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OF NOTE

John Colletta to speak in September



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Nationally-known speaker and genealogist John Colletta will speak at St. Louis County Library Headquarters in the auditorium on Saturday, 17 September. Doors to the auditorium will open at 8:30 am (the library reading room will open at 9 am as usual). The program will begin at 9 am. **Please note that this is a change from the time previously announced.** Dr. Colletta will lecture on four topics:

- Passenger Arrival Records, 1820-1957 (with brief overview of pre-1820 period)
- Naturalization Records, 1790-1920s (with brief overview of colonial period)
- Turning Biographical Facts into Real-Life Events: How to Build Context
- Using Newspapers for Family History Research

Colletta is based in Washington, D.C., where for 20 years he has conducted workshops for the National Archives and taught courses for the Smithsonian Institution. He lectures nationally, teaches at local schools, and is a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Stamford University (Birmingham, Ala.) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (Salt Lake City).

St. Louis County Library closed on July 4

All St. Louis County Library locations will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

“Finding Your Ancestral German Village” presentation at StLGS meeting on July 13

Scott Holl, Assistant Manager of the Special Collections Department, will speak on “Finding Your Ancestral German Village” at the St. Louis Genealogical Society’s regular meeting on 13 July. The meeting opens at 7 pm and the lecture begins at 7:30 pm. The presentation will focus on resources available in the Special Collections Department along with tips for locating an ancestor’s village of origin in German-speaking countries.

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

WEB NEWS

New on the web

According to a 20 June press release, the [British Library](http://www.bl.uk/) and Google will collaborate to digitize 250,000 books in the library's collection. Digitized items cover the period 1700 to 1870 and will be fully searchable on the library's website and through [Google Books](http://books.google.com/). The British Library is the U.K. equivalent of the U.S. Library of Congress.

Web finds

■ [U.K. Genealogy Archives](http://www.uk-genealogy.org.uk/index.html): A free website providing access to marriage records transcriptions from more than 500 Church of England parishes and a growing collection of digitized parish registers. The site also includes U.K. census records, 1841 – 1911, land records, city directories, military records and other genealogical sources.

■ [Museum of the National Legion of Honor](http://www.musee-legiondhonneur.fr): Researchers with French ancestry might want to try searching the database of French Medal of Honor recipients accessible on this website. Coverage is 1803 – 1920 exclusive of World War I. At the site's home page, hover over "Documentation" on the top menu bar and select "How to Research" to access the search engine.

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Daily versus weekly editions of *Westliche Post*

Can't find a *Westliche Post* obituary even though you have an exact citation? Make sure you are searching the *daily* edition of the newspaper rather than the *weekly* edition. Both are shelved on Tier 4 (the floor below the Special Collections Department). The daily edition rolls are labeled with a **red dot** to differentiate them from the weekly. An index to obituaries in the daily *Westliche Post* covering years 1879–1881 can be searched on the [library website](http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/indexes/westliche/westliche-obit-index.htm).

■ [Historical County Boundary Maps](http://randymajors.com/p/maps.html): Knowing the boundaries of a county for specific time period can mean the difference between finding ancestral records and hitting a brick wall. Site owner Randy Majors has created an easy way to find historical boundaries for any year in U.S. history. The site uses Google Maps overlaid with information from the [Atlas of County Boundaries Project](http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/project.html) created by the Newberry Library in Chicago. Enter a location and a year, and the program plots the county boundaries for that period.

Footnote.com

The Footnote database can be used for free in the Special Collections Department and any St. Louis County Library branch. It can also be accessed remotely through the Internet with a valid St. Louis County Library card (some restrictions apply).

The Footnote database collection provides access to digitized original records of genealogical and historical interest. While some databases are general and apply to the whole U.S., others apply only to specific localities. Many databases are currently incomplete, but records are continually being added.

Searching Footnote

From the Footnote homepage, type in as much information as you like into the search form. This might include an ancestor's first and last name, dates, and state. Once the search results are returned, narrow the search by using the options on the left side on the screen (these can vary depending on the database).

