

## FOR THE RECORDS

### New books for land research

Gregory A. Boyd has published a ground-breaking new series of books to help researchers identify original land patentees in federal land states. The resulting titles accomplish that, but also provide information and help far beyond the original land patentees. Each title in the series provides information for a single county, and all titles for federal land states begin with the words “Family Maps of ...” followed by the name of the county and state. Examples of titles include “Family Maps of Jefferson County, Missouri” and “Family Maps of Black Hawk County, Iowa.” Boyd publishes these books through the company he formed and named Arphax Publishing after his Civil War era ancestor, Arphaxad Dawson.

#### Background

Because the Family Maps series deal only with federal land states, it is important to understand what constitutes a federal land state, and which states fell into that category.

■ **Federal land states** – Those U.S. states where the federal government controlled the land and the initial transfer of land titles from government to private ownership. The 30 states shown in blue on the map on page 3 are federal land states, also known as public domain states.

■ **State land states** — The states where the first transfer of land from a government to private ownership did not originate from the U.S. federal government. There are 20 state land states and they appear in white on the map.

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#### Related land terms

**Land patent** — first deed for private ownership of property. A land patent records the first sale or transfer of land ownership from a government to a private owner.

**Patentee** — original or first private owner of land

**Township and range survey system** — the survey system used in federal land states, which describes parcels of land with the terms section, township, and range. It is also known as the rectangular survey system.

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

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The Special Collections Department presents

# Grace DuMelle



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Grace DuMelle is a professional researcher and serves on the genealogical reference staff at the Newberry Library in Chicago. She is the author of "Finding Your Chicago Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide to Family History Research in the City and Cook County."

**Saturday, August 25, 2012**  
**Headquarters Auditorium**  
**1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.**

Doors open 9:00 a.m. Program begins 9:30 a.m.

*9:30 – 10:30 a.m.*

## ■ Unlocking the Doors to Your Home's Past

Satisfy your curiosity about your own home or one in the family. Learn techniques for dating a residence, discovering the architect, and unearthing old photos and plans. You can also find out who lived there, what they did for a living, and other fascinating tidbits.

*11 a.m. – Noon*

## ■ Tools to Dig Deeper: Probate and Inquest Records

It's worth looking for a probate case even if you think your ancestor didn't have money. You can find relatives you didn't know existed, a listing of property and furnishings, and bills from service providers. When you see a coroner's signature on a death certificate, or have a newspaper account of an accident, obtain the inquest to open a fascinating window on the circumstances of the death.

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

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Source of information

With any book, the information is only as good as its source. In this case, Boyd’s information comes from the Bureau of Land Management’s General Land Office records, except for Illinois, which utilizes information from the Illinois State Archives’ land records. In both cases, this information focuses specifically on land records pertaining to federal land patents.

Special Collections Department holdings

Publication of the Family Maps series is a work-in-progress. The Special Collections Department has a standing order for titles in the series and automatically acquires new volumes for federal land states within the Department’s collection emphasis. Those states include:

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| Arkansas  | Michigan    |
| Alabama   | Mississippi |
| Florida   | Missouri    |
| Illinois  | Nebraska    |
| Indiana   | Ohio        |
| Iowa      | Wisconsin   |
| Louisiana |             |

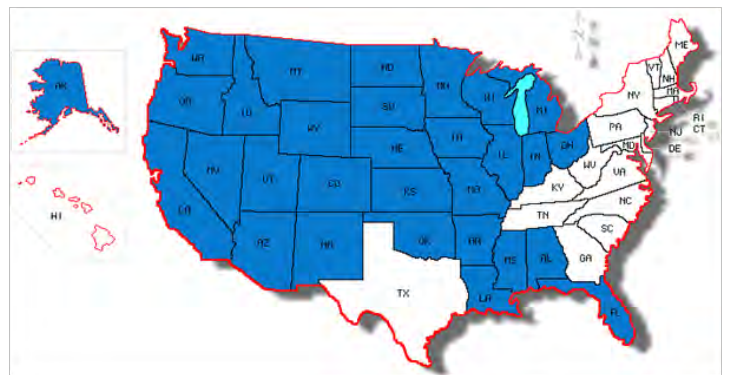
The completion rate for counties published in comparison to the number of counties existing in each state varies between 10% and 50%. To see available counties, including those released after the publication of this article, check the [Arphax Publishing Company’s website](http://www.arphax.com) <http://www.arphax.com>. The home page shows a list of states and clicking on a state reveals a drop down list showing the counties for which a Family Maps book exists. To see the titles already held by the Special Collections Department, check the [library catalog](http://webpac.slcl.org) <http://webpac.slcl.org >.

