

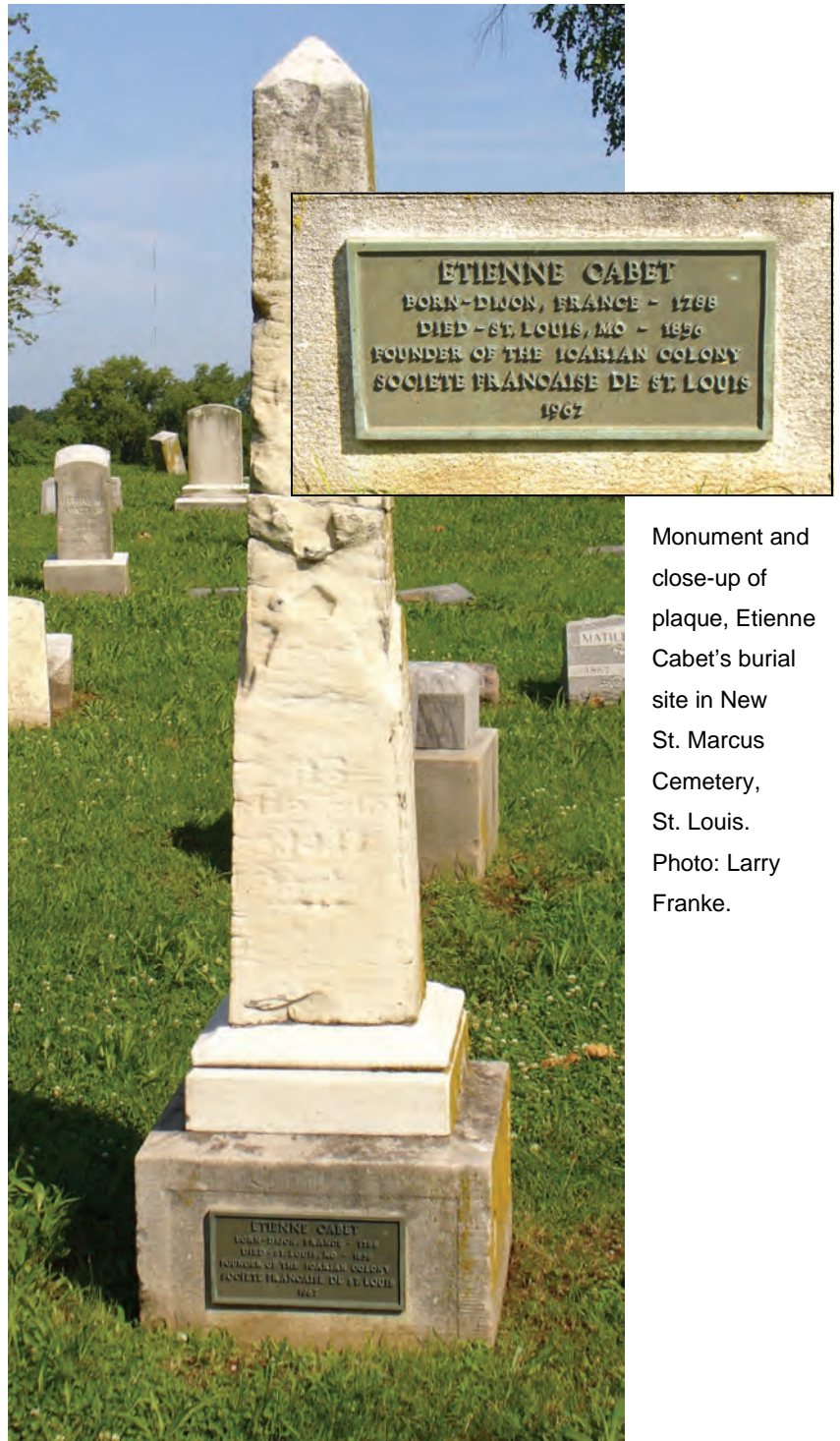
FOR THE RECORDS

Etienne Cabet and *La société icarienne* (Icarian Society)

The nineteenth century was a time of great political upheaval in France. After more than two hundred years, the rule of the House of Bourbon came to an end with the French Revolution in 1792 only to be replaced by Napoleon, who was followed by the restoration of the House of Bourbon. The plight of the working class during the formative years of industrialization was a common theme during these times, commensurate with the rise of socialist/utopian philosophy and writings.