Featured databases

■ City Directories for St. Louis, 1863 – 1923, but missing 1873, 1909 and 1914 (the missing years are available on microfilm in the Special Collections Department). Directories for twenty-nine other major U.S. cities and some smaller ones in New England are also included.

■ Naturalization Records—a growing collection of records for cities in California, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

■ Newspapers—The collection currently includes 370 U.S. newspapers and one from the U.K. Most are from small towns.

■ U.S. Census Records for 1860 and 1930. Records for other census years are being added.

■ Military records—Revolutionary War service records, imprisonment cards, and pensions; War of 1812 pension files; and Final Payment Vouchers Index for Military Pensions, 1818-1864, which includes more than 65,000 veterans of the Revolutionary War and some later wars.

■ Civil War sources—more than 5,600 photos; Civil War maps; service records (Union and Confederate), subversion investigations; veterans' and widows' pension applications; Navy survivors' and widows' certificates; Confederate amnesty papers; and the Confederate Citizens' File used to establish the disloyalty of claimants seeking restitution after the war.

Researchers who sign up for a free Footnote account can upload photos and documents, create a "person page" for each ancestor, and collaborate with other Footnote users.

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The case of the missing marriage record

Do you have an ancestor who lived in St. Louis at the time of his or her marriage but cannot find the marriage record? Try looking in St. Clair County, Illinois. It turns out that many St. Louis residents crossed the Mississippi to be married. St. Clair County marriages, 1763—1905, are included in the online Illinois Statewide Marriage Index. The records were microfilmed by the Family History Library (FHL) in Salt Lake City, and the film can be ordered through the Special Collections Department. For film numbers, do a place-name search in the [FHL catalog](https://www.familysearch.org/#form=catalog) <<https://www.familysearch.org/#form=catalog>>. Copies can also be requested from the St. Clair County Clerk, St. Clair County Building, 10 Public Square, Belleville, IL 62220

SUMMER 2011

Civil War Genealogy Class

Headquarters Computer Lab

1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131

Exploring Major Civil War Reference Sets in Special Collections

Discover how selected multi-volume Civil War reference sets work and how you can utilize these sources. The first half hour of class will be in the computer lab; the remaining hour and a half will be in Special Collections Department where the sets are located. Students will have "hands-on" activities using worksheets. Class size is limited to 8.

■ Monday, 18 July, 2:00–4:00 pm
(Registration is now open.)

The class is free. Registration is required.

Call (314) 994-3300 or see a librarian to register.

For your information

- St. Louis County Library homepage
www.slcl.org
- Special Collections Department homepage
www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/
- St. Louis County Library online catalog
webpac.slcl.org
- St. Louis County Library event calendar
host7.evanced.info/stlouis/evanced/eventcalendar.asp
- Special Collections Department direct phone line
(314) 994-3300, ext. 2070

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

ALABAMA

Genealogical Abstracts from Shelby County, Alabama Newspapers (1868-1888). 2010. R 976.179 C381G

GEORGIA

Macon, Georgia, Newspaper Clippings (Weekly Telegraph). Vol. 14, 1888-1895. [NGS] 2010. 975.8552 E92M

Pulaski County, Georgia Newspaper Clippings, Vol. 8, 1914-1917. [NGS] 2010. 975.8523 E92P

ILLINOIS

Macon County R 977.3582

Atlas & Plat Books, 1874, 1891, 1903: With Index for Each. 1996.

History of Mt. Zion Community... 2002.

Piatt County R 977.3673

1860 Piatt County, Illinois Agricultural Census. 1996.

Almshouse Register. 1996.

Ancestor Charts. Vol. 1. 1987.

Cemeteries:

Blue Ridge Township Cemeteries. 1986.

Cerro Gordo Township Cemeteries. 2007.

Goose Creek Township Cemeteries..., 2nd ed. 2007.

Monticello Township Cemeteries. 1985.

Sangamon Township Cemeteries. 2007.

Unity Township Cemetery Records. 2007.

Civil Cases, Defendant Index to Court Files... 1996.

