish of Bramsche, which includes the neighboring communities of Pente, Achmer, Hesepe, Epe, Sögel and Rieste. The area is near Osnabrück, Lower Saxony in the former Kingdom of Hannover. Along with detailed genealogical information covering the years 1670 – 1900, many entries also provide the destination of 19th-century emigrants. Family members with the following surnames are listed as going to St. Louis:

Abke	Niemann
auf dem Thye	Noenoch
Beverförden	Otte
Brockschmidt	Pohlmann
Detering	Redecker
Eckelmann	Rolf
Eymann	Scheme
Fänger	Schnuck
Freudenborg	Schwankhaus
Gieselmann	Spielmann
Hackmann	Stuckenberg
Hetlage	Thomann
Huge	Weihe
Johannes	zur Oeveste
Krop	

Many other families are listed as emigrating to other cities or simply to “the United States.”

The former Kingdom of Hannover was an area that produced one of the highest concentrations of German emigration during the 19th century. Many came to the St. Louis area and southern Illinois.

The Special Collections Department staff is happy to do lookups in this source. Email requests to scollections@slcl.org. Please limit requests to the names of three specific individuals per request.

LOCAL HISTORY

Researching Lemay

The resources of the Special Collections Department for local history research offer an opportunity to glimpse into the lives of our ancestors in ways that help give context to their lives. There are many books, newspapers, periodicals, and other local history sources available in the Department’s holdings. This article is the fourth in a series to feature resources available for historical research in the local communities of St. Louis County.

It is unclear exactly when European settlement began in Lemay. Records indicate that a group of Jesuit fathers from Montreal found Jean Baptiste D’Gamache living in a village in the area with Kaskaskia and Tamaroa Indians. Shortly thereafter, he was joined by a number of families who had previously settled in Cahokia.

The area became known under a variety of names including Selma, Ivory, Luxembourg, Hoffmeister, and Bismarck Heights. Gradually, the area became known as Lemay, named for François Lemai, the operator of a ferry there. Today, Lemay is not an incorporated city, but a “census designated place.” It is one of the larger unincorporated areas in St. Louis County.

The following is a list of books and articles in the local history clipping file about the city of Lemay.

Books

Alden, William F., *It Happened in Lemay*. St. Louis: Naborhood Link News. R 977.865 A359I

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St. Andrew Parish Diamond Jubilee, 1905 – 1980. St. Louis: Diamond Jubilee Souvenir Book Committee, 1980. R 282 S133

Schertel, Vernon G., *Historic Lemay, 1700 – 1945: A Collection of Historic Beginnings, Historic Places, Historic Events, Historic Buildings, Historic Persons.* Lemay, MO: Nabor News Print, 1995. R 977.865 S326H

Local History File

Caroll, Colleen. "Aging Enclave Works to Turn Itself Around," *St Louis Post-Dispatch*, (18 Apr 1999).

"Businesses That Have Grown With Our Community," *Ye Olde Lemay Tymes*, (11 Nov 1976) pp. 49 – 51.

"Lemay Plan Released by Planning Department," *Naborhood Link News*, (30 Apr 1975) p 1.

Newspapers

On microfilm located on Tier 4.

Naborhood Link News, 1930—1969

St. Louis Bugle, 1945—1972

WEB NEWS

Web finds

■ [Atlanta Historic Newspapers Archive](http://atlnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/atlnewspapers/search) <<http://atlnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/atlnewspapers/search>>: Part of the Digital Georgia project, this website features Atlanta newspapers, 1847 – 1922.

■ [Die MAUS — Family History and Genealogical Society of Bremen: Bremen Passenger Lists](http://www.passagierlisten.de) <<http://www.passagierlisten.de>>: Beginning in 1832, ship owners were required to maintain lists of passengers boarding in Bremen, a major port of departure for German emigrants. Unfortunately, a record disposal program and World War II destroyed many lists. The records for almost 700,000 passengers are still available for 1830 – 1857 and 1907 – 1945, however. This website features a searchable database with links to images of available passenger lists. Researchers who have no luck searching Ancestry might try this database if the departure was in the time frame in which the Bremen records exist. The site is in German, but

an English translation is available by clicking on the British flag on the main page.

■ [ICON: International Coalition of Newspapers](http://icon.crl.edu/digitization.htm) <<http://icon.crl.edu/digitization.htm>>: A list of digitized newspapers from around the world, including the U.S. and Canada. Some are free, some are fee-based. Many historical titles are included.

