

OF NOTE

Special Collections is now the History and Genealogy Department

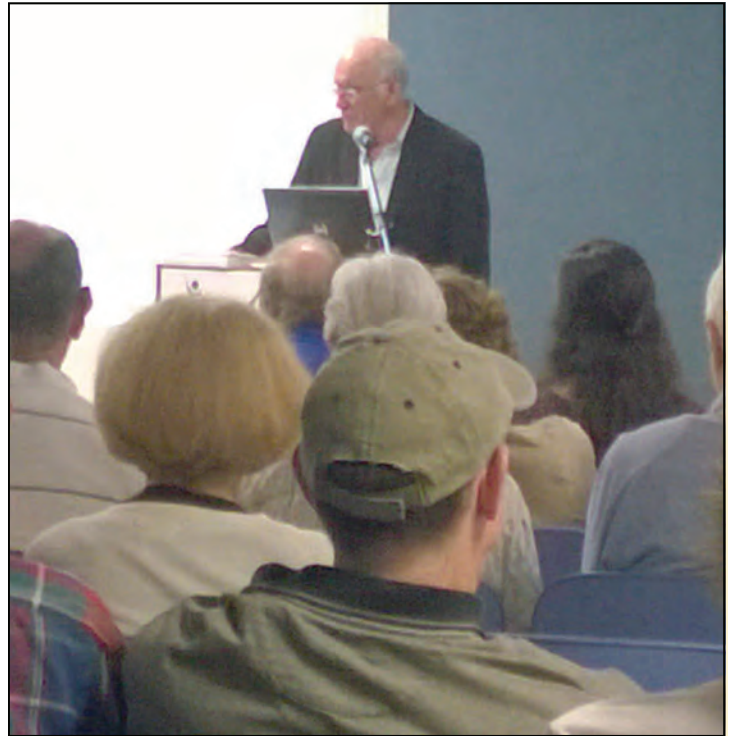
The Special Collections Department has changed its name to the History and Genealogy Department, effective Sept. 1. The department's email address has also changed. Requests for lookups and general information can now be sent to genealogy@slcl.org. Email sent to the former address (specialcollections@slcl.org) will still reach the department staff, however. The department is still located on Tier 5 (the top floor) of St. Louis County Library Headquarters. The telephone number, (314) 994-3300, ext. 2070, also remains unchanged.

Department staffing changes

The History and Genealogy Department has recently witnessed the retirement of a several long-time staff members:

- Joyce Loving retired as manager on July 31, a position she had held since 1997, when the Special Collections Department was still under development.
- Ruth Ann Hager, who had worked in the department since 2000, retired on June 30.
- April Webb, who had worked in the department part-time since 2010, retired on May 31.

In other changes, Scott Holl, formerly the assistant manager, was promoted to manager of the department on Aug. 15. Mike Bridwell, who formerly worked part-time, is now full-time. Emma Prince and Jennifer Riggsby have recently



Kamphoefner at St. Louis County Library

Walter D. Kamphoefner, Ph.D., Professor of History at Texas A&M University, Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer, and notable expert on German-American history, spoke at St. Louis County Library Headquarters on Saturday, Aug. 9. Dr. Kamphoefner's lecture, "St. Louis Germans: Insiders or Outsiders," drew more than 200 attendees and was sponsored by the History and Genealogy Department.

joined the reference staff as part-time employees. Others on the reference staff include part-time members Jay Buck and Kelly Draper, and full-timer members Chris Flesor, Larry Franke and Dan Lilienkamp. Regular patrons will also recognize Neal Westrup, who shelves library materials and performs numerous other duties for the department.

THIS MONTH IN SAINT LOUIS HISTORY

September 1, 1894

St. Louis Union Station

Union Station opened with great festivity on Friday, Sept. 1, 1894, with 200 musicians, and approximately 20,000 guests in attendance. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported the next day, "The dedication of the new Union Station last night marked an important epoch in the history of this city. It is the grandest and most perfectly appointed railway station on the continent."

Union Depot, the first major train station in St. Louis, opened in 1875. Although it was considered to be up-to-date, it's "through-track" design limited passenger capacity, and the city soon outgrew it. The 1880s was a decade of spectacular growth for St. Louis. From 1880 to 1890, the population grew from 350,518 to 451,770. It stood fourth



among American cities in gross value of manufactured products, and second only to Chicago as a national railroad center.

