

## FOR THE RECORDS

### The Huguenots, 16th and 17th-century Religious Refugees

With the advent of the printing press between 1440 and 1450, the appearance of the Gutenberg Bible in 1452, increasing literacy, and Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Theses in 1517, a period of religious unrest began in Europe. Rather than relying on a priest for instruction, people began to take religion into their own hands. What they were able to read in the Bible for themselves unleashed demands for reforms. Various protesting or "protestant" leaders, ranging from Luther to John Calvin, appeared on the scene and soon had large groups of adherents throughout Europe. The followers of Calvin in France came to be known as Huguenots.<sup>1</sup>

The origin of the appellation Huguenot seems to be lost in the mists of time. Some say that it is derived from the gate of King Hugo in Tours, near a Huguenot meeting place. Others say that it comes from the Dutch *huis genoten*, i.e., housemates; still others the German *eidgenossen*, or oath fellows. Whatever its origins, the beliefs of the Huguenots were clear: scripture is the rule of faith; the individual has the right to his/her own interpretation of scripture; the intercession of the saints, purgatory, oral confession, the Mass, the veneration of relics and indulgences are human inventions; the Catholic Church hierarchy is unnecessary; and there are only two sacraments: baptism and communion.<sup>2</sup>

Even though France was called the "eldest daughter of the Church," meaning the Catholic Church, Protestantism had taken a firm hold by the 16<sup>th</sup> century with Protestant churches spread throughout the entire country. In fact, by 1562, there were approximately 2,000,000 Huguenots and over 2,000 Protestant churches in France.<sup>3</sup>



The Huguenots (French Protestants), were forced to leave France following the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685. | Source: [Christianity.com](https://bit.ly/2IUP5wL) <<https://bit.ly/2IUP5wL>>

How do you know if your French ancestor was a Protestant (Huguenot)? Oftentimes, Huguenots gave their children Old Testament names, while Catholics named their children after saints. If a son's name was Abraham or Samuel or a daughter's Judith or Sarah, then the family was likely not Catholic.

As has happened in many places in many different eras, war broke out over religion in France and lasted from 1562, when the members of a Huguenot congregation in Vassy were murdered, until 1598. One of the worst conflicts during this time was the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre, which began on August 24, 1572. "Estimates of the number that perished in the disturbances, which lasted to the beginning of October, have varied from 2,000 to 70,000. Modern writers put the number at 3,000 in Paris alone."<sup>4</sup>

Finally, on April 15, 1598, after decades of unrest, the Edict of Nantes<sup>5</sup> was issued by the French king, Henri IV. It granted religious tolerance to the Huguenots, but with limitations: most towns were still restricted to Catholicism; Protestants still had to pay tithes to the Catholic Church; and no Protestant worship was allowed in Paris or its environs. However, Huguenots were allowed freedom of thought; **CONTINUED ON PAGE 3.**