One of the better-known proponents of this school of thought was Etienne Cabet, born in 1788 in Dijon, France to a family of coopers. He took no interest in being a cooper, instead attending law school at the University of Dijon. He practiced for a time in Dijon and later relocated to Paris where he became involved in republican politics. In 1833, he began publishing his own newspaper, *Le Populaire*, which soon became the most popular republican newspaper in France. In 1834, as a result of his criticisms of the King and the ministry, he was offered the option of a fine and two years in prison or five years in exile. He chose the latter and departed for Brussels – whose leaders immediately ejected him – and then sought refuge in London.

Two of Cabet's primary influences in his conversion to socialism / utopianism were Thomas More's *Utopia* and time spent in London observing the advanced stage of mechanization in place there. In 1839, Cabet wrote [CONTINUED ON PAGE 3](#)



Monument and close-up of plaque, Etienne Cabet's burial site in New St. Marcus Cemetery, St. Louis. Photo: Larry Franke.

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Voyage en Icarie (Travels in Icaria), a novel which idealized socialism and portrayed the antithesis of Louis Philippe's France.

Cabet's followers, called Icarians, were expected to marry. Adultery was punished. Little room was allowed for self-interest. It was all for one and one for all. To each one according to his needs; from each one according to his strength. Solidarity, equality, liberty, eligibility, unity, peace, love, justice, mutual aid, universal insurance, organization of work, machines to the profit of all, augmentation of production, equitable division of products, suppression of misery, growing im-

provements, marriage and family, continual progress, abundance, art, education, intelligence, reason, morality, order, and union were the rule of the day. The first right was life. The first duty was work. Common happiness was the goal, and there were no formal religious observances.

In 1843, Cabet came up with a plan to create utopia in America. It would be: 1) a small self-sustaining community; 2) composed of 200–300 people, superior in their ability, character, and devotion; and 3) financially strong. The failure of the wheat harvest in 1846 and continued political and social problems convinced Cabet that he and

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Explore Tier 4 will move to the second weekend of the month beginning Sept. 2016 to coincide to the monthly meetings of the St. Louis Genealogical Society. Meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at St. Louis County Library Headquarters. The monthly event is an opportunity for members of the public to browse a portion of the collection that is normally open only to library staff, including more than 13,000 family histories and school yearbooks. A tour of the department will given on Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

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H&G staff at conferences

Jake Eubanks, History & Genealogy Assistant Manager, attended the Midwestern Roots Conference, July 15–16, in Indianapolis. The sold-out conference of more than 400 participants brought heavy traffic to the H&G booth in the exhibit hall.

PastPort readers are invited to stop by the H&G booth at the following upcoming conferences;

- Missouri State Genealogical Society Conference, Aug. 6–7, Columbia, Mo. H&G Manager Scott Holl and staff member Kelly Draper will be present.

- Federation of Genealogical Societies, Sept. 1–3, Springfield, Ill., Jake Eubanks and staff member Mike Bridwell will attend.



Kelly Draper
awarded Certificate
of Appreciation

History & Genealogy staff member Kelly Draper has been awarded the Certificate of Appreciation by the Missouri State Genealogical Association (MoSGA) for significant contribution to the field of genealogy and family history. The award will be presented at the 2016 MoSGA conference on Aug. 6. Kelly has worked for History & Genealogy since the department officially opened in July 1998. Past award recipients include History & Genealogy staff members Scott Holl and Larry Franke.

his followers would never be successful in setting up a utopian society in France. Finding a small community to establish his utopia would not be a problem because there were about 100,000 active Icarians in France by 1846.

On May 9, 1847, Cabet announced his decision in *Le Populaire* to found the colony in America, believing that it would be impossible for one to be established in France. Land approximately one hundred miles northeast of Dallas, Texas was chosen. On February 2, 1848, with an avant-garde of sixty-nine men (the women and children would come later), the first ship left Le Havre for America, arriving in New Orleans near the end of March. Unfortunately for Cabet, on February 24, Louis Philippe was deposed and the Second Republic proclaimed. Now that the monarchy was gone, many Icarians lost interest in emigrating and some who had emigrated decided to return to France.

