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OF NOTE

County Library Foundation announces plans to build Family Heritage Center

St. Louis County Library Foundation on May 20 officially announced plans to build a Family Heritage Center in Chesterfield, Missouri. The center will house the County Library's genealogy and local history research collections, which are currently located on the upper level of Library Headquarters. Plans to build the center were first announced in the March 2009 edition of *PastPorts*.

The new Family Heritage Center will occupy six acres near the corner of Baxter and Wild Horse Creek Roads in Chesterfield, just west of Chesterfield Mall. The two-story facility will consist of 63,000 square feet, providing ample room for expansion of the existing collections. The building will also include an auditorium for programs and a family history museum. The Foundation hopes to break ground in late 2010, with construction complete and the center open to the public by 2012. The project is made possible by a generous donation of land in Chesterfield by Louis Sachs, Chairman of Sachs Properties.

Becky Kueker, co-chair of the Family Heritage Center Campaign Committee noted "The Family Heritage Center will be a major tourist attraction and economic generator, bringing visitors from across the country to St. Louis." The Foundation has been in the quiet phase of fundraising for the Center for several months. A public fundraising campaign will commence immediately.

For questions about the Family Heritage Center, please contact 314-994-3300 ext. 2156.

Lineage Society Open House is July 17

The Special Collections Department is sponsoring a Lineage Society Open House on Saturday, 17 July, 9:30 am–noon, in the Headquarters auditorium. Representatives from national, state and local lineage societies will be available to answer questions about joining their organizations.

Illinois announces new adoption records law

According to [Eastman's Genealogy Newsletter](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2010/06/new-law-changes-illinois-adoption-records-rules.html) <http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2010/06/new-law-changes-illinois-adoption-records-rules.html>, Illinois adoptees born before 1946 will (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)

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

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have immediate access to their birth certificates beginning in 2011. Those born after 1 Jan. 1946 and who are 21 or older may file a request to see their birth certificates. Parents of children born after 1946 must file a form if they want to keep their names confidential. If no form is filed, it is assumed that the parents will allow their names to remain on the certificate. The state will start releasing birth information on 11 Nov. 2011. Parents have until that date to file their opt-out form.

FOR THE RECORDS

French-Canadian research in the Special Collections Department

The Special Collections Department has a significant amount of research material for Québec and other French-speaking areas of Canada. Some of the books are in French, but since most of them list baptisms, marriages and burials, they are easy to decipher. The rest are manageable with a French-English dictionary.

The following is a descriptive list of some essential references sources for French-Canadian genealogy in the Special Collections Department. Call numbers follow each title.

Acadians

■ *Dictionnaire généalogique des familles acadiennes* [Genealogical Dictionary of Acadian Families] by Stephen A. White; 971.5 W588D. When the English forced French-speaking Catholics out of Acadia and renamed the island Nova Scotia, the Acadians settled along the east coast of North America, in Louisiana (where they are known as the Cajuns), in Haiti, and some returned to France. This three-volume provides genealogical information about many of these exiles. Although the books are in French, entries are comprised mostly of names and dates. A table in the introductory matter explains the abbreviations used in both French and English. The third volume of this set is an English supplement, which translates all of the introductory matter, including the entire bibliography, and all the biographical and explanatory notes that accompany the genealogies in vols. 1 and 2.

■ *Le grand arrangement des Acadiens au Québec* [The Great Settlement of the Acadians in Quebec] by Adrien

Bergeron; R 971.4 B496G. A multi-volume set with notes on and genealogies for Acadian families in Québec from their 17th-century origins in France to the 1920s. Families are listed in alphabetical order spread across eight volumes. The notes may prove challenging, but the genealogies consist primarily of names and dates.

■ *Histoire et généalogie des Acadiens* [History and Genealogy of the Acadians] by Bona Arsenault; 971.004 A781H. Six volumes cover Acadian history and genealogy. Volume 1, *Histoire des Acadiens* [History of the Acadians], is available in both French and English and traces the founding of Acadia through the expulsion in 1755 and resettlement in the American colonies, Québec and Louisiana. The rest of the set covers individuals first by location in Acadia, then alphabetically by surname. Vol. 2, for example, covers Port-Royal with individuals listed alphabetically by surname.

