

## History of Salem German Methodist Episcopal Church, Ballwin, Missouri

*The following history was published in Jubiläumsbuch der St. Louis Deutschen Konferenz (E.C. Magaret, Freidrich Munz and Geo. B. Addicks; Cincinnati: Jennings and Graham, 1903; pp. 293–296; R 287.6 J91) and was translated by the Special Collections Department staff.*

“The Lord has chosen that, which is nothing, to shame that, which is something.” Brother Heinrich Köneke, acting as district superintendent, sent Brother H. Hohmann to Ballwin, Mo., founded by Mr. Ball in 1837. He operated there from 1846 – 1848, building the first parsonage on land given by the city’s founder. In those years, cholera raged in St. Louis only 20 miles away, and the young congregation was decimated.

Meetings were held in homes until 1855, when steps were taken to build the first church. The present brick church was constructed in 1870 during the administration of Brother M. Röder at a cost of \$5000 and is an ornament of the city. Nearby lies the cemetery, where many rest until the great day of Resurrection.

During the administration of Dr. Wm. Köneke, the parsonage with all the pastor’s belonging burned (1858), whereupon he built the second one. Under the administration of his brother, Brother Heinrich Köneke, the present parsonage was purchased from Brother Schelp. This beautifully situated church property stands at the high point of the city, and one enjoys from there a romantic view in all directions.

In the course of time, many members moved to the nearby city. The Lord has taken others to their eternal homeland. The congregation still counts about 100 members, however, including a strong Youth League and an active Women’s

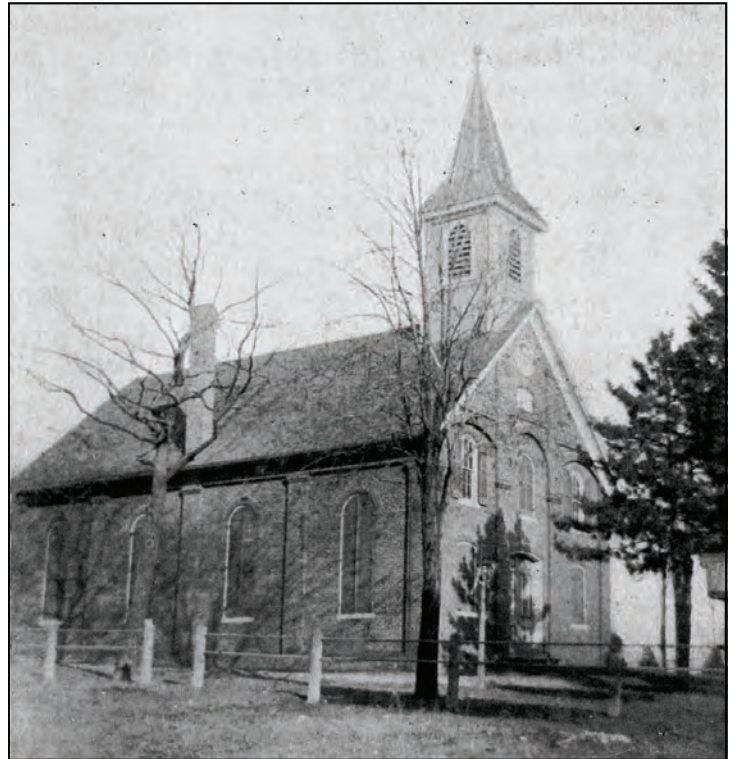
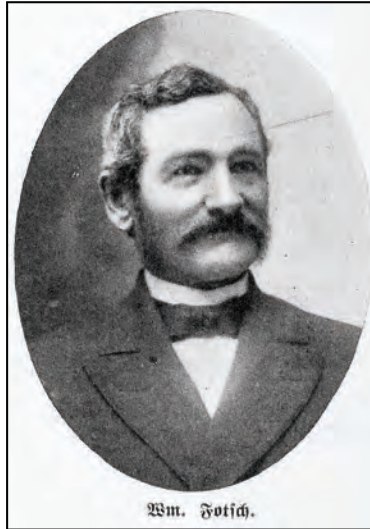


Photo of Salem German Methodist Episcopal Church as published in the 1903 *Jubiläumsbuch*. The church is now known as Salem United Methodist Church, located at 14825 Manchester Road in Ballwin.

Mission Society. In October 1901 the congregation was able to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary amid great praise and thanks to God. Brothers J.L.J. Barth, Dr. Addicks, Dr. Wm. Köneke and M. Röder spoke edifyingly, and the entire celebration was a great success.