Court Records, 1890-1899 Index (Taken from Newspapers). 1989.

DeLand News from the DeLand Tribune & the Piatt County Republican. Books 1 and 2. [1896-1971 with gaps] 1991-1992.

Federal Agriculture Census, 1880... 2 vols. 2002.

Index to Piatt County, Illinois Births, 1877-1916. 1990.

Marriages, 1841-1874. 1984.

Marriages, 1874-1910. 1987.

Naturalizations. 1990.

Other Illinois titles

Madison County, Illinois Cemetery Book: Buck Road Cemetery (Bohemian Cemetery), Maryville, Illinois. 2009. R 977.386 B717M

Portrait and Biographical Album of Sangamon County, Illinois. 1891; reprint, 2011. R 977.356 P853

Veterans of Monroe County, Illinois. 2008. R 977.391 V586

MICHIGAN

Michigan 1840 Census Index. [StLGS] 1977. R 929.3 M624

MISSOURI

Dallas County R 977.8813

Assessor's Book, 1867-1868. 1995.

Dallas County, Missouri History: Index. 1998.

History of A. B. Church: The First 100 Years, 1900-2000. 2000.

Plat Book of Original Land Owners. 2006.

Greene County R 977.878

Alma Lohmeyer-Jewell E. Windle Funeral Home

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Records, Springfield, Missouri. 2003-2008.

Cemeteries. Vol. 11, Books 1-3. [Hazelwood Cemetery] 2006.

H. H. Lohmeyer Funeral Home Records, Springfield, Missouri, 1932-1938. 2007.

Index to Items of Genealogical Interest in the Springfield, Greene County, Missouri, Republican. [1911-1920] 1992.

Klingner Funeral Home Records, Springfield, Missouri. [1942-1956] 2004-2006.

Landowner Maps, 1927. 1990.

Marriages. [Books O-Q, 1901-1906] 2008-2009.

Refractories People: A History of the A. P. Green Refractories Co. 1978. R 338.766 R284R

Springfield, Greene County, Missouri Newspaper Abstracts. [1865-1884; 1887-1910] 1987-2002.

Scotland County R 977.8312

Abstract of Deeds and Other Conveyances, 1856... 1999.

Cemeteries:

Hickory Grove Cemetery... 200?.

Lawn Ridge Cemetery. 2005.

Memphis Cemetery. 2004.

Pleasant Hill Cemetery... 2006.

Court Record Book A: "Record of Land Sales, 1843-1867." 2001.

Docket of Administrations, Guardians, Curators... 1841-1886.

Minute Book, 1861-1866... 1995.

Minute Book, 1867-1870. 2004.

Scotland County, Missouri: Our First 150 Years. 19xx.

St. Louis City R 977.866

Boosterism in St. Louis, 1810-1860. 1970.

First Century of Tyler Place Presbyterian Church: At the Heart of the Shaw Neighborhood. 1996.

Origins of Urban Police: Freedom and Order in Antebellum St. Louis. 1975.

Other Missouri titles

Chronicles of an Old Missouri Parish: Historical Sketches of St. Michael's Church, Fredericktown, Madison County, MO. 1917; reprint, 2009. R 977.891 R846C

Civil War in Missouri. 2010. R 977.8 K81C

Civil War Records, Missouri Enrolled Militia Infantry Regiments, St. Louis Regiments, Vol. 13. 2011. R 973.7478

First One Hundred Years of the Sibley Christian Church. [Jackson County] 1971. R 977.841 L481F

Iron County, Missouri Mountain Echo Obituaries. [2004-2009] 2009-2010. R 977.8883 B881I

Missouri 1850 Agricultural Census. Vols. 2-4. 2011. R 977.8 G796M

Missouri Genealogical Records & Abstracts. Vol. 7, 1535-1839. 2001. R 977.8 E21M

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina Troops, 1861 – 1865, Vol. 15. R 975.6 M266N

OHIO

Sandusky County R 977.1214

Births-register Infant-name Index. 1998.