Arphax has also begun publishing Family Maps for nine states outside the Department’s collection emphasis, which include:

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| Colorado     | Oklahoma     |
| Idaho        | South Dakota |
| Minnesota    | Utah         |
| New Mexico   | Washington   |
| North Dakota |              |

The Special Collections Department will be happy to add Family Maps for specific counties in these states upon request and when available.

Federal land states (shown in blue)



Book contents

The Family Maps series gives researchers the big picture information and then moves on to the much-sought-after details. No matter what the state or county, all Family Maps cover the information in the same way.

The big picture

Each book includes a set of five maps labeled “A” through “E” showing the following:

- Location of the county within the state
- Counties surrounding the featured county, even if they are in an adjoining county or state
- Congressional townships (also called “Map Groups”) within the county; “Township 6S, Range 8E”, for example, is a congressional township made up of 36 sections
- Cities and towns within the county with an accompanying index
- Cemeteries within the county with an accompanying index

Details – township map groups

After presenting the big picture, Boyd provides more tools to find specific details of the land patents within a county. The following indexes and maps exist for each map group within a county:

**Surname index — (county level)**

This tells how many land parcels exist for each surname for the entire county and allows one to see the possible spelling variations. For example, the surname index in

“Family Maps of Montgomery Co., Missouri,” indicates that the Adams surname appears on 19 parcels of land.

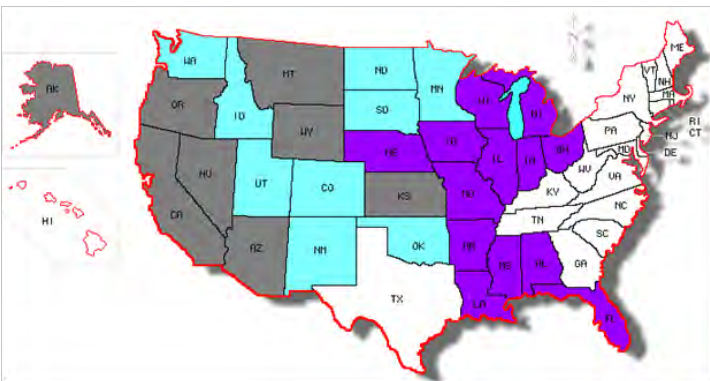
### Surname/township index — (map group level)

This index lists the surnames, the map group/congressional township where that surname appears, the number of parcels, and the meridian/township/range for that map group. While still focusing on surnames, this index groups the associated land parcels by map/group and moves the researcher from the county level to the map group level. Going back to the example of Adams in Montgomery Co., Mo., this index shows that there are two Adams parcels in map group 1, four in map group 2, one in map group 7, three in map group 8, and nine in map group 9. Perhaps some of these parcels were patented by the same individuals or by persons related to each other.

### Index to map group — (section level)

This every-name index lists every parcel of land bearing a person’s name, leading the researcher to the section within the map group where the person’s name appears. This indicates the part of the section involved and provides the issue date for the patent and a column for further notations.