Twenty-seven preachers have faithfully spread the seed of the Gospel here and have at times reaped rich harvests. Here also has the Gospel proved to be the power of God to sanctify those who believe. The following are the names of the congregation’s pastors: H. Hohmann, 1846 – 48; John Keck, 1848 – 1849; J. Hübner, 1849 – 1850; H. Ellerbeck, 1850 – 1851; C. Höch, 1851 – 1853; W. Rockert, 1853 – 1854; H. Tohle, 1854 – 1855; C. Bonn, 1855 – 1857;

H..D.Schmidt, 1857 – 1858; Wm. Köneke, 1853 – 1860; W. Floret, 1860 – 1862; G. Böhrenz, 1862 – 1864; J. Kölle, 1864 – 1865; J. Glantz, 1865 – 1867; H. Meyer, 1867 – 1868; M. Röder, 1868 – 1871; Wm. Schwind, 1871 – 1873; K. Skär, 1873 – 1874; M. Dewein, 1874 – 1877; H. Pfaff, 1877 – 1879; Wm. Schwind, 1879 – 1881; Phil. Hehner, 1881 – 1884; H. Thomas, 1884 – 1887; H.F. Köneke, 1887 – 1890; H.C. Jacoby, 1890 – 1895; C.C. Stahlmann, 1895 – 1898; C. Günther, 1898 – 1903, who was followed by the present pastor, Wm. Fotsch.



The Rev. William Fotsch

The officers of the congregation are

P. Peterson, C. Wärther, H. Hauhart, and H. Bopp, stewards; and H. Bopp, C. Wärther, John Blank, P. Peterson, Seb. Bopp, Peter Schlüter, Dr. August Maisch, Georg Hartmann, and Fr. Schlüter, trustees.

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The present pastor, Wm. Fotsch, was born on Oct. 8, 1847 in Unter-Hallau bei Schaffhausen, Switzerland, where he attended school and dedicated himself to architectural profession in Basel for three years. He was converted to the Lord there on March 4, 1866, a blessed experience that not only remained with him, but has strengthened and increased throughout the years.

On the first evening of his new life, he promised the Lord that he would dedicate his entire life to him without sensing the consequences of this oath. Soon an inner voice compelled him towards labor in the vineyard of the Lord, and he could not resist

the call. He studied two years at the Basel Mission House under Josenhans and three years at the Preachers Seminary under Irion\*. But since he did not find the desired nurture there, he visited the conference of the German Methodists upon coming to the United States.

Brother R. Havighorst, then superintendent of the Quincy District, received him into the church. With Brother Chas. Harms as an assistant, he was assigned to canvass the area from the north and east of Peoria to Fairbury, Ill. After entering the conference, he served Chandlerville, Ill., 1872 – 1873; Des Moines and Polk City, 1873 – 1874; Cottleville, Mo., 1874 – 1875; and Lake Creek, 1875 – 1877, where he built a church and held two camp meetings blessed with many conversions. Then followed Eudora, Kan., 1877 – 1878; and Petersburg, Ill., 1878. Later he worked three years in Rock Island, Ill., four years in Nauvoo, Ill., in Farmington two years, and in Desoto, Mo., three years. After that he was active for five years in Brighton, three in Mt. Vernon, Mo., and two years in Steinhagen, Mo. He then relocated to his present field of labor in Ballwin, Mo., in 1903 where he has worked in blessing and with success.

\*A reference to the Evangelical Preachers Seminary near Marthasville, Warren County, Mo., and its headmaster, Professor Andreas Irion. The seminary was operated by the German Evangelical Synod of North America and was a predecessor of the present-day Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves and now affiliated with the United Church of Christ.



The St. Louis County Library Special Collections Department presents

# ST. LOUIS GERMANS: Insiders or Outsiders?

**Saturday, August 9, 2014** Doors open at 9:00 a.m.  
Program begins at 9:30 a.m.

**Walter D. Kamphoefner, Ph.D., speaker**



Dr. Walter D. Kamphoefner will discuss German-American culture and society in St. Louis from the early 1830s through the mid-1930s, including issues surrounding political and economic patterns, bilingual education, and language preservation.

**9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.**

**Part I: The Heroes of the Union**

The beginning of mass German immigration, the Civil War period and the subsequent period of continued German-Republican political alliance.

**11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Part II: The Scapegoats of World War I**

The German-America community during World War I, Prohibition and the 1930s.