Genealogical Dictionaries and Biographies

■ *Dictionnaire généalogique des familles canadiennes depuis la fondation de la colonie jusqu'à nos jours* [Genealogical Dictionary of Canadian Families from the Foundation of the Colony to Today] by Cyprien Tanguay; R 971.4 T164. These seven volumes trace the ancestry of French-Canadian families from 1608 to 1890. An English translation of the key may be found in a pocket at the back of volume 1. A 188-page alphabetical table of surnames is available at the end of vol. 7.

■ *Dictionnaire généalogique des familles du Québec* [Genealogical Dictionary of the Families of Quebec] by René Jetté; R 971.4 J58D and 971.4 J58D. This massive work of more than 1000 pages details information about individuals from the beginning of the French regime in North America about 1621 to 1730. In addition to the person's name (and *dit*, or nickname, where applicable), entries will generally give a person's occupation, date and place of birth (in France or elsewhere), date and place of death and burial, date and place of marriage, and children's names with dates and places of birth, marriage and death. Children born out of wedlock, as well as illegitimate offspring, are also included. Dates are written European-style in date, month, and year order.

■ *Dictionnaire national des canadiens-français, 1608-1760* [National Dictionary of French-Canadians, 1608-1760]; R 971.4 D554. A three-volume set, commonly referred to as the "Red Drouin" presenting family trees as

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names, dates and places. Little knowledge of French is necessary. A translation of occupations is available at the beginning of vol. 1. Notes on families appear in English in vol. 3.

■ ***Nos ancêtres [Our French-Canadian Ancestors]*** by Gérard Lebel, translated by Thomas J. Laforest; R 971.4014 L442O. Thirty volumes in English give biographies of hundreds of French-Canadians. Check the book cover to see which families are included in that particular volume; they are not in alphabetical order.

Guides and how-to books

■ ***Miller's Manual: A Research Guide to the Major French-Canadian Genealogical Resources: What They Are and How to Use Them*** by Douglas J. Miller; R 971 M647M. Miller's *Manual* is an excellent resource for explaining in detail how to use Tanguay, Jetté, the Red Drouin and the PRDH, all key resources mentioned elsewhere in this article.

■ ***French-Canadian Sources: A Guide for Genealogists;*** R 971 F873. Includes sections on French-Canadian naming patterns, fur trading ancestors and military records, among others. As with *Miller's Manual*, it also explains how to use Tanguay, Jetté, the Red Drouin and the PRDH.

Parish records

■ **The Noel Pion collection** of more than 400 books of French-Canadian parish marriage records was donated to Special Collections several years ago by the daughter of Noel Pion, a New Englander of French-Canadian descent living in Missouri in his later years. A keyword search in the St. Louis County Library catalog for "marriage" and the name of the parish will yield the desired volume, if available.

■ ***Répertoire des actes de baptême, mariage, sépulture et des recensements du Québec ancien***, [Repertory of the Acts of Baptism, Marriage, Burial and Censuses of Old Quebec]; R 971.4 R425. Commonly called the PRDH after the Programme de recherche en démographie historique, the group that developed it, this source is another essential for French-Canadian research. Entries for both church and civil records cover the entire province of Quebec from the early 1600s to 1765. Finding aids are available in the Special Collections Department.

Periodicals

■ ***Mémoires de la société généalogique canadienne-française*** [Memories of the French-Canadian Genealogical Society] is published four times yearly in Montréal. The Special Collections Department has issues from 1995 to the present. Articles in French cover early Québec families and their descendants. Article titles (in French with English translations) from new issues of *Mémoires* appear regularly in the "Feature Articles from Other Publications" column in the *St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly*.

When in the Special Collections Department, be sure to pick a copy of the free French-Canadian Genealogy guide listing additional French-Canadian research resources. The guide is also available as a [PDF file from the Department's website](http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/rg_french-canadian_guide.pdf) < http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/rg_french-canadian_guide.pdf>. See also "[Researching the French along the Mississippi River in Missouri and Illinois](http://www.slcl.org/pastports/2009/06.pdf)" from the [June 2009 issue of PastPorts](http://www.slcl.org/pastports/2009/06.pdf) < <http://www.slcl.org/pastports/2009/06.pdf>> for other potentially useful resources for French-Canadian research.

New resources for researching French surnames now available

The Special Collections Department has begun acquiring French surname books published in Europe. Those received so far cover areas where most Americans of French trace their ancestry, including the north and west coasts and Alsace-Lorraine. The *départements* (French states) currently available include Charente-Maritime, la Manche, Ille-et-Vilaine, Côtes-d'Armor, Bas-Rhin (Lower Rhine), Calvados, Finistère, Haut-Rhin (Upper Rhine), Morbihan, Gironde, Loire-Atlantique, Moselle, and Bretagne (Brittany). Volumes for the *département* of Creuse (south-central France), the region of Rhône-Alpes (Southeastern France), and the French provinces of Languedoc and Roussillon (South-central France) are also available. The books are indexed by surname and are written in French. Several members of the Special Collections Department know French and can help decipher information in the books for patrons unfamiliar with the language.