The Terminal Railroad Association (TRRA) was established in 1889. When Dr. William Taussig became its second president later that same year, he began plans for a new train station. Taussig was born in 1826 in Prague, was educated in chemistry and medicine, but had a multitude of interests and talents. He

moved to St. Louis in 1851, where he became active in government, medicine, civic service, banking and railroading. He had been the business manager of the Eads Bridge at the time it was built, and later managed its operation.

Dr. Taussig's first concern for the new train station was finding the perfect site for its location. Several sites were considered, including the area around City Hall and Washington Square. The TRRA chose the location on Market Street between 18th and 20th streets in Mill Creek Valley. Industrial buildings and residential buildings had to be acquired and cleared.

Taussig decided to design a "stub-end" station rather than a "through-station," allowing for larger passenger capacity and service growth. He then solicited architectural proposals, announcing that prizes would be awarded to the top three plans. Theodore C. Link, a local German-born architect won the contract and the first prize of \$10,000. His plan was made public in July 1891. Work began on a 700-foot train shed with tracks funneling from two double track lines, one from the east and the other from the west. One hundred twenty-two levers controlling 130 switches and 103 signals were operated by compressed air and electricity.

PastPorts is published monthly by the St. Louis County Library History and Genealogy Department, located on Tier 5 of the library headquarters.

[Current and past issues can be downloaded from the web <http://www.slcl.org/pastports>](http://www.slcl.org/pastports).

Contact the Special Collections Department
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Email: genealogy@slcl.org
Website: <http://www.slcl.org>

Tours

Tours of the department are conducted on the first Wednesday and third Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. No registration is required. Group tours are gladly arranged with advance notice by calling 314-994-3300, ext. 2070.

EARLY LIBRARY CLOSING

Saturday, Sept. 20

Headquarters will close at 1 p.m. for a special event.

EVENTS

Events are free and open to the public.

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

OCTOBER

StLGS African American Special Interest Group

Saturday, Oct. 4, 11 a.m.

Headquarters East Room

"Breaking through Brick Walls"

Round table discussion

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Meeting

Saturday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m.

Headquarters Auditorium

"New Scottish Sources at St. Louis County Library"

Larry Franke, Speaker

StLGS Italian Special Interest Group

Monday, Oct. 20, 7 p.m.

Headquarters East Room

"Planning and Organizing a Family Reunion"

Scott Biondo, Speaker

StLGS Irish Special Interest Group

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m.

Headquarters Auditorium

"St. Louis Archdiocese Church Records"

Rena Schergen, and John Schwob, Director,

Archdiocese of St. Louis, Speakers

The jewel of Union Station was the Romanesque, limestone passenger terminal fronting on Market Street and featuring soaring roofs and a 230-foot clock tower. Ground floor facilities included a waiting room, ticket office, lunch room, saloon, smoking room, ladies' waiting room, a hotel and the spectacular Grand Hall. In addition to Taussig's many interests, his devotion to the fine arts was reflected in architectural touches, such as the three-paneled mosaic glass window that adorns the top of the stairs at the arched entrance. Each panel displays etched figures representing New York, San Francisco and St. Louis railroad centers.

The final train pulled out of Union Station on Oct. 21, 1978. The building was redeveloped in 1985 with a hotel and shops and restaurants. Although no longer a rail hub, its magnificence stands as an historic St. Louis landmark.

[Learn more about Union Station](#)

Original reporting about the opening of Union Station appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on Aug. 26, 1894, p. 10; Sep. 1, 1894, p. 3; and Sep. 2, 1894, p. 14. Read the articles on microfilm in the History and Genealogy Department. The articles can also be found in the ProQuest Historical St. Louis Post-Dispatch database, which can be accessed at any St. Louis County Library location and via the Internet with a valid St. Louis County Library card (some limitations apply). See also:

Grant, H. Roger. *St. Louis Union Station: A Place for People, A Place for Trains*. St. Louis: St. Louis Mercantile Library, 1994. 385.314 G762S.

Montesi, Albert and Richard Deposki. *St. Louis Union Station*. Chicago: Arcadia Press, 2002. R 385.314 M779S and circulating copy.

Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis. *50 years of Transportation, 1894-1944: St. Louis Union Station and St. Louis*. St. Louis: Simmons-Sisler, 1944. R 977.866 T319F.