**Walter D. Kamphoefner, Ph.D.** is Professor of History at Texas A&M University and has served as Distinguished Lecturer for the Organization of American Historians. He is author of *The Westfalians: From Germany to Missouri* and co-editor of *Germans in the Civil War*, a collection of immigrant letters. Dr. Kamphoefner grew up near New Melle in St. Charles County and received his Ph.D. from the University of Missouri at Columbia.

**The program is free and open to the public. Registration is not required.**



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## THIS MONTH IN SAINT LOUIS HISTORY

August 29, 1904

## 1904 Olympic Games

Officially known as the “Games of the Third Olympiad,” the third Olympics in modern times and the first hosted in the U.S.A took place in St. Louis, Aug. 29 – Sept. 3, 1904 in conjunction with the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. According to George R. Matthews’s book, *America’s First Olympics: The St Louis Games of 1904*, athletes from eleven countries and four continents competed in “state-of-the-art facilities, including a ten-thousand seat stadium, and gymnasium equipment donated by sporting goods magnate, Albert Spalding.” Track and field competitions were held in one of the first concrete and steel stadiums ever built, the present Francis Field on the Washington University campus. It was also the first modern Olympics to award medals.

St. Louis was not the originally-planned venue. In 1901, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) chose Chicago to host the games in 1904. Missouri Governor David Francis had lost St. Louis’s bid to host the 1893 World’s Fair to Chicago. As President of the St. Louis World’s Fair, Francis was determined to make the St. Louis Fair, originally scheduled for 1903, the greatest ever. When the Fair was postponed until 1904, Francis convinced IOC to change the venue to St. Louis as part of the Fair.

Although the event was generally considered a great success, it was marked by scandal and what would today be considered outrageous incidents. For example, an athletic event called Anthropology Days, featured participants from “remote cultures” competing in events designed to demonstrate and compare the athletic prowess of various racial groups. The 1931 memoirs of IOC president Pierre de Coubertin called the 1904 games the “forgotten Olympics, the *failed* Olympics” and included slanderous descriptions of events leading up to and surrounding the games. Other writer describe the difficulties caused by the steamy St. Louis summer weather, unpaved streets, and the challenges caused by inadequate transportation.



Learn more about the 1904 Olympic Games from these sources available in the Special Collections Department:

Broeg, Bob. *The 100 Greatest Moments in St. Louis Sports*. St. Louis: Missouri Historical Press, 2000. R 796.0977 B865O and circulating copy.

Brownell, Susan, ed. *The 1904 Anthropology Days and Olympic Games: Sport, Race, and American Imperialism*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2008. R 796.0973 N714.

Fox, Tim. *From the Palaces to the Pike: Visions of the 1904 World's Fair*. St. Louis: Missouri Historical Society, 1994. 977.866 F794F.

Mallon, Bill. *The 1904 Olympic Games: Results for All Competitors in All Events, with Commentary*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland & Co., 1999. R 796.48 M255N.

Matthews, George R. *America’s First Olympics: The St. Louis Games of 1904*. Columbia: University of Missouri, 2005. R 796.48 M439A and circulating copy.

O’Connor, Candace. *Beginning a Great Work—Washington University in St. Louis, 1853-2003*. St. Louis : Washington University in St. Louis, 2003. Q 378.778 O18B.

Rademacher, Diane. *Famous Firsts of St. Louis: A Celebration of Facts, Figures, Food & Fun*. St. Louis: Mound City Publishing, 2014. R 977.865 R127F and circulating copy.

Rademacher, Diane. *Still Shining: Discovering Lost Treasures from the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair*. St Louis: Virginia Publishing, 2003. R 607.34 R127S and circulating copy.

## LIBRARY CLOSING

Monday, Sept. 1 — Labor Day

All St. Louis County Library locations will be closed.

192 NEW TITLES ADDED IN JULY

## NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT



## View the list of new books on the web

A list of new books received during the previous month now appears on the [library's website](#). View the list by clicking on the graphic, left, or by typing the URL into your browser:

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Books pertaining to specific states (and counties within states) begin with the same call number. [A chart of Dewey Decimal numbers for states and counties is posted on the library website](#) <<http://tinyurl.com/oqy8xp8>>. Other subjects are also grouped by call number. For example, family histories begin with 929.2. Materials for Scotland begin with 941 and those for Germany begin with 943.