Except for the books for Brittany and Creuse, entries in most cases include the origin and meaning of the name, famous people who carried the name, variations of the name, other *département(s)* (CONTINUED ON PAGE 7)

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.**

NEW SPECIAL COLLECTIONS WEB PAGES

■ [Index to A History of Rock Hill](http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/gu_bk_rock_hill.pdf) [St. Louis County, Missouri] <http://www.slcl.org/sc/pdfs/gu_bk_rock_hill.pdf>.

■ [Histories of Religious Congregations](http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/indexes/religious_congregation_histories.htm) <http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/indexes/religious_congregation_histories.htm>. Indexes to the following histories have been added:

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, St. Louis, 1975.

St. James Evangelical Church: St. Louis, 1869–1939.

St. James the Greater Catholic Church, St. Louis, 1861–1986 .

St. Marcus Evangelical and Reformed Church, St. Louis, 1843–1943.

Saint Peter's Catholic Church, Kirkwood, Mo., 1832–1957.

Print resources

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

■ Family Maps by Gregory A. Boyd

Bates County, Missouri. 2010. R 977.843 B789F

Poweshiek County, Iowa. 2010. R 977.7596 B789F

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

■ States & counties

CALIFORNIA

Elsinore Valley [California] Cemetery, 1995–2008. 2009. [NGS] 979.497 B873E

GEORGIA

Berry Wells, Esquire: Plantation Accounts, Deeds and Private Papers. 2001. R 975.8864 W453B

Georgia Governor and Council Journals, 1781... 2010. [NGS] 975.8 W291G

Historic Lott Cemetery. 2009. [NGS] 975.8794 N277H

History of Thomas County, Georgia... 1976. R 975.8984 M152H

Macon, Georgia, Newspaper Clippings (Weekly Telegraph), Vol. 12, 1876–1880. 2009. [NGS] 975.8552 E92M

ILLINOIS

Chicago Cemetery Records, 1847–1863... 2009. [NGS] 977.311 C532

MARYLAND

Abstracts of the Testamentary Proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland. 2010. [StLGS] R 975.2 S628A

MISSOURI

St. Louis City and County

1980 Directory, Saint George Church, St. Louis, Mo. R 977.865 N714

History of Maryland Heights. 2010. R 977.865 T475H

Saint Francis of Assisi Church, Oakville, Missouri. 1977. R 977.865 S138

Story of the Young Men's Christian Association of St. Louis and St. Louis County, 1853–1953. 1953. R 977.866 S795S

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Youthful Hundred, Racquet Club, St. Louis, 1906–2006. 2007. R 796.343 N817Y

Other Missouri titles

1868 Census, Franklin County, Missouri. 2007.
R 977.863 C584E

2000 Directory, Zion United Church of Christ, Union, Mo. 2000. R 977.863 T974

2006 Directory, Zion United Church of Christ,, Union, Mo. 2006. R 977.863 T974

Early Churches of Missouri. 2001. R 977.8 E12

First Hundred Years: A History of the Woollam United Methodist Church, 1889–1989. 1990.
R 977.861 R127F

Good & Faithful Servants: St. Peter Evangelical Church, Fredericksburg, Missouri. 2004.
R 977.858 S415G

In All Generations: Zion St. Peter United Church of Christ, Pershing, Missouri. 2008. R 977.861 S415I

Walking Tour of the Early Homes and Businesses of Hermann. 2 vols. 2007–08. R 977.861 M528W

OHIO

Holms County, 977.164

Clark Cemetery and Oak Hill Cemetery, Holmes County, Ohio. 2005.

Holmes County, Ohio, Marriages, 1825–1859. 2007.

Winesburg, Ohio Birth Records, 1833–1897. 1993.

Wolf Creek Cemetery aka Pleasant Valley Cemetery. 2007.

Jefferson County

Birth Records, 1867–1879, Jefferson County, Ohio. 1999.

Deaths Recorded in Steubenville, Ohio Newspapers, Primarily in 1875–1879. 1992.

Deeds of Yore: Jefferson County, Ohio, 1795–1806. 2005.