Cemeteries:

Jackson Township. 2001.

Madison Township. 1994.

McPherson Cemetery, Clyde, Ohio. 1995.

Washington Township Cemeteries. 2004.

Woodville Township. 1994.

Cemeteries and Burial Places of Sandusky County, Ohio. 2000.

Conquering the Black Swamp...: A History of Jackson Township's First 170 Years. 2001.

Criminal Cases, Plaintiff Index to Court Files... 1996.

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Infirmery, Fremont Ohio: Admissions, 1880-1940. 2004.

Index to Marriage Records, 1820-1894. 2005.

Index to Wills, Estates, and Guardianships, 1820-1900. 1991.

Landowner Atlas, 1860. 1990.

Landowner Atlas, 1903. 2004.

Other Ohio titles

A Biographical History of Preble County, Ohio. 1900; reprint, 2011. R 977.171 B615

Butler County, Ohio Land Records. Vol. 2. [1816-1823] 1997. R 977.175 M636B

PENNSYLVANIA

1671 Census of the Delaware. 1999. R 974.1 C886S

Colonial Records of the Swedish Churches in Pennsylvania. 5 vols. 2006. R 974.8 C719

Index to Associators and Militia of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania... 1998. R 974.843 D548I

SOUTH CAROLINA

History of Edgefield County. 1897; reprint, 2011. R 977.737 C466H

TENNESSEE

Hawkins County R 976.895

1836 Tennessee Civil Districts and Tax Lists. 1993.

Chancery Court Records, 1825-1854. 1997.

Circuit Court Minutes, 1810-1821 and 1817-1845. 1995.

County Court Minutes, Nov. 1827-Aug. 1828, Fragment. 1995.

Court Minutes, 1830-1837. 199?.

Deed Book No. 1, 1788-1800. 1937.

General Index to Deeds, Vol. 1, 1788-1861. 1994.

Wills. Vol. 1, 1786-1864. 1992.

Haywood County R 976.8223

1836 Haywood County, Tennessee, Civil Districts & Tax List. 2003.

Journal C, 1834-1840. 1994.

Miscellaneous Records: W. P. A. Records. 1995.

Lauderdale County R 976.816 L369

Marriage Records, Volume B, 1857-1860. 1994.

Minute Book A, 1836-1844. 1936; reprint, 1995.

Morgan County R 976.874

Bible and Cemetery Records. 1994.

Marriages, 1865-1886. 1986.

Obion County R 976.813

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, 1834-1836. 1995.

Loose Marriage Records, 1825-1860. 1994.

Warren County R 976.8653

Cemetery Book. Books 1 and 2. 1993-1994.

Marriages. [1900-1975] 1988.

Will Books. [Vol. 1, 1827-1858 and Vol. 3, 1887-1910] 1992, 1996.

Other Tennessee titles

Abstracts of Giles County, Tennessee: County Court Minutes, 1813-1816, and Circuit Court Minutes, 1810-1816. 1995. R 976.861 W453A

Carroll County, Tennessee Marriages, 1860-1873. 1988. R 976.825 S623C

History of the Church of Christ at Bean's Creek & Cemetery, Coffee County, Tennessee. 199?. R 976.864 H673

Smith County, Tenn. Deeds. Vol. 2. 2000. R 976.852 W734S

Tennessee Census, 1820, Sumner County... 2000. R 976.848 P934T

Wilson County: History of Tennessee. 1990. R 976.854 W746

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VIRGINIA

Loudoun County R 975.528

Deed Abstracts. [1757-1797] 1987-1993.

Fee Book, 1762-1765. 1987.

Orders. [1757-1764] 1997.

Tithable Lists. [1758-1781] 1991.

Will Abstracts. [1757-1801] 1988-2000.

Louisa County R 975.5465

Deed Book Abstracts... [1742-1746] 2002.

Orders. [1747-1772, with gaps] 1999-2001.

Norfolk County R 975.5523

Will Book 7: December 1868-November 1884. [NGS] 2011.

Will Book 8: December 1884-January 1897. [NGS] 2011.