The land purchased in north Texas near the Red River Valley turned out to be a bust. The plots were not contiguous and thus did not contribute to communal living. Plus, the Icarians were not accustomed to the climate and physical effort required to farm (many were artisans of various kinds). They gave up and went back to New Orleans to wait for Cabet's arrival from France in December 1848.

The Mormons had recently vacated Nauvoo, Illinois, leaving available a large quantity of buildings and land. The Icarians decided to purchase it and set out for Nauvoo on February 28, 1849. Their party of almost 300 arrived there on March 15. By 1855, they numbered around five hundred. They leased an additional 2,000 acres of farmland on which to raise wheat and vegetables.

For entertainment, the Icarians put on plays, concerts, and operettas, which were attended by their

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in the County of Hancock State of enumerated by me, on the 9th day of November 1850. Jos. W. Milliam Ass't Marshal 350

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	Marie	35	f	White				St. Louis, Missouri					
	Marie	11	f	White				St. Louis, Missouri					
	Marie	5	f	White				St. Louis, Missouri					
1258	Naubien Jean Louis	4	m	White	Farmer			St. Louis, Missouri					
	Marie	3	f	White				St. Louis, Missouri					
	Marie	2	f	White				St. Louis, Missouri					
1259	Requecher Jean	37	m	White	Farmer			St. Louis, Missouri					
	Marie	40	f	White				St. Louis, Missouri					
	Marie	6	f	White				St. Louis, Missouri					
1260	Marceff Jean Philippe	24	m	White	Farmer			St. Louis, Missouri					
	Marie	3	f	White				St. Louis, Missouri					
	Marie	1	f	White				St. Louis, Missouri					
1261	Marais Jean Baptiste	45	m	White	Farmer			St. Louis, Missouri					
	Marie	39	f	White				St. Louis, Missouri					
1262	Marsy Jean	41	m	White	Farmer			St. Louis, Missouri					
	Marie	46	f	White				St. Louis, Missouri					
	Marie	12	f	White				St. Louis, Missouri					
	Marie	9	f	White				St. Louis, Missouri					
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1267	Waller Jean	46	m	White	Farmer			St. Louis, Missouri					
	Marie	39	f	White				St. Louis, Missouri					
	Marie	10	f	White				St. Louis, Missouri					

Members of the Icarian community are listed in Nauvoo on pages 358B–361B of the Hancock County, Illinois U. S. Census Page 360A and 360B (shown above) list the city / town and French department, which is similar to a U.S. state.

American neighbors. They picnicked in the country, had a library of over four thousand volumes and, on Sunday, in lieu of a church service, attended the *Cours Icarien*, an ongoing seminar conducted by Cabet on the themes found in his novel. Beginning at the age of four children lived and studied together in a dormitory, visiting their parents only on weekends. The Icarians had

hoped to rebuild the abandoned and partially destroyed Mormon temple as a schoolhouse, but a tornado struck in 1850 damaging it further. They decided to use the limestone to build a new two-story school on the same site. (The Mormon temple was rebuilt in 2002).

The 1850 U. S. Census for Hancock County, Illinois paints a good picture of the Icarian colony at Nauvoo. In many cases, not only is the home country (usually France, but sometimes Germany, Switzerland, or other country) given for the resident, but also his or her hometown.

Right: Gontier's *Partons pour Icarie* includes appendices listing Icarian deaths in Nauvoo.

In addition to a summary of the Icarians who appeared on the 1850 U. S. Federal Census for Hancock County, Illinois, Francis and Gontier's *Partons pour Icarie* contains appendices listing Icarian deaths in Nauvoo.

In May of 1851, Cabet returned to France to face charges of fraud and deception brought against him by disillusioned Icarians. He was cleared of all charges, but because of ongoing political problems there, he was forced to leave. Upon his return to Nauvoo in 1852, he discovered that the Icarians had grown lax. There was too much drinking, smoking, hunting and fishing for sport (rather than for necessity), and some of the women had started to wear makeup. Cabet banned all of these and also called for silence while at work. Of course, there was much grumbling among the colonists. Dissatisfaction began to grow as they began to realize that Cabet was just another man. Cabet, on the other hand, was growing paranoid. Convinced the assembly to pass a rule against complaining, and grew more and more dictatorial. He began

cultivating a network of spies in order to find out what people were saying in general and about him specifically.