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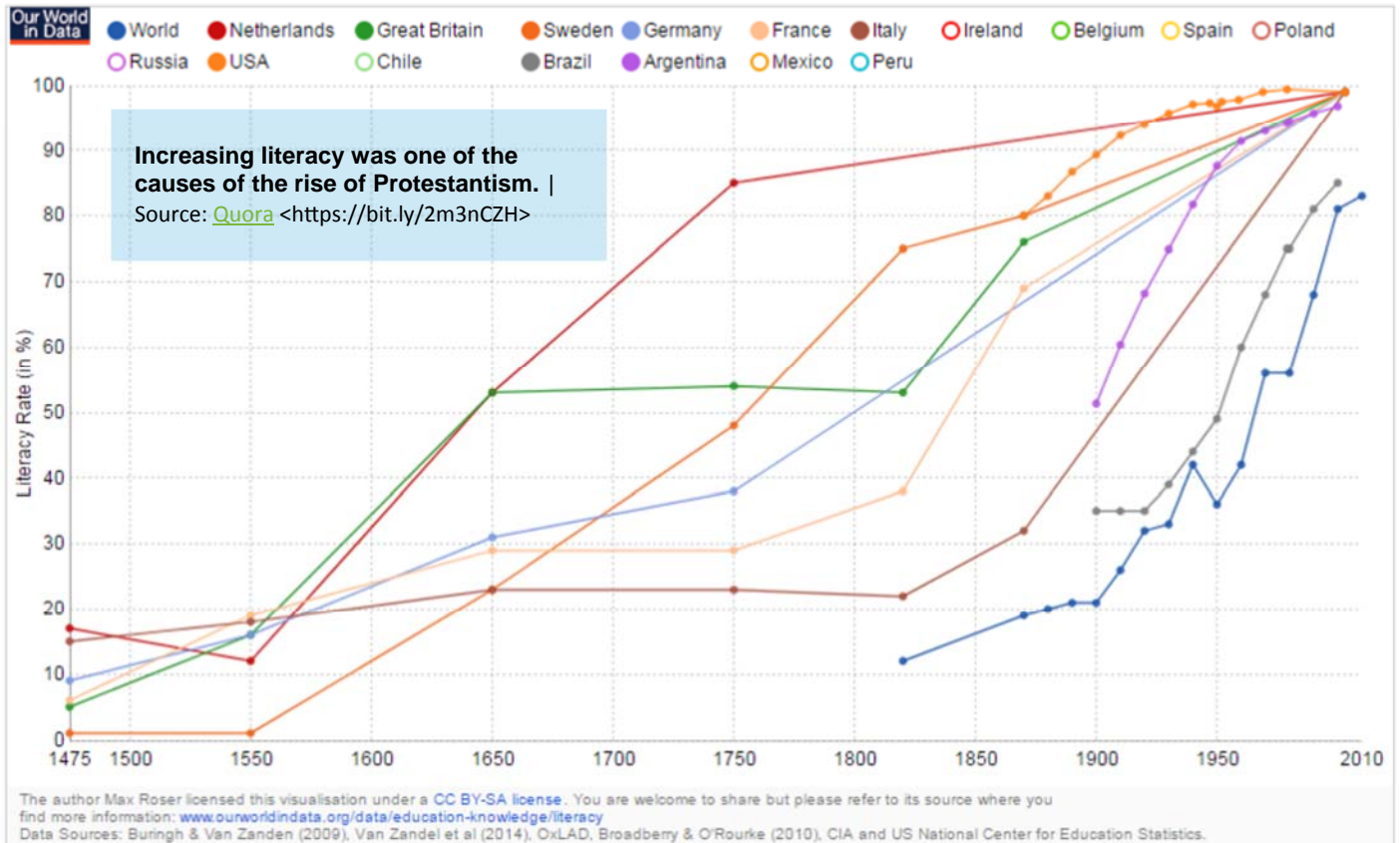
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### Literacy rates around the world from the 15th century to present – Our World in Data, with data from various sources<sup>3</sup>