The St. Louis Union Station: A Monograph. St. Louis: National Chemigraph Co., 1975. R 725.31 T319S and circulating copy.

Wayman, Norbury L. *St. Louis Union Station and Its Railroads*. St. Louis: Evelyn E. Newman Group, 1986. 385 W358S.

264 NEW VOLUMES ADDED IN AUGUST

NEW IN THE HISTORY AND GENEALOGY 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:

<<http://tinyurl.com/ktha6fr>>.

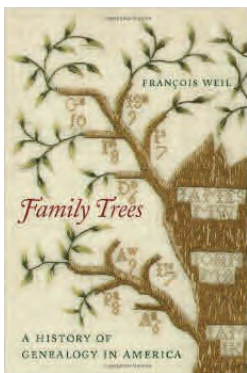
Looking for a specific state, or county ?

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.

To find new titles on the book list, note the Dewey Decimal Number for the state / county or subject you are interested in. Scroll through the book list until you find items beginning with that call number.

Books with call numbers **not beginning with "R"** are listed in Dewey Decimal order first, followed by those beginning with "R" (denoting "Reference" books that may be used only in the library). Book titles can be selected from the online list and emailed, printed, or saved to a file. An additional feature for library card holders is the ability to login to their library accounts and save titles to a customized list. [You can also download the list as a PDF from the library's website](#) <<http://tinyurl.com/okz4vvs>>.

For more information about viewing the new book list online, exporting records, and saving items to a customized list, call (314) 994-3300 or ask a librarian when visiting any St. Louis County Library branch.



Family Trees: A History of Genealogy in America

By François Weil

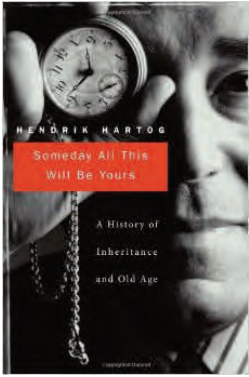
Harvard University Press, 2013
929.2 W422F

The quest for roots has been an enduring American preoccupation.

Over the centuries, generations have sketched coats of arms, embroidered family trees, established local genealogical societies, and carefully filled in the blanks in their Bibles, all in pursuit of self-knowledge and status through kinship ties. This long and varied history of Americans' search for identity illuminates the story of America itself, according to François Weil, as fixations with social standing, racial purity, and national belonging gave way in the twentieth century to an embrace of diverse ethnicity and heritage.

Seeking out one's ancestors was a genteel pursuit in the colonial era, when an aristocratic pedigree secured a place in the British Atlantic empire. Genealogy developed into a middle-class diversion in the young republic. But over the next century, knowledge of one's family background came to represent a quasi-scientific defense of elite "Anglo-Saxons" in a nation transformed by immigration and the emancipation of slaves. By the mid-twentieth century, when a new enthusiasm for cultural diversity took hold, the practice of tracing one's family tree had become thoroughly democratized and commercialized.

Today, Ancestry.com attracts over two million members with census records and ship manifests, while popular television shows depict celebrities exploring archives and submitting to DNA testing to learn the stories of their forebears. Further advances in genetics promise new insights as Americans continue their restless pursuit of past and place in an ever-changing world.—*Publisher*



Someday All This Will Be Yours: A History of Inheritance and Old Age

By Hendrik Hartog

**Harvard University Press, 2012
346.7305 H334S**

We all hope that we will be cared for as we age. But the details of that care,

for caretaker and recipient alike, raise some of life's most vexing questions. From the mid-nineteenth to the mid-twentieth century, as an explosive economy and shifting social opportunities drew the young away from home, the elderly used promises of inheritance to keep children at their side. Hendrik Hartog tells the riveting, heartbreaking stories of how families fought over the work of care and its compensation.

Someday All This Will Be Yours narrates the legal and emotional strategies mobilized by older people, and explores the ambivalences of family members as they struggled with expectations of love and duty. Court cases offer an extraordinary glimpse of the mundane, painful, and intimate predicaments of family life. They reveal what it meant to be old without the pensions, Social Security, and nursing homes that now do much of the work of serving the elderly. From demented grandparents to fickle fathers, from litigious sons to grateful daughters, Hartog guides us into a world of disputed promises and broken hearts, and helps us feel the terrible tangle of love and commitments and money.