■ [Springfield-Greene County Public Library, Local History and Genealogy](http://thelibrary.springfield.missouri.org/lochist) <<http://thelibrary.springfield.missouri.org/lochist>>: This website features a number of indexes, abstracts, and digitized collections.

New on Ancestry

■ **Lübeck, Germany, Census, 1831:** This database contains images of census records for the town of Lübeck, Schleswig-Holstein. Records are in German and list only the head of household by name.

■ **Meyers kleiner Hand-Atlas:** A German world atlas from 1892. Among the maps that are included are several showing routes used by ships as they traveled across the Atlantic Ocean. Also included are detailed maps of Germany.

■ **U.S. Federal Census —1880 Schedules of Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes:** The states currently available include California, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and Washington Territory. Unique to the 1880 census, this schedule lists persons using the following categories: insane, idiots, deaf-mutes, blind, homeless children, prison inhabitants, paupers and indigents. Records do not exist for every state and only those states whose records were kept at the National Archives will be available in this database.

Footnote Spotlight

■ **Final Payment Vouchers Index for Military Pensions, 1818 – 1864:** Pension payment records are not usually included in pension application files. This database contains a card index for the final payments made to either the veteran or his widow, proving information about a veteran's location, death dates of veterans, widows, or dependent children, and sometimes the maiden name of a widow. This database is currently 90% complete.

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.**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS WEB PAGES

■ **St. Louis County Watchman-Advocate index:** [The index for 1888 is now available](http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/indexes/watchman/watchmanindexmain.htm) <<http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/indexes/watchman/watchmanindexmain.htm>>.

■ **St. Louis County Court Records index:** [Part 2, Feb. 8, 1831 – 1835, is now online](http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/stl_co_court_1_pt2.pdf) <http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/stl_co_court_1_pt2.pdf>. The county court was an administrative court and took care of the business of the county such as roads, bridges, and at this time in St. Louis history, Free Negro Licenses.

■ **Index to Histories of religious Congregations** <http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/indexes/religious_congregation_histories.htm>: The following indexes have been added:

Bethel United Methodist Church, St. Louis,
1858 – 1975

B'nai Amoona

Bonhomme Presbyterian Church

Central Presbyterian Church, 1844 – 1994

Rock Hill Presbyterian Church, 100th Anniversary

Timothy Lutheran Church, 1927 – 1977

■ **Index to [Bohemian Hill: An American Story](http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/bk_bohemian_hill.pdf)** <http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/bk_bohemian_hill.pdf>

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

Walk through the Past: People and Places of Florence and Lauderdale County, Alabama. 2003. R 976.199 M135W

ARKANSAS

History of Benton, Washington, Carroll, Madison, Crawford, Franklin, and Sebastian Counties, Arkansas... 1978. R 976.71 H673

FLORIDA

Non-federal Censuses of Florida, 1784 – 1945. [NGS] 2010. 975.9 R476N

GEORGIA

Irwin County, Georgia Marriage Records Index, 1820 to 1949. [NGS] 2009. 975.8855 P325I

ILLINOIS

Cemeteries and Tombstone Inscriptions of Madison County, Illinois. Vols. 13 – 16. 2002 – 2007. R 977.386 M612C

History of Washington County, Illinois... 1976. R 977.388 H673

Washington County, Illinois, 1979 History. 1980. R 977.388 W317

INDIANA

1881 History Combined with 1908, 1922 Atlases: Marshall County, Indiana, Illustrated. 1998. R 977.288 E34

LOUISIANA

Annotated Abstracts of the Successions, 1811 – 1834. [St. Mary Parish] 2002. R 976.342 S215A

Creoles of Louisiana. [JKH] 2000. R 976.3 C115C

Index to the Louisiana Historical Quarterly. 1998. R 976.3 C955I

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Negro Ironworkers of Louisiana, 1718 – 1900.
[JKH] 2002. R 976.3 C555N

Selected Annotated Abstracts of Court Records, 1811 – 1837. [St. Mary Parish]
2002. R 976.342 S215S

MARYLAND

Maryland Militia in the Revolutionary War.
1989. R 975.2 C626M

MISSOURI

History of Black Baptists in Missouri. [JKH]
1976. R 977.8 S557H

History of Richwoods, 1775 – 1995. 2008.
R 977.864 G577H

Organization and Status of Missouri Troops, Union and Confederate... Reprint, 2009.
R 973.7478 U58P

Saint Boniface Parish: A Pictorial Record of the Faith and History of a People. [StLGS].
2005. R 977.866 R524S