In 1851, the decision was made to relocate farther west due to too many bad influences in Nauvoo from the Americans and Jesuits. The Icarians purchased three thousand acres of land in southwestern Iowa, and sent out rotating groups of settlers to farm it.

The ratification of the rigid Forty-eight Articles by the governing committee on February 3, 1853 caused a schism in the colony by 1855. The articles allowed arbitrary job assignments and frequent assignments to unrelated jobs. The bans on

alcohol, tobacco, talking while at work, swearing, and complaining about the rules were a few of the more unpopular Articles. Spies continued to inform on other members. In the fall of 1855, Cabet suffered a minor stroke.

The colony formally split in 1856 and the "Cabetists" followed their leader to St. Louis. By November 6, 1856, 179 people were gathered in New Bremen, in North St. Louis with Cabet. The following day, he had another stroke and died on November 8 at the age of sixty-eight. He was originally buried in Holy Ghost (Old Picker) Cemetery, but when Holy Ghost was closed in preparation for the construction of Roosevelt High School, his body and monument were moved to New St. Marcus Cemetery on Gravois Road at Hampton.

As to the Icarians remaining in New Bremen, they purchased a thirty-nine acre property in Cheltenham, the present-day site of St. Louis



La revue Icarienne was the Icarian newspaper published by the Icarians at Cheltenham (St. Louis). Photo: Larry Franke.

Community College-Forest Park (bounded by Oakland Avenue, Manchester Road, Hampton Avenue, and Macklind Avenue) in 1858 for \$25,000 with \$500 down, which left the community dangerously low on funds. Another division in March 1859 resulted in the loss of 44 Icarians. They took with them \$188 in cash, \$588 in IOUs, and \$1800 worth of clothing and tools. They had performed important functions at all levels, and Cheltenham never recovered economically.

When the Civil War broke out, some men left to fight for the Union. Unable to pay their creditors, the St. Louis colony dissolved in 1864. Some of the members went to live in the city of St. Louis; others moved to the Icarian colony near Corning, Iowa, which itself dissolved in 1898.

The 221 Icarians who remained in Nauvoo, in 1857 decided to liquidate their assets and relocate to Corning, Iowa, which they did in 1858. That group suffered another split when some of the younger and more recently arrived members wanted to implement changes which displeased

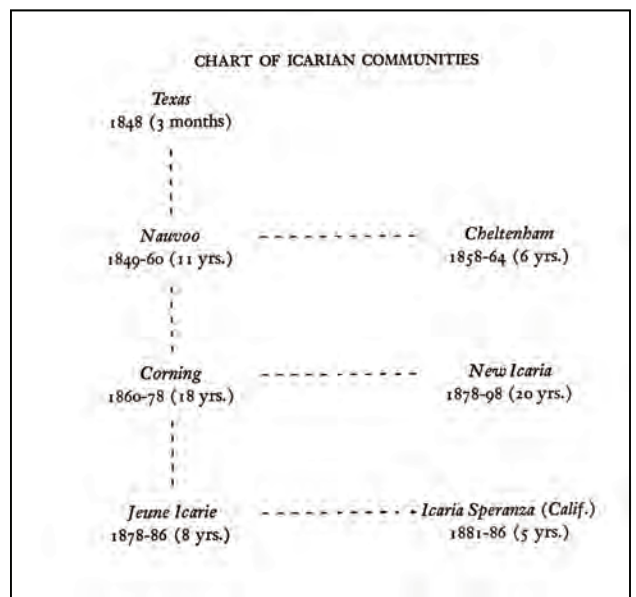
the older members. The younger ones formed Jeune Icarie (Young Icaria) in 1878. It and the original Corning Icarie lasted until 1898.

In 1881, many of the Young Icarians decided to relocate to Cloverdale, California where they formed yet another Icarian Colony, Icaria Speranza, which lasted until 1886.

Although the goals of the Icarians were admirable in trying to form a fair and just society, it eventually failed due to mismanagement, insufficient capital, better economic opportunities elsewhere, the death of its leader, and internal dissension. Unfortunately for the Icarians, they eventually found their utopia, which in Greek means “no place.”