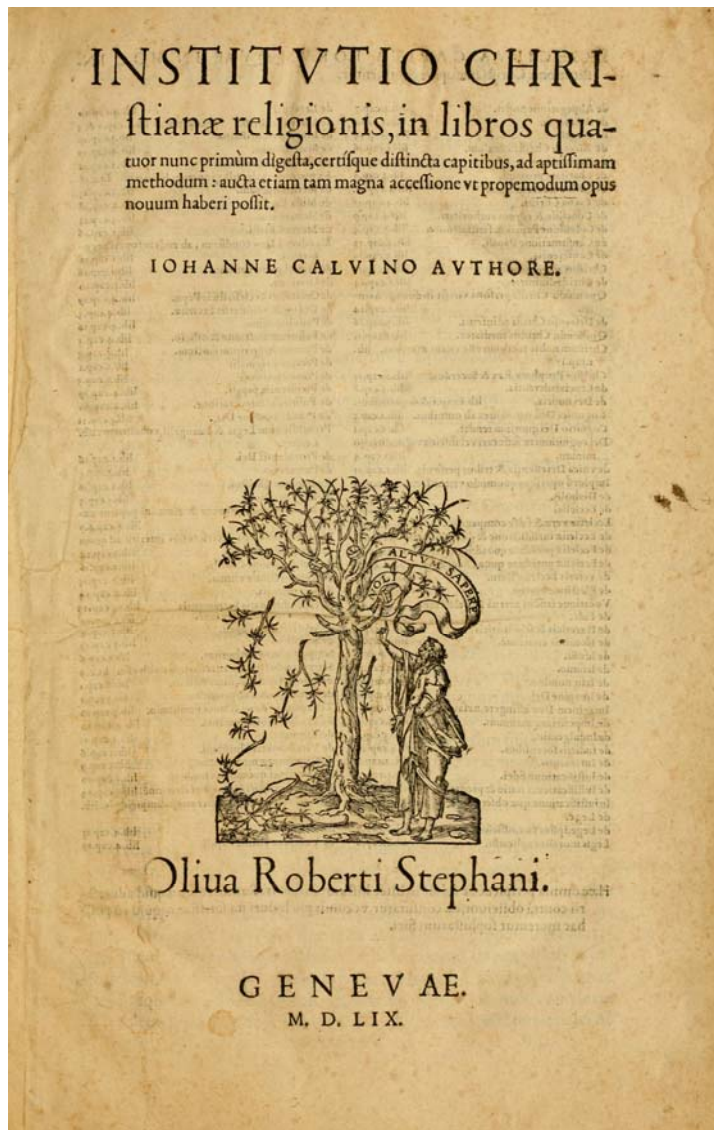


permission to create their own forms of church government and schools; and freedom to worship in most places.

Unfortunately, it did not take long for the political and religious situation to deteriorate. In 1629, the Peace of Alais (now spelled Alès) was signed by King Louis XIII. It allowed the Huguenots to worship but took away their political rights and required them to give up control over their cities and fortresses. Huguenot rights continued to erode through the 1670s as the Huguenots were excluded from teaching, the medical professions and public offices. Catholic priests were sent into Huguenot communities to preach and attempt to convert. Children could select their own religion at the age of seven and, if they chose Catholicism, could be taken from their parents and raised as a Catholic at the parents' expense. The hated *dragonnades*, in which soldiers were quartered in Huguenot homes, also began at this time.

The culmination of these outrages resulted in the Edict of Fontainebleau, which revoked the Edict of Nantes, on October 22, 1685 by King Louis XIV. This edict ordered the destruction of all Huguenot churches (called temples) and a ban on Protestant worship. Protestant pastors were exiled or forced to abjure within two weeks. Protestant schools were banned. Children were re-baptized in the Catholic Church. Protestant emigrants were encouraged to return; no further Protestant emigration was allowed<sup>6</sup>.

Seven days later, Friedrich Wilhelm, Elector of Brandenburg and Duke of Prussia, himself a Protestant, signed the Edict of Potsdam<sup>7</sup> inviting the Huguenots to settle in Brandenburg-Prussia since it had lost one-third of its population during the Thirty Years War, 1618-1648. Twenty thousand Huguenots accepted the offer.



Calvin's *Institution de la religion chrétienne* (Institutes of the Christian Religion), first published in 1536, caused many people to question received religious tenets. | Source: [Wikimedia](https://bit.ly/2mWhbb5) <<https://bit.ly/2mWhbb5>>

Even though they were forbidden to leave France, approximately 300,000-400,000 Huguenots did just that following the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. Many of them were skilled artisans, such as watchmakers, goldsmiths, silversmiths, weavers, and lacemakers. Between 8,000–9,000 were sailors; 12,000 were soldiers; and 500 were officers. They settled primarily in England, Ireland, Germany, South Africa, and North America.