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## Ulster to America: The Scots-Irish Migration Experience, 1680 – 1830

**Warren R. Hofstra, editor**  
**University of Tennessee Press,**  
**2012 | 263 pages**  
**R 973.0491 U46**

In *Ulster to America: The Scots-Irish Migration Experience, 1680–1830*, editor Warren R. Hofstra has

gathered contributions from pioneering scholars who are rewriting the history of the Scots-Irish. In addition to presenting fresh information based on thorough and detailed research, they offer cutting-edge interpretations that help explain the Scots-Irish experience in the United States. In place of implacable Scots-Irish individualism, the writers stress the urge to build communities among Ulster immi-

grants. In place of rootlessness and isolation, the authors point to the trans-Atlantic continuity of Scots-Irish settlement and the presence of Germans and Anglo-Americans in so-called Scots-Irish areas. In a variety of ways, the book asserts, the Scots-Irish actually modified or abandoned some of their own cultural traits as a result of interacting with people of other backgrounds and in response to many of the main themes defining American history.

Organized in chronological and migratory order, this volume includes contributions on specific U.S. centers for Ulster immigrants: New Castle, Delaware; Donegal Springs, Pennsylvania; Carlisle, Pennsylvania; Opequon, Virginia; the Virginia frontier; the Carolina backcountry; southwestern Pennsylvania, and Kentucky. *Ulster to America* is essential reading for scholars and students of American history, immigration history, local history, and the colonial era, as well as all those who seek a fuller understanding of the Scots-Irish immigrant story.—*Publisher*



## Sustainable Genealogy: Separating Fact From Fiction in Family Legends

by **Richard Hite**  
**Genealogical Publishing, 2013 | 110 pages**  
**R 929.1 H675S**

There are a lot of textbooks that describe how to find your ancestors; this new one by Richard Hite clarifies how not to. In short, Sustainable Genealogy explains how to avoid the traps many family historians can fall into. Whether it's a proud family legend, a venerable publication, or the claims of an Internet

family tree, the unsubstantiated genealogical source is like a house of sticks before the Big Bad Wolf—it won't stand up. As Mr. Hite demonstrates in this collection of case studies, many are the "oral traditions that have fallen by the wayside under the lens of careful research in primary sources and more recently, DNA testing."—*Publisher*

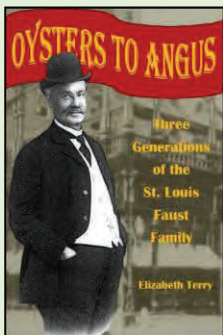
## The McLean County Combined Indexed Atlases, 1856 – 1914

**Compiled by William P. LaBounty**  
**2nd Edition | McLean County Historical Society, 2006**  
**385 pages, 253 maps | R 977.359 M163**

Land ownership maps are a useful and often fascinating source of information for genealogists and historians. The

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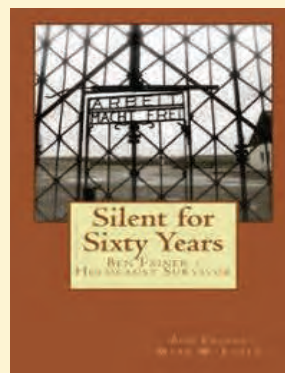
■ **Monday, August 25 | 7 p.m.**



## Oysters to Angus: Three Generations of the St. Louis Faust Family

The Faustus moved through history alongside the iconic Busch family as they firmly entrenched themselves as movers and shakers in the St. Louis scene. St. Louis author and historian **Elizabeth Terry** will discuss her book which is both an academic study and a must-read account of one of America's influential families.

■ **Wednesday, August 27 | 7 p.m.**



## Silent for Sixty Years

Holocaust survivor **Ben Fainer** discusses his memoir about the six years he spent in six different concentration camps and his eventual liberation by an American soldier. Sixty years later, Fainer and the American soldier were reunited by chance, an experience that inspired Ben to finally tell his story through this memoir.

**Programs are free and open to the public. No registration is required.**

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

Books for signing will be available for purchase.

historical and genealogical societies of McLean County, Ill. cooperated in reproducing and publishing 1856, 1866, 1874, 1895, and 1914 ownership atlases for the county in one volume. The maps, reproduced in color and digitally enhanced, include information and illustrations included in the original publications. A cumulative surname index is provided.—SC Staff

## CLASSES

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

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

Thursday, Sept. 4, 2 p.m.

Headquarters East Room

Larry Franke, instructor

Registration opens Aug. 7.

### ☎ **Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition**

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2 p.m.

Headquarters Computer Lab

Larry Franke, instructor

Registration opens Aug. 13.

### ☎ **Introduction to Fold3 and HeritageQuest**

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2 p.m.