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A diagram showing the opening and closing dates and locations of the Icarian Societies in America. Source: *California's Utopian Colonies.*

DATABASE SPOTLIGHT

Access World News and America's Obituaries and Death Notices

Access World News and *America's Obituaries & Death Notices* are two databases that researchers can use to find news articles and obituaries from the last few decades. Both have similar designs and options.

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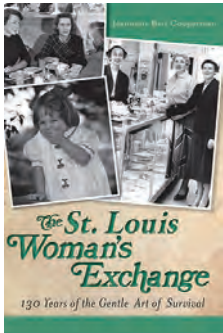
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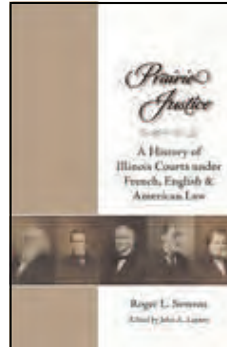


The St. Louis Woman's Exchange: 130 Years of the Gentle Art of Survival

By Jeannette Batz Cooperman

History Press, 2012
R 977.865 C778S

On the surface, the Woman's Exchange of St. Louis is an exquisite gift shop with an adjacent tea room—beloved, always packed, the chatter light and feminine, the salads and pies perfect. But the volunteers who run the Woman's Exchange have had enough grit to keep the place going through two world wars, a Great Depression, several recessions, the end of fine craftsmanship and the start of a new DIY movement. The “decayed gentlewomen” they set out to help in 1883 are now refugees from Afghanistan, battered wives and mothers of sons paralyzed in Iraq. Sample the radical changes they have made over the years, as well as the institutions they wisely left alone, like the iconic cherry dress that has charmed generations of women and mothers, including Jacqueline Kennedy and Gwyneth Paltrow.—*Publisher*



Prairie Justice: A History of Illinois Courts under French, English, and American Law.

By Roger L. Severns

Southern Illinois University, 2015
R 977.3 S498P

A concise legal history of Illinois through the end of the nineteenth century, *Prairie Justice* covers the region's progression from French to British to early American legal systems, which culminated in a unique body of Illinois law that has influenced other jurisdictions. Written by Roger L. Severns in the 1950s and published in serial form in the 1960s, *Prairie Justice* is available now for the first time as a book, thanks to the work of editor John A. Lupton, an Illinois and legal historian who also contributed an introduction.—*Publisher*



La Gazette Française, 1780-1781: Revolutionary America's French Newspaper.

By Eugena Poulin

Salve Regina University, 2007
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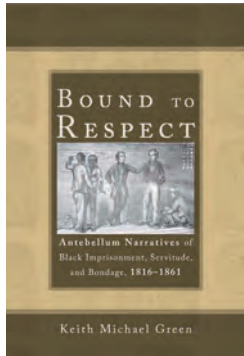
On July 11, 1780, after a sixty-nine-day voyage, 6,000 French troops under the command of General Rochambeau disembarked in Newport, R.I. Cognizant of the anti-Catholic feelings against France that ran rampant among the general population, the French military officers who arrived in Newport on that July day anxiously descended from their ship, not knowing how they would be received. Once it became clear that the French stay in Newport would last through the winter months, the French soldiers began printing a newspaper, using the press that was carried on board the ship. The first issue of the Newport newspaper, the *Gazette Française*, appeared on November 17, 1780, followed by six consecutive issues and a final Supplement on January 2, 1781. The original purpose of the *Gazette* was to satisfy the curiosity of French officers seeking to educate themselves



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Bound to Respect: Antebellum Narratives of Black Imprisonment, Servitude, and Bondage, 1816-1861

By Keith Michael Green

University of Alabama, 2015

R 810.8 G796B

Keith Michael Green examines key texts that illuminate forms of black bondage and captivity that existed within and alongside slavery. In doing so, he restores to antebellum African American autobiographical writing the fascinating heterogeneity lost if the historical experiences of African Americans are attributed to slavery alone. The book's

title is taken from the assertion by US Supreme Court chief justice Roger B. Taney in his 1857 Dred Scott decision that blacks had no rights that whites were “bound to respect.” This allusion highlights Green’s critical assertion that the dehumanizing absurdities to which defenders of slavery resorted to justify slavery only brought into more stark relief the humanity of African Americans.—*Publisher*