Every Name Index to Tombstone Inscriptions, Jefferson County, Ohio. 1996.

Genealogical Selections from the Steubenville Weekly Gazette. 4 vols., 1887–1896. 1993–98.

Index to Early Wills and Estates of Jefferson County,

Marriage Records of Jefferson County, Ohio, Vol. 8,

Springfield Township School Ledger, 1839–1857.

Western Herald Newspaper Index 1806–1819. 2006.

Other Ohio titles

History of the First Reformed Church, Canton, Ohio. 191?. R 977.162 B692H

Marriage Book, Logan County, Ohio. 2001.
R 977.1463 M359

Records of the Zion Lutheran and Reformed Church... Perry County, Ohio, 1793–1911. 1997. R 977.158 R311

St. Michael's (Bickel) German Reformed Church Baptismal Records, 1805?–1841... Fairfield County, Ohio. 1986. R 977.158 S146

PENNSYLVANIA

Saint John Reformed Church of Riegelsville, Pa... 1911. R 974.821 S143S

Steinmans of Lancaster: A Family and Its Enterprises. 1984. R 974.815 B886S

TENNESSEE

Franklin County, Tennessee Wills, 1808–1876 & Deeds, 1801–1840. 1991. R 976.863 P273F

TEXAS

Plantation Life in Texas. 1986. R 976.4 S587P

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NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

■ Canadian genealogy

Acadian Church Records: Port LaJoye, Ile St. Jean, 1749–1758: St. Jean l'Évangéliste Parish. 2000. R 971.74 H446A

■ German genealogy

Amerikaauswanderer aus dem unteren Werretal [Emigrants to America from the Lower Werra Valley (Westphalia)]. 1985. R 943.565 A512

Map Guide to German Parish Registers, Vol. 32, Kingdom of Prussia, Province of Hannover III, Regierungsbezirke Aurich and Osnabrück. 2010. R 943 H249M

Trauregister Braunschweig, 1701–1750 [Marriage Register of Braunschweig, 1701–1750]. 1997. R 943.597 S384Q

Von der Rems zum Golden Gate: Auswanderer aus dem Rems-Murr-Kreis [From Rems to the Golden Gate [Emigrants from the Rems-Murr-Kreis (Baden-Württemberg)]. 2008. R 943.46 R741V

Ortssippenbücher (local family genealogical registers)

Abbreviated titles

Damscheid (Rhineland-Palatinate). 2010. R 943.43 K18F

Dorfhain (Saxony). 2010. R 943.214 P513F

Ebshausen, including Wöllhausen, Pfrondorf, Mindersbach, and Rohrdorf (Baden-Württemberg). 2006. R 943.464 O29O

Egelsbach (Hesse). 2006. R 943.416 F198

Eutendorf, including Großaltdorf, Kleinaltdorf, and Winzenweiler (Baden-Württemberg). 2009. R 943.471 O29F

Gersheim (Saarland). 2010. R 943.2 U95F

Mosbach and Dorndiel (Hesse). 2006. R 943.416 O52F

Oberheimbach, Catholic Records (Rhineland-Palatinate). 2010. R 943.4351 K18F

Ölbronn (Baden-Württemberg). 2007. R 943.464 O29O

Ottersweier, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church (Baden-Württemberg). 2009. R 943.464 K77O

Ridjica (Batschka, Serbia). 2010. R 949.71 H978F

Viernheim (Hesse). 2005. R 943.4167 M958F

Welschneureut (Karlsruhe, Baden-Württemberg). 2010. R 943.464 M958O

■ Irish genealogy

Defenders of the Plantation of Ulster, 1641–1691... 2010. [StLGS] R 941.6 M681D

■ Jewish genealogy

These We Remember: Yizkor Book of Ivenets, Kamin, and Surroundings... 2008. R 947.84 T413

■ Polish genealogy

Protestant Church Records on Microfilm for the Former Congress Poland (1815–1915) and Volhynia. 1992. [StLGS] R 943.8 W973P

■ Family histories

Cagle-Sanders Ancestry: Europe to Oregon County, Missouri, 1600–2000. 2001. [StLGS] R 929.2 C131M

Maris Family in the United States... 1885, reprint, 199?. R 929.2 M342M

From the Alps to the Appalachians: A Brief History... of the Neff Families... 1967. [NGS] 929.2 N383P

Neff-Näf Family... 1991. [NGS] 929.2 N383N

Two Johan Michael Grauels... 2008. [NGS] 929.2 G774K

Women of the House: One Hundred Years, One Georgia Family. 2009. [NGS] 929.2 M158S