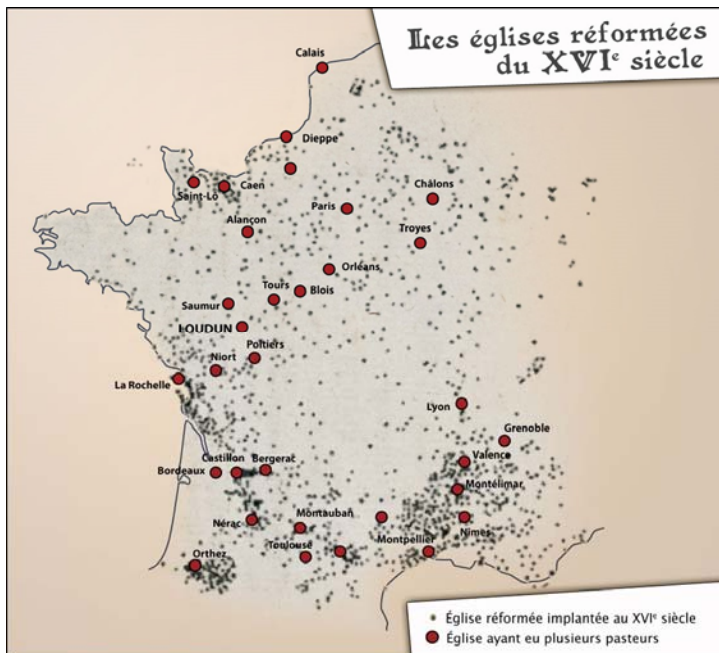
A corrective step back in the direction of the Edict of Nantes occurred in 1787 when the Edict of Toleration was signed into law. Catholicism remained France's official religion, but the Huguenots could practice their religion again. However, they were still denied positions in teaching and public service. Permanent religious freedom was finally granted by the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen in 1789 during the French Revolution.

Many Huguenots or their descendants are well known, such as Pierre Marc (Peter Mark) Roget of *Roget's Thesaurus* fame; Samuel de Champlain, explorer of Canada; Paul Revere (original surname, Rivoire), who warned, "The British are coming!" Henry David Thoreau (*Civil Disobedience*, 1849; *Walden*, 1854); Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of the Treasury, 1789-1795; John Jay, first chief justice of the United States, 1789-1795; Matthew Vassar (original surname Le Vasseur), founder of Vassar College for Women, 1861; John James (Jean Jacques) Audubon, naturalist and artist; Edward Miner Gallaudet, founder of Gallaudet University in Washington, DC; Nicholas Martiau, great-great-great grandfather of George Washington; Joel Roberts Poinsett, for whom the poinsettia is named; the American actress, Farrah Fawcett (Faucette); and the South African actress, Charlize Theron. In addition to George Washington, many other U. S. presidents descend from Huguenot ancestors: John Adams, John Quincy Adams, William Henry Harrison, John Tyler, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, Ulysses S. Grant, James Garfield, Grover Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison, Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, and Gerald Ford.

## Notes

1. Period documents written by Catholics will refer to the Huguenots as Lutherans or followers of the *religion ré-tendue réformée* (so-called reformed religion), sometimes abbreviated as RPR.
2. The five other sacraments are confirmation, penance and reconciliation, anointing of the sick, marriage, and holy orders.
3. See [History.com, "Huguenots"](https://bit.ly/2G0cWCE) <<https://bit.ly/2G0cWCE>>
4. See [Encyclopaedia Britannica, "Massacre of St. Bartholomew's Day"](https://bit.ly/2TJNaa7) <<https://bit.ly/2TJNaa7>>





Locations of Protestant churches in France in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.  
Source: [Alienor.org](https://bit.ly/2IU2OE) <<https://bit.ly/2IU2OE>>

5. Nantes is a city in Western France.
6. To get a better idea of what would happen to a Huguenot who tried to escape France under the Edict of Fontainebleau, read *Galley Slave* by Jean Marteilhe (see bibliography).
7. City in Germany near Berlin.