Headquarters Computer Lab

Larry Franke, instructor

Registration opens Aug. 19.

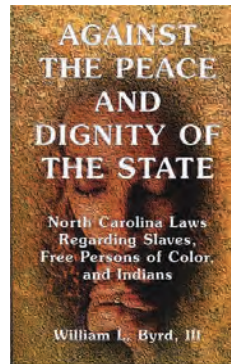
### ☎ **Newspapers in history and genealogy**

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2 p.m.

Headquarters Computer Lab

Larry Franke, instructor

Registration opens Aug. 26.



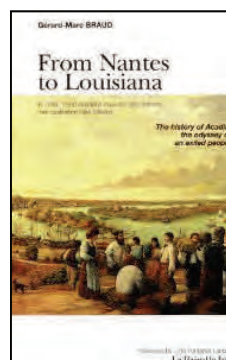
## Against the Peace and Dignity of the State: North Carolina Laws Regarding Slaves, Free Persons of Color, and Indians.

By William L. Byrd

Heritage Books, 2007 | 490 pages  
R 342.756 B995A

The evolution of North Carolina's Slave Codes begins in 1669, and for the most part, ends in 1862. Nestled within those years was an ever-growing number of new laws enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly, the purpose of which was to control the great numbers of not-always-docile slaves in the Colony of North Carolina, and later, the State of North Carolina. There were insurrections, uprisings, and runaways; all of which were crushed in the end. Some slaves were treated fairly, and others were treated brutally. Slavery in the South was a perfect example of man's inhumanity to man. The North Carolina Slave Codes speak for themselves. A Chronology of Laws and full-name and subject indexes augment this valuable work.

—*Publisher*



## From Nantes to Louisiana: The History of Acadia, the Odyssey of an Exiled People

By Gérard-Marc Braud, Translated by Julie Fontenot Landry

La Rainette, 1999 | 127 pages  
R 976.3 B285F

In this work, Gérard-Marc Braud traces the history of Acadia and the Acadian people from the first colonists in 1604 until the “Grand Dérangement,” that is to say, the deportation of about 12,000 Acadians, beginning in 1755: men, women, and children exiled against their will, even forcibly repatriated by the English authorities.

Next he retraces the Acadian resettlement in France: the

welcome in the ports of Cherbourg, St. Malo and Morlaix, the dispersion in Brittany and Poitou, then the regrouping of hundreds of families in Nantes in 1775. Among the Acadians who moved to Nantes, 1,600 embarked for Louisiana in 1785 aboard seven ships.

The author offers previously unpublished information on the life and the means of existence of these Acadians, es-

tablished at Nantes but always holding onto their “American dream” and eager to live a new adventure. In addition, he completes his story with appendices that will fascinate the descendants of these deported Acadians, descendants curious about the history of their ancestors and eager to find their roots.—*Book jacket*

## New at Ancestry Library Edition

California, Prison and Correctional Records, 1851–1950  
 Great Britain, Atlas and Index of Parish Registers  
 Illinois, Methodist Church Vital Records, 1824–2009  
 Mexico, Civil Registration Records for various Mexican states, dates vary (in Spanish)  
 New Jersey, County Naturalization Records, 1749–1986  
 Oregon, Early Oregonians Index, 1800–1860  
 Poland, Lodz Ghetto Register Books (USHMM), 1939–1944 (in German)  
 Switzerland, Church Book Extracts, 1550–1875 (in French)  
 U.S., The Pension Roll of 1835  
 U.S., Headstone and Interment Records for U.S. Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil, 1942–1949  
 Venezuela, Civil Registration, 1873–2003 (in Spanish)  
 Virgin Islands US, Church Records, 1765–2010

## EVENTS

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

### AUGUST

#### **St. Louis Genealogical Society General Meeting**

Tuesday, Aug. 12, 7 p.m.

Headquarters Auditorium

“Using Technology to Learn Online”

Pat Stamm, speaker

#### **StLGS Jewish Special Interest Group**

Wednesday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m.

Headquarters Auditorium

“Ask the Experts”

Phyllis Faintich and Chris Flesor, panelists

### SEPTEMBER

#### **St. Louis Genealogical Society General Meeting**

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m.

Headquarters Auditorium

“Using Google Earth and Maps for Genealogy”

Bob Goode, speaker

#### **StLGS German Special Interest Group**

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m.

Headquarters Auditorium

“Researching Pre-1800 U.S. Germans”

Carol Whitton, speaker