## Arphax Family Map holdings in the Special Collections Department



**Purple:** States where the Special Collections Department (SC) has all existing titles

**Light blue:** States outside SC’s collection emphasis for which Family Maps books exist—titles purchased for the library upon request

**Gray:** States outside SC’s collection pattern for which Family Maps books do not yet exist.

### Patent map — (map group level)

Each full township in federal land states consists of 36 sections and, with some exceptions, is one square mile in size. Boyd shows all 36 sections on the patent map. Each section shows the names and patent dates of each patentee of land in that section. This allows researchers to visually see the location of an ancestor’s piece of land, and the names of those who patented land near them. Those nearby patentees may be neighbors with whom an ancestor interacted, depending on whether the patentees actually resided on the land (absentee ownership sometimes occurred) and patented the land in the same time frame as the ancestor.

### Road map — (map group level)

A road map, covering the same physical area as the patent map, appears next and offers a current day look at the same physical area. Besides showing the location and names of roads and highways, this map shows cities, towns, cemeteries, and section lines within the township and can be helpful to those wanting to visit the area.

### Historical map — (map group level)

The historical map for each map group emphasizes the physical aspects of the area that may have been there in the time of an ancestor. While still showing cities, towns, cemeteries and section lines, this map includes railroads, bodies of water, such as lakes and ponds, and water-courses, such as rivers, streams, and creeks.

Such a range of maps and tools for any county is a significant research asset and may indicate why some researchers using these books have not previously found ancestors who had federal land patents. While the books focus on the patentees, the maps provide unique perspectives for various aspects of the county and are of universal importance for anyone who ever lived there.

### Federal land patent documents

An important aspect of this series is that, in the majority of the cases, if an ancestor held a federal land patent, the image of that patent document has been digitized and may be viewed on the [Bureau of Land Management’s website for General Land Office Records](http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx) <<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx>>, a free website. The document may then provide additional information about an ancestor, especially if it resulted from military service.

## Gray areas

Some patent maps depict areas of a township in a gray tone where one would expect to find patentee names. In some cases, the gray areas are fairly extensive. The legend for those maps defines gray areas as “no patents found.” Why would this be?

In the case of Missouri Family Maps books, gray areas appearing on patent maps mark land where the land patent originated from the state rather than the federal government. This occurred when the federal government transferred land for a specific reason to one or more of the 30 federal land states. Then each state would sell or transfer title of that land to a private owner with the resulting land patent being issued by the state rather than by the federal government. When this happened, no federal land patent existed for that land and the explanation of “no patents found” makes sense since Boyd researched only federal land patents.

To learn more about state land sales in Missouri, visit the Missouri Digital Heritage “Missouri State Archives, Land Patents: 1831 - 1969” webpage <<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/land/>>. To search for information about state land sales in other federal land states, do a Google search for the terms “state land sales” followed by the name of the federal land state of interest.

## EVENTS

Events are sponsored by St. Louis County Library and are free and open to the public.

### St. Louis Genealogical Society

**Tuesday, June 12, 7 pm**

**Headquarters Auditorium**

Larry Franke will present “Immigration and Naturalization.” Why did your ancestor immigrate to the U.S.? Did everyone come through Ellis Island? Did your ancestor become an American citizen? If so, what were the laws regarding naturalization at that time, and what records still exist? Learn about the resources available for immigration and naturalization research.

## For further information:

Finding land records in the family can generate more questions. The answers may lie in expanding one’s knowledge of land research and records. The following are some sources that may provide help. Notice that each source, except the Rand McNally Commercial Atlas, has a circulating copy that can be checked out from the Special Collections Department.

Hatcher, Patricia Law. *Locating Your Roots: Discover Your Ancestors Using Land Records*. Cincinnati: Betterway Books, 2003. R 929.1 H361L and Q 929.1 H361L

Hone, E. Wade. *Land & Property Research in the United States*. Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1997. R 929.1 H772L and Q929.1 H772L

*Rand McNally Commercial Atlas and Marketing Guide*. Chicago: Rand McNally, 2002. R 912 R187

Szucs, Loretto Dennis and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking, eds. *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*, 3rd ed. Provo, Utah: Ancestry, 2006. R 929.1 S724 and Q 929.1 S724. Chapter 10, “Land Records” (pages 431 – 496) provides an excellent overview of land records and how to locate and use them.