From one of the bedrocks of the human condition—the tension between the infirmities of the elderly and the longings of the young—emerges a pioneering work of exploration into the darker recesses of family life. Ultimately, Hartog forces us to reflect on what we owe and are owed as members of a family.—*Publisher*

Other featured titles

Edgar, Walter. *Partisans and Redcoats: The Southern Conflict That Turned the Tide of the American Revolution*. Perennial, 2003. R 975.7 E23P

Wilson, David K. *Britain's Conquest of South Carolina and Georgia, 1775 – 1780*. Columbia, S.C.: University of South Carolina Press, 2008. R 975 W747S

Arcadia Publishing—Missouri titles

Arcadia's Images of America Series books feature historic photographs and local history information.

St. Louis & vicinity

Brentwood Historical Society. *Brentwood, Missouri*. 2002.

R 977.865 B839B and circulating copy

Costatin, M.M. *St. Louis's Delmar Loop*. 2013.

R 977.866 C838S and circulating copy

Cox, Jeremy R.C. *St. Louis Aviation*. 2011.

R 977.866 C877S

Erwin, Vicki Berger. *Kirkwood*. 2013. R 977.865 E73K and circulating copy

Erwin, Vicki Berger. *St. Charles*. 2011. R 977.839 E73S and circulating copy

Montesi, Albert. *Central West End, St. Louis*. 2000.

R 977.866 M779C and circulating copy

Graveman, Dianna. *St. Charles: Les Petite Côtes*. 2009.

R 977.839 G775S and circulating copy

Montesi, Albert. *Lafayette Square, St. Louis*. 1999.

977.866 M779L

Sonderman, Joe. *St. Louis World's Fair 365: Intriguing Facts From 1904, the Year of the St. Louis World's Fair*. 2008. R 977.866 S698S and circulating copy

Wright, John A., Sr. and Sylvia A. Wright. *Carondelet*. 2008. R 977.866 W951C and circulating copy

Other Missouri titles from Arcadia

Alley, Patrick. *Kansas City's Historic Hyde Park*. 2012. R 977.8411 A435K

Amick, Jeremy P. *Jefferson City at War, 1916-1975*. 2014. R 977.855 A516J

Andrew County Museum and Historical Society. *Andrew County: A Rural Way of Life*. 2012. R 977.8126 A562A

Ballard, K. Allen. *Ralls County*. 2012. R 977.8355 B189R

Bequette, Jim. *Growing up in St. Francois County: Bonne Terre and the St. Joseph Lead Company*. 2001.

R 977.868 B481G

CLASSES

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

SEPTEMBER

☎ Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2 p.m.
Headquarters Computer Lab
Larry Franke, instructor
Registration is now open

☎ Introduction to Fold3 and HeritageQuest

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2 p.m.
Headquarters Computer Lab
Larry Franke, instructor
Registration is now open.

☎ Newspapers in history and genealogy

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2 p.m.
Headquarters Computer Lab
Larry Franke, instructor
Registration is now open.

OCTOBER

☎ Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition

Thursday, Oct. 2, 2 p.m.
Headquarters Computer Lab
Larry Franke, instructor
Registration opens Sept. 4.

☎ Genealogical research: getting the most out of the History & Genealogy Department

Monday, Oct. 6, 2 p.m.
Headquarters East Room
Larry Franke, instructor
Registration opens Sept. 8.

Bird, Kenneth L. *The Cole Camp Area*. 2011.

R 977.8493 B618C

Bohl, Carol. *Harrisonville*. 2012. R 977.842 B676H

Brown, Priscilla Purcell. *Joplin*. 2013. R 977.872 B879

Chalfant, Rhonda. *Missouri State Fair*. 2012.

R 977.848 C436M

Chou, Steve. *Hannibal, Missouri: Bluff City Memories*.

2002. R 977.8353 C552H

Chou, Steve. *Hannibal: The Otis Howell Collection*. 2004.

R 977.8353 C552H

Cobb, Vickie Layton. *Ozark Pioneers*. 2001.

R 977.8797 C653O

Evans, Kim A. *Atchison County*. 2013. R 77.8113 E92A

Gillis, Delia. *Kansas City*. 2007. R 977.8411 G481K

Ioannides, Mara Cohen. *Jews of Springfield in the Ozarks*.