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NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

■ Other new titles

Book 1, Kolonia Town Handbook, A Short History of a Micronesian Town. Book 2, The Sokehs Rebellion. 2005. [NGS] 996.6 P191B

Historical Sketch of the Central Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States... 1976. R 977.173 L532H

History of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. 1924. R 289.2 D796H

Hutterian Brethren: The Agricultural Economy and Social Organization of a Communal People. 1967. R 971.24 B471H

Lutheran Church in American History. 1923. R 284.173 W488

Planters of Early New England: A Sketch of Roger Mowry Mann's Seventeenth-Century Ancestors. 2009. [NGS] 974 B985P

French surnames

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where the name is also found, and a map indicating the number of persons carrying the name in the various parts of the given *département*. The Brittany and Creuse volumes give origin, meaning and variants only.

WEB NEWS

The State Historical Society of Missouri has placed issues of the *Missouri Historical Review*, 1906 through 2001 online <<http://statehistoricalsocietyofmissouri.org/collections/mhr.php>>, according to the Society's press release from 30 June. Issues can be searched by keyword or browsed. Volumes will be added to the online database once they are ten years old.

Web finds

■ [Alabama Maps](http://alabamamaps.ua.edu/index.html) <<http://alabamamaps.ua.edu/index.html>>: Despite the name, this site from the University of Alabama features more than 41,000 digitized maps from around the world, including many for St. Louis and Missouri.

■ [Genealogy.net](http://www.genealogy.net/index_en.html) <http://www.genealogy.net/index_en.html>: A website with many helpful resources for German genealogy. Information includes a large number of digitized *Ortssippenbücher* (local family genealogy registers), pages for researching different areas of Germany, and a database of links. Some of the pages are in German, but much is also available in English.

■ [Missouri Highway Map Archive](http://www.modot.org/historicmaps) <<http://www.modot.org/historicmaps>>:

This Missouri Department of Transportation website has a number of digitized old Missouri road maps going back to 1918. The maps are in PDF format and are generally of very good quality.

New on Ancestry

■ **London, England, Non-conformist Registers, 1694-1921:** Features church registers from non-conformist parishes in London (churches not subscribing to the liturgy and doctrine of the Church of England), including Methodists, Presbyterians and Baptists. Images of the records for baptisms, marriages and burial are accessible through the database.

Ancestry continues to add numerous titles to their German and Canadian Collections.

Footnote Spotlight

■ **Confederate Citizens File:** Digitized documents from National Archives Publication M346, *Confederate Papers Relating to Citizen or Business Firms*. These records were created to facilitate repayment by the Confederate government. Later, the records were used by the U.S. Federal government to establish disloyalty among claimants seeking restitution after the war. The database is helpful for those researching southern ancestors.

Ancestry Library Edition and Footnote can be used for free in the Special Collections Department and at any St. Louis County Library branch.

CALENDAR GENEALOGICAL EVENTS AT THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY LIBRARY

Note: Dates for Special Collections Department classes are indicated by ☎. Please register for classes in advance by calling 314-994-3300.

All events are free and open to the public.

JULY

☎ Tuesday, 13 July, 6:30 pm

Headquarters Computer Lab
Genealogical Database Class
“Introduction to Ancestry Database”
Registration is now open

Wednesday, 14 July, 7 pm

Headquarters Auditorium
St. Louis Genealogical Society Meeting
Topic: “Your Research Collection: Now What?”
Speaker: Bob Goode

Saturday, 17 July, 9:30 am –noon

Headquarters Auditorium
Lineage Society Open House

Wednesday, 21 July, 7 pm

Headquarters Auditorium
STLGS German Special Interest Group
Topic: “German Customs and Traditions”
Speaker: Carmen Freeman

Tuesday, 27 July, 7 pm

Headquarters East Room
STLGS Irish Special Interest Group
Topic: “Irish Internet Sites/Message Boards/ County Breakouts”
Speaker: Round Table

AUGUST

Tuesday, 10 August, 7 pm

Headquarters Auditorium
St. Louis Genealogical Society Meeting
Topic: “Filling the 1890 Census Gap”
Speaker: Joyce Loving

Wednesday, August 18, 7 pm

Headquarters East Room
STLGS Jewish Special Interest Group
Topic: “Exploring the St. Louis Jewish Community Archives at the Brodsky Library”
Speaker: Diane Everman

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