## WEB NEWS

### Web finds

■ [Civil War 150: National Portrait Gallery](http://npg.si.edu/exhibit/cw/npgcivilwar.html#) <<http://npg.si.edu/exhibit/cw/npgcivilwar.html#>>: This portal hosted by the Smithsonian Institution’s National Portrait Gallery provides a wealth of information about the Civil War as told through visual imagery from more than 400,000 items in the collection. The site will eventually feature seven exhibitions on legendary and little-known personalities involved in the conflict. The site also features links to additional portraits, artifacts, and documents related to the Civil War.

■ [NYC Municipal Archives Gallery](http://www.nyc.gov/html/records/html/gallery/home.shtml) <<http://www.nyc.gov/html/records/html/gallery/home.shtml>>: The New York Department of Records has placed more than 870,000 historic photographs online. Photos include street scenes and ordinary people going about their business, as well as famous personalities and politicians. Photographs were originally taken by the city’s various departments and agencies.

## LOST AND FOUND



This photo was recently discovered inside a book donated to the Special Collections Department. The inscription on the back states, "Mary Flaherty, taken May 1938 at St. Joseph College, Soph. year, birthday Nov. 13." If you have any information about the photo or Mary Flaherty, please contact the Special Collections Department at [sollections@slcl.org](mailto:sollections@slcl.org).

### New at HeritageQuest

HeritageQuest has added instructional videos on a variety of genealogical research topics to its site. To access them, go to the HeritageQuest home page and click on any of the six topics (census, books, PERSI, etc.). A "Learning Center" link will appear at the very top of the screen.

HeritageQuest can be used for free at all St. Louis County Library locations and at home with a valid St. Louis County Library card (some restrictions apply).

### New at Ancestry Library Edition

#### ■ New York, WWII Enlisted Men Cards, 1940-1945:

The cards in this database record service information for men enlisted in the New York National Guard and noncommissioned officers activated for federal service during World War II. In federal service, the men were organized as the 27th Infantry Division. The unit was federalized in October 1940 and mustered out of service in late 1945. The cards list an individual's name, home address, date and place of birth, and service history.

#### ■ World War II Cadet Nursing Corps Card Files, 1942 – 1948:

A database featuring membership cards providing details on women who joined the Cadet Nurse Corps created during World War II. Information was recorded on four different card forms, with the kind and amount of information varying depending on the form (Form 300B, for example, only identifies the cadet by serial number). Records can be browsed but are not indexed.

Ancestry Library Addition can be used for free at any St. Louis County Library location.

## CLASSES

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

#### ☎ Introduction to Fold3 and HeritageQuest

Friday, June 22, 2 p.m.  
Headquarters Computer Lab  
Larry Franke, instructor  
Registration is now open.

#### ☎ Genealogical research: Getting the most out of the Special Collections Department

Thursday, June 28, 2 p.m.  
Headquarters East Room  
Larry Franke, instructor  
Registration is now open.

## NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

The following is a selection of new items added to the collection. Additional items may have been received which are not listed here. The Department is grateful to the St. Louis Genealogical Society, the National Genealogical Society, Julius K. Hunter and Friends, and our patrons for their donations. **Please note: Due to processing and binding requirements, some donated items may not be available in the library or listed in "PastPorts" until several months after they are received.**

### Print resources

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

### ■ States and counties

#### DELAWARE

##### **Kent County R 975.14**

Land Records. 1680-43; 1749-1775. 2000-09.

#### ILLINOIS

##### **Hancock County R 977.343**

*Families of Hancock County, Illinois: A Biographical History*. 2004.

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

*Bondage in Egypt: Slavery in Southern Illinois*. 2011.  
R 977.3 D526B

#### KANSAS

##### **Rawlins County R 978.1125**

*Home on the Range: A Century on the High Plains*.  
1996.

#### KENTUCKY

##### **Owsley County R 976.9176**

*Reconstructed Marriage Records... 1843-1910*. Part 1,  
A-L. 2008.