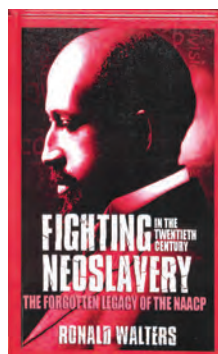
Lift Every Voice: The NAACP and the Making of the Civil Rights Movement

By Patricia Sullivan

New Press , 2009

R 973.0496 S951L

Lift Every Voice is a momentous history of the struggle for civil rights told through the stories of men and women who fought inescapable racial barriers in the North as well as the South—keeping the promise of democracy alive from the earliest days of the twentieth century to the triumph of the 1950s and 1960s. Historian Patricia Sullivan unearths the little known early decades of the NAACP’s activism, telling startling stories of personal bravery, legal brilliance, and political maneuvering. In the critical postwar era, following a string of legal victories culminating in *Brown v. Board*, the NAACP knocked out the legal underpinnings of the degregation system and set the stage for the final assault on Jim Crow.—*Book jacket*



Fighting Neoslavery in the Twentieth Century: The Forgotten Legacy of the NAACP

By Reginald Walters

Third World Press, 2015

R 306.362 W235F

Dr. Ronald Walters, one of the most highly respected political scientists in the nation, has compiled a body of evidence and anecdotes to substantiate his hypothesis that chattel slavery for African Americans did not end with the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation and the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. In *Fighting Neoslavery in the 20th Century*, Dr. Walters reports of the

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efforts to eradicate bondage led primarily by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The stories and narratives are confirmed by numerous letters and documents that are used by the author to establish the amazing fact that slavery existed in the United States well into the 20th century.—*Syndetics / Bowker*



The Catholic Calumet: Colonial Conversions in French and Indian North America

By Tracy Neal Leavelle

University of Pennsylvania, 2012
R 299.7 L439C

In 1730 a delegation of Illinois Indians arrived in the French colonial capital of New Orleans. An Illinois leader presented two ceremonial pipes, or calumets, to the governor. One calumet represented the diplomatic alliance between the two men and the other symbolized their shared attachment to Catholicism. The priest who documented this exchange also reported with excitement how the Illinois recited prayers and sang hymns in their Native language, a display that astonished the residents of New Orleans. The "Catholic" calumet and the Native-language prayers and hymns were the product of long encounters between the Illinois and Jesuit missionaries, men who were themselves transformed by these sometimes intense spiritual experiences. The conversions of people, communities, and cultural practices that led to this dramatic episode all occurred in a rapidly

evolving and always contested colonial context.—Publisher



The Royal Houses of Europe

P. Arnold, 2006–2015

Thirty-three volumes provides overviews of the family trees of European nobility. The books are located under various call numbers beginning with R 929.7.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Labor Day | Monday, Sept. 5

CLASSES

Classes are free and open to the public. Registration is required, except where noted. Register online at <http://www.slcl.org/events>, or call (314) 994-3300.

■ Beginning a Genealogical Research Project

Are you ready to start researching your ancestors? Learn about the genealogical research process, how to get started, how to organize and cite your findings, useful library skills, various formats used in research (print, microfilm, and electronic), and the rich sources available in History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library. If you have little or no experience with genealogical research, this is the class for you.

- Sept. 13, 2:00 p.m. | Headquarters**
- Sept. 17, 10:00 a.m. | Rock Road**
- Oct. 20, 2:00 p.m. | Headquarters**
- Nov. 5, 10:00 a.m. | Sachs**

■ Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition

The Ancestry Library Edition database is a powerful tool for genealogical research. Find out how to search for your ancestors in census, immigration, military, and death records. To take this class, you should already know how to use a computer and search the Internet.

- Aug. 6, 10:00 a.m. | Lewis & Clark**
- Sept. 22, 2:00 p.m. | Headquarters**
- Oct. 15, 10:00 a.m. | Weber Road**
- Oct. 26, 2:00 p.m. | Headquarters**
- Nov. 5, 2:00 p.m. | Oak Bend**

■ Introduction to Fold3 and HeritageQuest

Fold3 and HeritageQuest electronic databases offer a variety of records for genealogical research, and they can be used at home for free with a valid St. Louis County Library card. Find out how to search for your ancestors in census records, city directories, books, periodicals and government documents. To take this class, you should already know how to use a computer and search the Internet.