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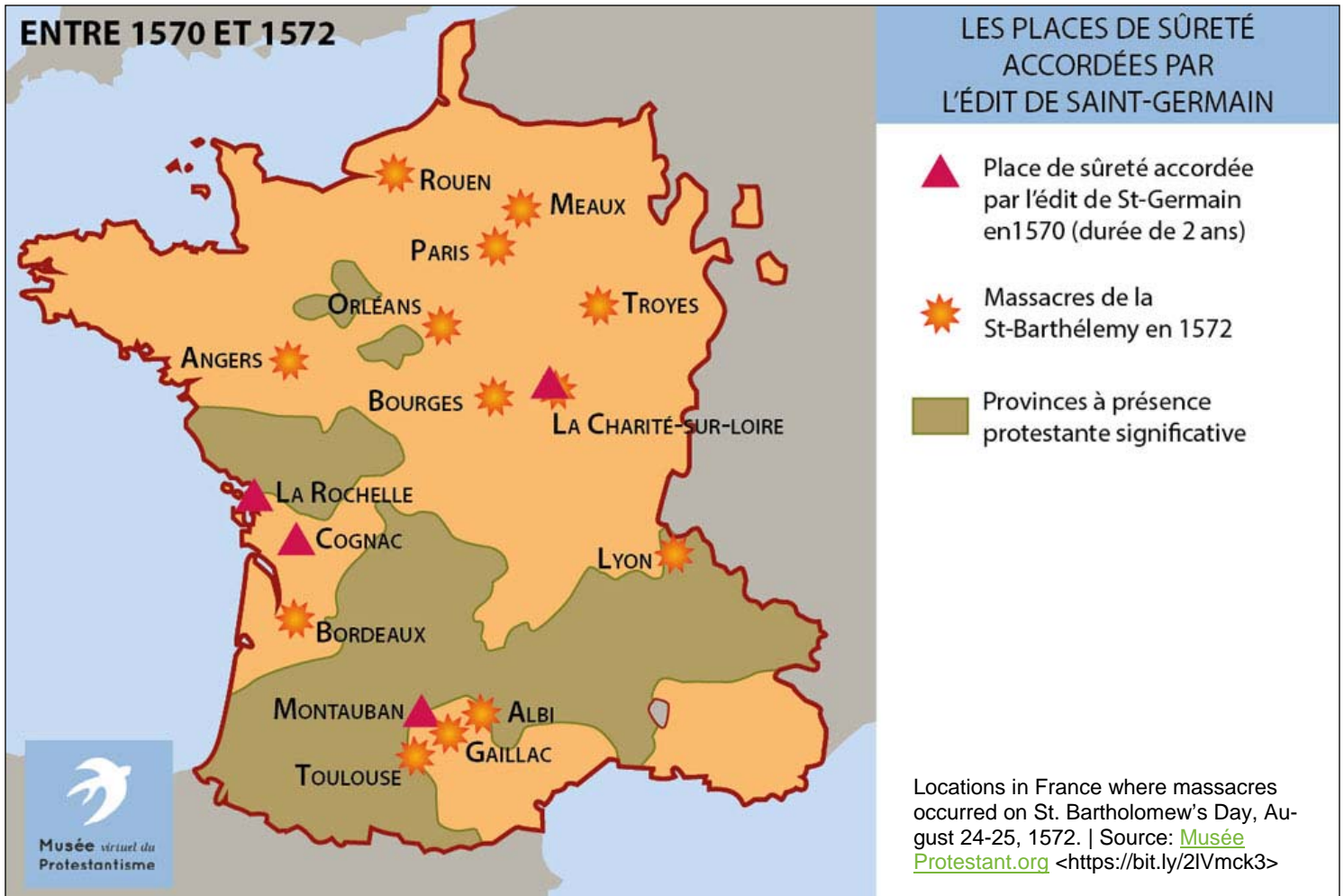
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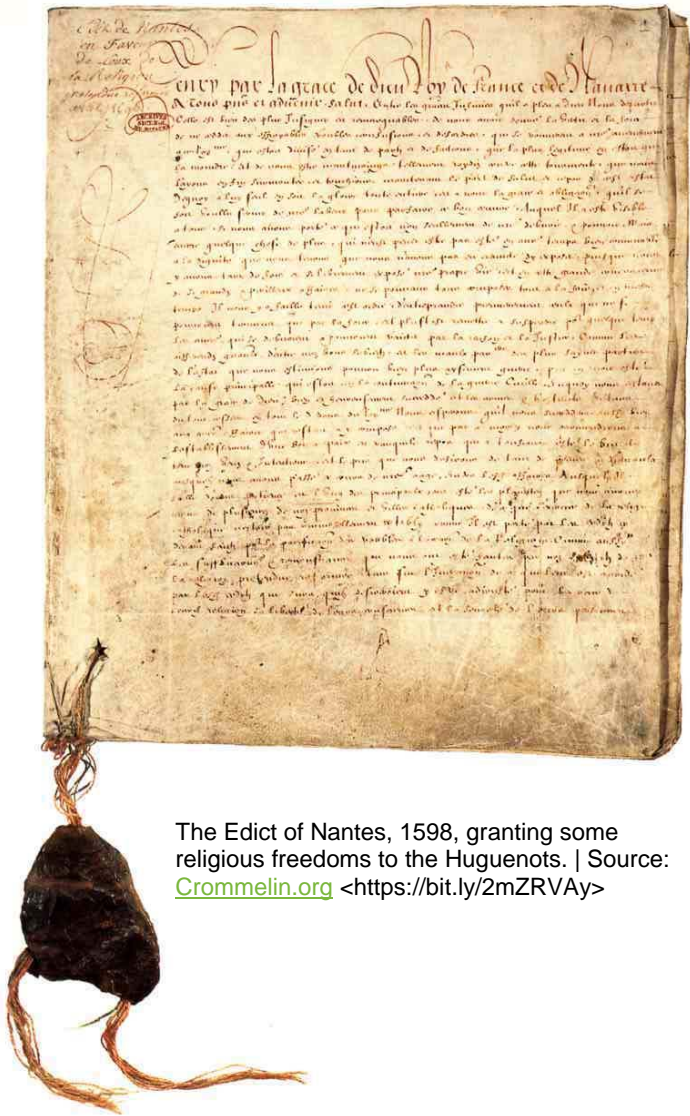
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Paul Revere, son of Huguenot refugee Apollon Rivoire, warning the residents of Lexington. | Source: [howstuffworks <https://bit.ly/2oFpOri>](https://bit.ly/2oFpOri)