#### LOUISIANA

*Canary Islanders of Louisiana*. 1999. R 976.3 D583C

*Louisiana Postmistress and Postmaster Appointments,  
20 June 1866 to 17 November 1931*. 2011.  
R 976.3 D578L

#### MAINE

##### **Somerset County R 974.122**

*Vital Records of Saint Albans, Maine*. 2010.

*Vital Records of Skowhegan, Maine (Formerly Milburn  
and a Part of Bloomfield)*. 2010.

#### MISSISSIPPI

*Lost Landmarks of Mississippi*. 2002. R 976.2 M649L

*Lost Mansions of Mississippi*. 1996. R 976.2 M649L

*Lost Mansions of Mississippi*. Volume II. 2010.  
R 976.2 M649L

#### MISSOURI

##### **Lincoln County R 977.837**

*Czech Cemeteries in Lincoln County, Missouri*. 2011.

##### **St. Louis City R 977.866**

*Grand Center, Inc.: Celebrating 30 Years of the Arts  
and Civic Leadership*. 2011.

*History of the Brewing Industry in St. Louis, 1804-1860*.  
2011.

#### NEW YORK

##### **Orange County R 974.731**

*Early Records of the First Presbyterian Church at  
Goshen, New York, from 1767 to 1885*. 1934;  
reprint, 2007.

#### NORTH CAROLINA

##### **Anson County R 975.6753**

*Deed Abstracts, 1749-1766; Abstracts of Wills &  
Estates, 1749-1795*. 1980; reprint, 2010.

##### **Craven County R 975.6192**

*Craven County, North Carolina, 1737-1839*. 5 vols.  
2001-04.

##### **Edgecombe County R 975.646**

*Deeds, 1759-1802*. 6 vols. 1995-96.

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### Franklin County R 975.654

Court Minutes. 1785-1793. 2 vols. 1995; reprint, 2010.

Loose Estate Papers. 1777-1825. 2 vols. 1994.

Marriage Bonds, 1779-1868; Marriage Register, 1851-1867. 1989; reprint, 2011.

Will Books. 1785-1838. 1990-2007.

Wills. 1780-1900. 2 vols. 1996.

### Halifax County R 975.648

Deeds. 1796-1824. 1990-99.

### Mecklenburg County R 975.676

Court Minutes. Book 1, 1774-1780. 1996.

*Residents of Mecklenburg County... 1762-1790.* 2005; reprint, 2007.

### Nash County R 975.647

Court Minutes. 1778-1785; 1787-1793. 2 Vols. 1992-93.

### Northampton County R 975.649

*Deeds... 1774-1787.* 1993; reprint, 2010.

### Other North Carolina titles

*Early Records of North Carolina from the Secretary of State Papers.* Vols. 9-11. 2000.

*Marriages of Bute and Warren Counties... 1764-1868.* 2004, 1991. R 975.652 H725M

## OHIO

### Hamilton County R 977.177

*"Cincinnati Mirror" and "Ladies' Parterre," 1831-1833.* 2004.

### Washington County R 977.198

*Marietta... Records of the General Quarter Session of the Peace... June 1802-March 1803.* 2004.

### Other Ohio titles

*Frontier Militia: The War of 1812.* 2011.  
R 977.1 M282F

## PENNSYLVANIA

### Chester County R 974.813

*First Families of Chester County, Pennsylvania.* 2 vols. 2007.

## TENNESSEE

### Franklin County R 976.863

*Families Histories, Franklin County, Tennessee, 1807-1996.* 1996.

### Grundy County R 976.878

*Grundy County.* 1982.

*Hubbard's Cove and Beyond: History and Genealogy of Its People.* 2007.

### Overton County R 976.8684

Circuit Court Enrollment. [Jan. 1866-Sept. 1867]. 2002.

### Stewart County R 976.835

*Stewart County Heritage, Dover, Tennessee.* 1980-2000.