When the Saints Came Marching In: A History of the Latter-day Saints in St. Louis.
2009. R 977.865 W894W

NEW YORK

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Newspapers on microfilm

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St. Louis general-interest newspapers in English

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Missouri Democrat, Apr 5, 1853 – Dec 30, 1853
Missouri Republican News, Mar 25, 1828 – June 30, 1838
St. Louis Bugle, Nov 18, 1945 – Dec 30, 1972
St. Louis Business Journal, Sep 21, 1998 – Sep 12, 2002
St. Louis Daily Record, Oct 16, 1890 – Sept 28, 1985
St. Louis Globe–Democrat, Oct 21, 1853 – Oct 29, 1986
St. Louis, Missouri Republican, Jan 4, 1850 – Jun 30, 1854
St. Louis Post–Dispatch, Jan 1874 – July 31, 2006
St. Louis Star–Times, Jan 1, 1910 – Mar 31, 1950

Newspapers for specific St. Louis City neighborhoods

Baden News Press, Jun 16, 1948 – Dec 29, 1964
Carondelet News, 1903 – Dec 20, 1935
Carondelet Progress, 1898 – 1899
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North St. Louis Community News, 1931–1933
St. Louis Carondelet Progress, Nov 26, 1898 – Apr 29, 1899

St. Louis County Newspapers

Chesterfield Journal, 1991
Citizen Journal, 1991
Clayton Citizen, Jan 3, 1979 – Dec 31, 1989
Maplewood News Champion, Dec 12, 1912 – Dec 22, 1935
Mid–County Journal, 1991
Naborhood Link News, (Lemay) June 6, 1930 – Dec 30, 1969
St. Louis Countian, Sept 8, 1951 – Sept 28, 1985
St. Louis Countian: (Kirkwood), Jan 24, 1919 – Dec 27, 1952

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Watchman Advocate, July 3, 1885 – Dec 31, 1985

Webster Groves News–Times, May 17, 1912 – Dec 22, 1960

Webster–Kirkwood Journal, 1991

West Citizen Journal, Jan 1, 1986 – Dec 31, 1989

West County Citizen, Jan 3, 1979 – Dec 25, 1985

West County Journal, Jan 1, 1986 – Dec 29, 1991

St. Louis newspapers for specific ethnic, national, and religious groups

Amerika (German, Catholic), Jan 1903 – June 30, 1914

Amerika Sunday Edition (German, Catholic), Sept. 3, 1876 – Oct. 13, 1878

Amerika Weekly Edition (German, Catholic), Oct. 23, 1872 – Dec. 31, 1902

Anzeiger Des Westens (German), Oct 18, 1842 – June 7, 1898

Jewish Free Press, 1885 – 1887

Jewish Tribune, Aug 29, 1879 – 1884

Jewish Voice, Jan 6, 1888 – Dec 31, 1920

La Revue de l'Ouest (French), Jan 1854 – Dec 1854

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- Le Patriote* (French), 1878 – 1887 (with gaps)
- St. Louis Argus* (African American), Jan 1, 1915 – Dec 1942; Jan 1945 – Dec 1962; 1965 – 1966; 1986 – 1997
- St. Louis Herald des Glaubens* (German, Catholic), Oct 18, 1889 – Sep 7, 1899
- St. Louis Jewish Light*, 1947 – 1978
- St. Louis La Lega Italiana* (Italian), Oct 9, 1914 – Dec 25, 1920
- St. Louis, Missouri Christian Advocate* (Methodist), 1850 – 1931
- St. Louis Palladium* (African American), Jan 10, 1903 – Oct 5, 1907
- Westliche Post*, Sept. 1857 – June 1938

Newspapers for other Missouri Counties

- Independent Patriot*, Dec 23, 1820 – Dec 13, 1826
(Jackson, Cape Girardeau County)
- Maryville Republican*, Aug 2, 1870 – Dec 28, 1882
(Nodaway County)

National newspapers & newspapers from states other than Missouri

- Boston Transcript* (Genealogical Queries Only), June 6, 1896 – April 30, 1941 (Microfiche, Tier 5, Drawer F)
- Friedensbote* (German Evangelical Synod of North America), 1850–1934 (located on Tier 5)
- Los Angeles Times, Jan. 1, 1982 – Dec. 31, 2006
- New York Times*, Sept 1851 – Oct 31, 2006
- Ostfriesische Nachrichten* (German), 1884–1969
- Saturday Evening Post*, Oct 1897 – 1979
- Washington Post*, Jan. 1 1986 to Dec. 31, 2006

Newspapers in print

- Located on Tier 5, Aisle 16A
- Baden News-Press*, 1957
- Claytonian Tribune*, 1973–1977
- St. Louis Lutheran*, 1945–2003
- University City-Clayton Sentinel*, 1973–1977

Digital newspaper collections

The following newspaper databases are available at any St. Louis County Library branch. All except *Ancestry Library Edition* and *Footnote* can be accessed remotely with a valid

St. Louis County Library. Historical newspaper databases are linked on the [St. Louis County Library website](http://www.slcl.org/databases/newspapers.htm) <<http://www.slcl.org/databases/newspapers.htm>> unless otherwise noted.