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Following the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, Friedrich Wilhelm invited the Huguenots to settle in Brandenburg-Prussia. Source: [Wikimedia](https://bit.ly/2m3HrA3) <<https://bit.ly/2m3HrA3>>

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## EARLY LIBRARY CLOSINGS

**Wednesday, Oct. 4** | Headquarters will close at 5:00 p.m. for an author event featuring [Liz Phair](#) (ticketed)

**Wednesday, Oct 16** | Headquarters will close at 5:00 p.m. for an author event featuring Rachael Ray (sold out)



Permanent religious freedom was granted in France with the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen in 1789. | Source: [Rights & Freedoms Calendar](https://bit.ly/2IRPvUB) <<https://bit.ly/2IRPvUB>>

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## OF NOTE

## GERMAN HERITAGE IN LETTERS

### German Heritage in Letters digitization event on Nov. 23

History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library (H&G) and the St. Louis Genealogical Society (StLGS) will host a German letter digitization event on Saturday, Nov. 23, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the StLGS offices, 4 Sunnen Dr., #140, Maplewood, MO 63143. The event is being organized in conjunction with the “German Heritage in Letters” project of the German Historical Institute (GHI) of Washington, D.C. GHI is seeking to digitize letters received by German immigrants up to 1925.

Members of the public are encouraged to bring letters received by German immigrant to the event for scanning. Originals will be returned along with a digital copy. Translators will be available on site for consultation. A brief presentation about the project and the work of the three organizations will take place at 1:30 p.m. and repeat at 3:00 p.m.

Registration is requested. [Register online](https://bit.ly/2lpbCBm) <<https://bit.ly/2lpbCBm>> or call 314-994-3300. Registrants will be contacted by a GHI representative in advance of the event. For more information, call 314-994-3300, ext. 2070 or email [genealogy@slcl.org](mailto:genealogy@slcl.org).



The goal of German Heritage in Letters is to create a digital



collection of German-language correspondence currently held in private hands for the benefit of scholars, academic researchers, genealogists, and others interested in the history of German immigration. The project is supported by funding from Deutschlandjahr USA, an initiative of the German Federal Foreign Office celebrating 2019 as the Year of German-American Friendship. [More information about the project is online](http://germanletters.org/) <<http://germanletters.org/>> .

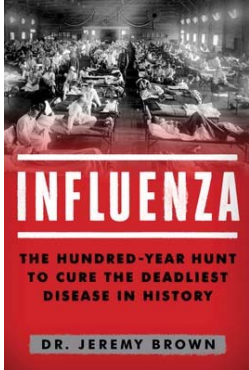
### Local History Expo set for Oct. 23 at SLCL Headquarters

History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library will host a local history expo on Saturday, Oct. 26, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Headquarters Auditorium. Representatives of St. Louis-area and statewide organizations will be on hand to discuss their activities in documenting, preserving, and celebrating local history. Selected organizations will give brief formal presentations in the East Room.

Participating organizations include the Archdiocese of St. Louis Archives; Association of African Ancestored Researchers of St. Louis; Carondelet Historical Society; Chesterfield Historic and Landmarks Preservation Committee; *The Confluence* (historical journal; Lindenwood University); Dred Scott Heritage Foundation; Fenton Historical Society; Field House Museum; First Missouri State Capitol State Historic Site; Florissant Valley Historical Society; Historic Florissant, Inc.; Historic Sappington House; Historic St. Louis; Kirkwood Historical Society; Missouri German Consortium; Missouri Pacific Historical Society; Missouri State Archives; National Park Service at Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site; National Railway Historical Society, St. Louis Chapter; Old Jamestown Association; Sappington-Concord Historical Society; St. Louis Regional History Organizations; St. Louis Genealogical Society; St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis Room and Genealogy Room; Wildwood Historical Society.

The event is free and open to the public. No registration is necessary. The library is located at 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri 63131. For more information, contact the History & Genealogy Department at 314-994-3300, ext. 2070, or [genealogy@slcl.org](mailto:genealogy@slcl.org).

## NEW BOOK HIGHLIGHTS



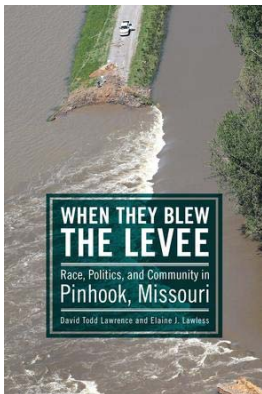
JEREMY BROWN

**Influenza: The Hundred Year Hunt to Cure the Deadliest Disease in History**

**Touchstone, 2018**

**R 614.518 B878I**

While influenza is now often thought of as a common and mild disease, it still kills over 30,000 people in the US each year. Dr. Jeremy Brown, currently Director of Emergency Care Research at the National Institutes of Health, expounds on the flu's deadly past to solve the mysteries that could protect us from the next outbreak. In *Influenza*, he talks with leading epidemiologists, policy makers, and the researcher who first sequenced the genetic building blocks of the original 1918 virus to offer both a comprehensive history and a roadmap for understanding what's to come.—*Publisher*