### White County R 976.866

*The Fred Clark Book of Cemeteries... 3 vols.* 2003-2006.

## VIRGINIA

### Accomack County R 975.516

Court Order Abstracts. Vol. 3, 1671-1673. 1996.

### Westmoreland County R 975.24

Orders, 1755-1758. 2009.

Orders, 1758-1761. 2008.

## ■ German genealogy

### Ortssippenbücher (abbreviated titles)

Bretzenheim (Bad Kreuzenach District), Rheinland-Pfalz; Catholic parish, 1652 – 1899. 2012.  
R 943.432 K18F

Dönstedt (Börde District), Sachsen-Anhalt, 1632 – 1814. 2009. R 943.18 B283F

Eilsleben and Ovelgünne (Börde District), Sachsen-Anhalt, 1720 – 1815. 2010. R 943.18 B283F

Haaslach (Böblingen District), Baden-Württemberg, 1600 – 1899. 1998. R 943.56 B899O

Freyming (Lorraine), Moselle, France, before 1908. 2012. R 944.385 W115F



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Greetsiel (Aurich District), Ostfriesland, Niedersachsen, 1694 – 1900. 2011. R 943.5917 H651F

Holving, Ballering, Bettring, Diderfing, Hinsing, and Hirbach (Lorraine), Moselle, France. 2012. R 944.385 H515V

Jennelt (Aurich District), Ostfriesland, Niedersachsen, 1715 – 1911. 2012. R 943.5917 S793F

Kyhna bei Delitzsch (Nordsachsen District), Sachsen, 1555 – 1799. 2011. R 943.21 W775F

Langenalb, Marxzell (Enzkreis District), Baden-Württemberg, 1684 – 1920. 2011. R 943.464 K65O

Loupershouse-Ellviller (Lorraine), Moselle, France, before 1904. 2012. R 944.385 H466L

Merlebach (Lorraine), Moselle, France; families before 1908. 2012. R 944.385 W115M

Puttelange-aux-Lacs (Lorraine), Moselle, France, before 1806. 2012. R 944.385 B647P

Rhoden (Waldeck), Hesse. 2009. R 943.412 H877R

Ruhlsdorf bei Teltow (Potsdam-Mittelmark District), Brandenburg, 1654 – 1900. 2010. R 943.154 S458F

### Other German titles

*Der Amtsmeierhof Asemissen und das Amt Barkhausen: Eine Hof- und Familiengeschichte aus dem lippish-ravensbergischen Grenzgebiet* [The Asemissen Estate and the Department of Barkhausen: A Farm and Family History from the Lippe-Ravensberg Border District]. 2002. R 943.55 L743A

*Map Guide to German Parish Registers*. Vol. 41: Kingdom of Prussia, Province of Brandenburg I. 2012. R 943 H249M

*Das Rittergut Gröpperhof* [History of Gröpperhof Manor]. 2005. R 943.55 L743R

### Irish genealogy

*Directory of Irish Archives*. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. 2011. R 941.5 D598

### Swiss genealogy

*Heimatlosen and Landsassen: Canton Bern's 1861 Solution*. 2010. R 949.454 R739H

### Family histories

*Bridwell Family in America*. [NGS]. 1978. 929.2 B852W

*Dr. Patrick Napier of Virginia and Related Families*. 1988. R 929.2 N196K

### Other new titles

*Ancestor Roster: A Cameo of the Ancestors of the Members of the Colonial Dames Seventeenth Century, 1915-2005*. 2012, 2005. R 369.12 N277A

*Ancestors and Relatives: Genealogy, Identity and Community*. [NGS]. 2012. 929.1 Z58A

*Belles of New England: The Women of the Textile Mills and the Families Whose Wealth They Wove*. 2002. R 338.4 M829B

*Encyclopedia of America Immigration*. 3 vols. 2010. R 304.873 E56

*North Carolina – South Carolina Bible Records*. 2008, 1998. R 975.6 A936N

*Sicily: Three Thousand Years of Human History*. 2006. R 945.8 B468S



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