■ Ancestry Library Edition

Although newspapers are not available on *Ancestry Library Edition*, its “United States Obituary Collection” database provides access to many recently-published obituaries.

■ Access NewspaperARCHIVE.com

Tens of millions of newspaper pages, 1759 to present. Most newspapers are from smaller communities.

■ African–American Newspapers: 19th Century Pt's 1, 2, & 3

Primary source material providing insight into the cultural life and history during the first half of the 1800s through articles written by African–Americans for African–Americans. Includes biographies of people often overlooked in standard references.

■ The Civil War: A Newspaper Perspective

Features articles appearing in the *Charleston Mercury*, *The New York Herald*, and *The Richmond Enquirer* between November 1860 – April 1865.

■ Footnote.com

Includes a growing digital collection of newspapers, many of them from smaller communities. Footnote is linked under “[History and genealogy](http://www.slcl.org/databases/genealogy.htm)”, <http://www.slcl.org/databases/genealogy.htm> on the library’s database listings.

■ Historical *New York Times*

Covers 1851 to three years behind the current year of publication.

■ Historical *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 1874 – 1922

■ Nineteenth Century U.S. Newspapers

Includes 19th-century urban and rural region newspapers throughout the U.S. Includes several St. Louis newspapers, including the *Daily Commercial Bulletin*, 1835 – 1838; *Missouri Republican*, 1822 – 1888; *St. Louis Enquirer*, 1819 – 1824; and *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, 1874 – 1888.

■ *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* (current), 1980 – present.

Obituaries are available online beginning with the Nov. 4, 1999 issue.

CALENDAR GENEALOGICAL EVENTS AT THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY LIBRARY

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MAY

Saturday, May 1, 11 am, East Room

African American Special Interest Group
Topic: "Land Records"
Speaker: To be announced

📞 Wednesday, May 5, 4 pm

Headquarters Computer Lab
Genealogical Database Class
Topic: "Introduction to Ancestry Database"

7 pm, East Room

Jewish Special Interest Group
Topic: "Probate Records"
Speaker: Ted Steele

📞 Saturday, May 8, 9:30 am, East Room

Special Collections Workshop
Topic: "For Land's Sake! How to Read and Write
Township and Range Land Descriptions"

📞 Wednesday, May 12, 6:30 pm, East Room

Special Collections Workshop
Topic: "For Land's Sake! How to Read and Write
Township and Range Land Descriptions"

📞 Thursday, May 13, 2pm, Computer Lab

Genealogical Database Class
Topic: "Introduction to Footnote & HeritageQuest"

Wednesday, May 26, 7 pm, Auditorium

STLGS German Special Interest Group
Topic: "German Cases in St. Louis
Court Records"
Speakers: Mike Everman

JUNE

📞 Thursday, June 3, 1:30 pm, Computer Lab

Genealogical Database Class
"History and Genealogy in Newspapers"
Registration begins May 6

📞 Wednesday, June 9, 1:30 pm, Computer Lab

Genealogical Database Class
Topic: "Introduction to Ancestry Database"

7 pm, Auditorium

St. Louis Genealogical Society Meeting
Topic: "Record of the War Years: 1914-1945"
Speaker: Ilene Murray

📞 Tuesday, June 15, 6:30 pm, Computer Lab

Genealogical Database Class
Topic: "Introduction to Footnote & HeritageQuest"
Registration begins May 18

📞 6:30 pm, East Room

Special Collections Workshop
Topic: "Introduction to German for Genealogists"
Registration begins May 18

📞 Saturday, June 19, 9:30 am, East Room

Special Collections Workshop
Topic: "Introduction to German for Genealogists"
Registration begins May 22

Thursday, June 24, 7 pm, Auditorium

STLGS French Special Interest Group
Topic: "Early French Land Ownership in Illinois"
Speaker: Emily Lyons