- Aug. 11, 2:00 p.m. | Headquarters**
- Sept. 28, 2:00 p.m. | Headquarters**
- Oct. 15, 2:00 p.m. | Grant's View**
- Nov. 3, 2:00 p.m. | Headquarters**

■ History and Genealogy in Newspapers

Newspaper databases make it easy to access millions of articles electronically, and they can be used at home with a valid St. Louis County Library card. Databases covered in this class will include 19th-Century U. S. Newspapers, NewspaperArchive, and current and historical St. Louis Post-Dispatch databases. To take this class, you should already know how to use a computer and search the Internet.

- Aug 23, 2:00 p.m. | Headquarters**
- Oct. 4, 2:00 p.m. | Headquarters**
- Nov. 11, 2:00 p.m. | Oak Bend**
- Nov. 15, 2:00 p.m. | Headquarters**

CLASS LOCATIONS

Cliff Cave

5430 Telegraph Road
St. Louis, MO 63129

Grant's View

9700 Musick Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63123

Headquarters

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

Jamestown Bluffs

4153 N. Highway 67
St. Louis, MO 63034

Lewis and Clark

9909 Lewis-Clark Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63136

Oak Bend

842 S. Holmes Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63122

Rock Road

10267 St. Charles Rock Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63074

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Chesterfield, MO 63017

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■ **Tracing Your African-American Ancestors**

Interested in finding your African-American Roots? This class will show you how to research your ancestors using two case studies. The first will show you how to get started, and the second will demonstrate how you can use specific source materials to solve common road blocks. The class will conclude by investigating additional records to help deepen your research.

Aug. 6, 10:00 a.m. | Jamestown Bluffs

■ **Using Periodicals for Family History Research**

Genealogical and historical societies all over the country publish a wealth of information in quarterlies and other periodical publications. This class will cover the tools needed to locate genealogical periodicals and find information within them. No registration is necessary for this class.

Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m. | Cliff Cave

Programs are free, open to the public and take place in the Headquarters Auditorium. No registration is required.

■ **Saturday, Aug. 13 | 10:00 a.m.**

Maps and What They Can Tell

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Meeting

Maps provide images of geographic areas in your ancestors' lives. Learn how that knowledge can further your research. | Ruth Ann Hager, CG, CGL, Speaker

■ **Saturday, Sept. 10 | 10:00 a.m.**

Discover Your Veterans Serving Our Country

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Meeting

Which wars have records? Which records are available? What is their content? How and where can you find these records? Find out about all these things plus some websites to try. | Carol Whitton, CG, Speaker

■ **Wednesday, Sept. 21 | 7:00 p.m.**

Using German Newspapers When You Don't Know Much German

StLGS German Special Interest Group

German-language newspapers are a valuable source of obituaries and other genealogical information, and you do not have to be a German expert to use them. | Scott Holl, Manager, History & Genealogy, Speaker

■ **Saturday, Oct. 8 | 10:00 a.m.**

Recent Acquisitions for English Research in History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Meeting

The generous donations that made possible the William C. E. and Bessie K. Becker and Lewis Bunker Rohrbach Collections have also significantly expanded materials for English research in History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library. Learn about these new resources and their use in genealogical research. | Jake Eubanks, Assistant Manager, History & Genealogy, Speaker

■ **Tuesday, Oct. 25 | 7:00 p.m.**

Getting Organized: Finding Your Irish Ancestor

StLGS Irish Special Interest Group

Get some tips on how you can be a better researcher. Learn to prepare ahead, create research logs in MS Word, use chronologies to sort your data, and much more. | Carol Whitton, CG, Speaker

■ **Saturday, Nov. 12 | 10:00 a.m.**

Meat on the Bones: Using Newspapers to Add Persona to Born, Married, Died

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Meeting

Newspapers are an excellent source of information for the day to day lives of our ancestors and they did not have to be famous to get their name in the newspapers. | Vicki Fagyal, Speaker

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