2013. R 977.878 I64J

Isacson, Darlene. *Kansas City in Vintage Postcards*. 2003.

R 977.8411 I73K

Lester, Larry. *Black Baseball in Kansas City*. 2000.

R 977.8411 L642B

Little, Leigh Ann. *Early Kansas City, Missouri*. 2013.

R 977.8411 L778E

Mansfield Area Historical Society. *Around Mansfield*.

2013. R 977.8825 A771

McConnell, Kaitlyn. *Marshfield*. 2011. R 977.8823 M129M

Piland, Richard N. *Independence*. 2008. R 977.841.P637I

Parks, Arnold G. *Jefferson City*. 2010. R 977.855 P252J

Reed, Janet R. *Excelsior Springs: Haunted Haven*. 2011.

R 977.816 R324E

Roberts, Anita L. *Springfield: 1830-1930*. 2011.

R 977.878 R643S

Selby, Sandy. *Arrow Rock*. 2012. R 977.847 S464A

Slusher, Roger E. *Lexington*. 2013. R 977.8453 S634L

Sonderman, Joseph R. *Route 66 in the Missouri Ozarks*.

2009. R 977.88 S689R

Steiner, Michael J. *Maryville*. 2013. R 977.8124 S822M

Utter, Wade. *Carthage, 1940-1990*. 2013.

R 977.872 U93C

Weaver, H. Dwight. *Osage Beach*. 2012.

R 977.854 W363O

Woods, Vance. *Around Butler*. 2013. R 977.843 W897A

Additions to the Becker Collection

The first acquisitions for the William C.E. and Bessie K. Becker Collection are now available for use ([see the June issue of PastPorts](#) <http://www.slcl.org/sites/default/files/pastports/06_2014.pdf>). Guides for the following sources are available at the History and Genealogy Department Reference Desk.

■ **Genealogisches Handbuch des Adels | 943.1 G326**

Genealogisches Handbuch des Adels [Genealogical Compendium of Nobility], published by C.A. Starke Verlag, features compiled genealogies of German nobility. The library has vols. 10–155, with gaps. See the [library catalog](#) <<http://webpac.slcl.org>>. for exact holdings. Future volumes will be added to the collection as they are published.

Content and format is similar to that in *Deutsches Geschlechterbuch* by the same publisher. Although written in German, most genealogical information is presented in a consistent format that is decipherable by the non-German speaker.

A surname index for vols. 1–75 is located at call no. R 943 D486 under the title *Stammfolgen Verzeichnisse* [Lineage Indexes]. Each individual volumes also includes a corresponding surname index.

A helpful overview of the source is in *The German Research Companion*, 3rd ed., p. 583 (call no. 929.1 R556G and circulating copy). An explanation about German nobility begins on p. 580. A brief guide is available at the History and Genealogy Department Reference Desk.

■ **Deutsches Familien Archiv | R 943 D486**

Deutsches Familienarchiv: ein genealogisches Sammelwerk [German Family Archives: A Genealogical Compilation] is a multi-volume set of compiled genealogies published by Verlag Degener & Co. The series was started in 1952, and new volumes appear periodically. The library has vols. (Bände) 1-154, with gaps. See the [library catalog](#) <<http://webpac.slcl.org>>. for exact holdings. New volumes

will be added as they become available. Indexes for vols. 1–150 are located at call no. R 943 F899G. A brief guide to this set is available at the History and Genealogy Department Reference Desk.

New microfilm

■ **The Modern View, May 21, 1913– July 25, 1940**

The Modern View was a weekly English-language newspaper published from 1901 through 1943 and serving the St. Louis German Jewish community. Articles covered social news and obituaries of the Jewish community, in addition to local and national news.

■ **St. Louis Jewish Light, 1947–1995**

This acquisition expands the library's holdings, which previously only included issues through 1978.

Purchase of the microfilm for both newspapers was made possible by a generous gift from the St. Louis Genealogical Society Jewish Special Interest Group.

New at Ancestry Library Edition

Great Britain, Holocaust Records from The Religious Society of Friends, 1933-1942 (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)

Jamaica, Church of England Parish Register Transcripts, 1664-1879

Slovakia, Church and Synagogue Books, 1592-1910

UK, Selected Records Relating to Kindertransport, 1938-1939 (USHMM)

U.S., Tennessee Valley, Family Removal and Population Readjustment Case Files, 1934-1953