Richmond County R 975.523

Account Book Abstracts... [1724-1783] 1989.

Deed Abstracts... [1708-1733; 1772-1779] 1991-1995.

Order Book Abstracts... [1704-1740] 1991-2000.

■ German genealogy

Deutsches Geschlechterbuch, Vols. 196; 198-201; 203-207; 209-211; 213-220. R 943 D486

Map Guide to German Parish Registers, Vol. 38, *Imperial Province of Alsace-Lorraine VI.* 2011. R 943 H249M

■ Irish genealogy

Church and Parish Records of the United Diocese of Cork, Cloyne, and Ross, Comprising the Eventful Period in the Church's History of the Forty Years from A.D. 1863 to the Present Time. 1863 – 1864; reprint 2011. R 941.95 C689C

History and Topography of the County of Clare. 1893; reprint, 2011. R 941.93 F939H

Social Life in Ireland, 1800-45. 1976. R 941.5 S678

■ Jewish genealogy

Jewish Victorian: Genealogical Information from the Jewish Newspapers, 1861-1870 and 1871-1880. 2 vols. [Great Britain] 1999-2004. R 941 B496J

■ Scottish genealogy

Scottish Genealogy. 2010. R 941.1 D962S

Some Early Scots in Maritime Canada, Vol. 1. 2011. R 971.0049 P984S

■ Family Histories

Fletcher Genealogy: An Account of the Descendants of Robert Fletcher of Concord, Mass. 1871; reprint, 2000. R 929.2 F612F

Lewis Latham of Elstow, Bedfordshire (ca. 1584-1655), Sargeant Falconer to King Charles I: His Life, Estate, and Family. [NGS] 2010. R 929.2 L352D

Little Grandmother: The History of Her Family. 1962. R 929.2 G575S

Stammfolge der Gesamtfamilie Meyer zum Vorwalde. [Comprehensive Lineage of the Meyer zum Vorwalde Family], 1927. R 929.2 M612M

■ Other new titles

Ancestry of Catherine Middleton... 2011. R 929.1072 R379A

Arnold. 19xx. [Richard M. Arnold's personal narrative from World War II] B A758

Confederate Casualties of the War for Southern Independence. Vol. 3. 2010. R 973.742 W756C

Guide to the Battles of the American Revolution. 2010. R 973.33 S266G

Oral History for the Family Historian: A Basic Guide. 2006. R 907.2 B262O

Rag Paper Manufacture in the United States, 1801-1900: A History with Directories of Mills and Owners. 2010. R 676.13 V154R

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

JULY

Saturday, 9 July | 11 am – 1 pm

Headquarters East Room
African American Special Interest Group
Topic: Skill-builder: Deciphering Old Records for Clues

☎ Monday, 11 July | 2 – 4 pm

Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class
Topic: Was He a Civil War Soldier?
Instructor: Ruth Ann Hager
Registration is now open.

Monday, 11 July | 7 – 9 pm

Headquarters East Room
Italian Special Interest Group
Topic: Reading Italian / Latin Genealogical Records
Speaker: Eugene Mariani

☎ Wednesday, 13 July | 2 – 4 pm

Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class
Topic: Using St. Louis County Library Databases for Civil War Research
Instructor: Ruth Ann Hager
Registration is now open.

Wednesday, 13 July | 7 – 9 pm

Headquarters Auditorium
St. Louis Genealogical Society
Topic: Finding Your German Ancestral Village
Speaker: Scott Holl

☎ Monday, 18 July | 2 – 4 pm

Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class
Topic: Exploring Major Civil War Reference Sets in Special Collections
Instructor: Ruth Ann Hager
Registration is now open.

Wednesday, 20 July | 7 – 9 pm

Headquarters Auditorium
German Special Interest Group
Topic: Origins of the German People
Speaker: Gerry Perschbacher

Tuesday, 26 July | 7 – 9 pm

Headquarters East Room
Irish Special Interest Group
Topic: Irish Records at the Family History Library
Speaker: Dan Vornberg



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