DAVID TODD LAWRENCE &  
ELEAINE J. LAWLESS

**When They Blew the Levee: Race, Politics, and Community in Pinhook, Missouri**

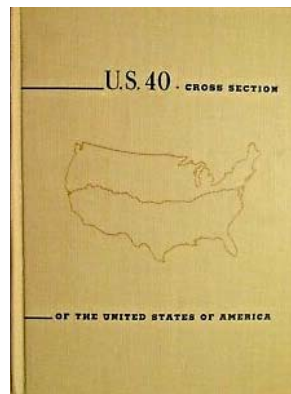
**University of Mississippi, 2018**

**R 977.8983 L419W**

In 2011, the Midwest suffered devastating floods. Due to the flooding, the US Army Corps of Engineers activated the Birds Point-New Madrid Floodway, one of the flood prevention mechanisms of the Mississippi Rivers and Tributaries Project. This levee breach was intended to divert water in order to save the town of Cairo, Illinois, but in the process, it completely destroyed the small African American town of Pinhook, Missouri.

In *When They Blew the Levee: Race, Politics, and Community in Pinhook, Missouri*, authors David Todd Lawrence and Elaine J. Lawless examine two conflicting narratives about the flood—one promoted by the Corps of Engineers that boasts the

success of the levee breach and the flood diversion, and the other gleaned from displaced Pinhook residents, who, in oral narratives, tell a different story of neglect and indifference on the part of government officials. Receiving inadequate warning and no evacuation assistance during the breach, residents lost everything. Still after more than six years, displaced Pinhook residents have yet to receive restitution and funding for relocation and reconstruction of their town. The authors' research traces a long history of discrimination and neglect of the rights of the Pinhook community, beginning with their migration from the Deep South to southeast Missouri, through purchasing and farming the land, and up to the Birds Point levee breach nearly eighty years later. The residents' stories relate what it has been like to be dispersed in other small towns, living with relatives and friends while trying to negotiate the bureaucracy surrounding Federal Emergency Management Agency and State Emergency Management Agency assistance programs.—*Publisher*



GEROGE R. STEWART

**U.S. 40: Cross Section of the United States of America**

**Houghton Mifflin, 1953**

**R 973 S849U**

Written in 1953, several years before the first stretch of Interstate highways were built, George Stewart drove his Ford the entire length of U.S. Highway 40 from Atlantic City to San Francisco. Along the way he paused to describe road conditions and construction, landscapes, buildings, towns, and the route in general. The introduction provides historical information about the development of the highway. Chapters covering specific stretches include black and white photos. The book provides a fascinating reminder of what it was like to drive the highways before freeways and bypasses, when highways like U.S. 40 went right through town and down Main Street.—*H&G Staff*



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Karlsdorf und Dettenheim, Baden-Wuerttemberg, 1696–1904.

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Geschichte und Geschichten eines Dorfes: 700 Jahre Wersau [local history]. R 943.416 G389

## Rhineland-Palatinate

Der Weiler Frohnhofen bei Reichelsheim im Odenwald: seine Geschichte und Geschichten, seine Höfe und deren Bewohner [farm histories with historical list of occupants].

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## North Rhine-Westphalia

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Der Prinzipalmarkt: mit Michaelisplatz, Gruetgasse, Syndikatgasse und Syndikatplatz. R 943.5614 K58P

Die Salzstrasse: mit Lambertikirchplatz, Hölzernes Wams, Bolandsgasse, Winkelstrasse, Arztkarregasse, Servatikirchplatz, Kleiboltengasse, Ringoldsgasse und Loergasse. R 943.5614 J37S

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# Shelf life

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### Deciphering Handwriting in German Documents



A genealogist may well study a foreign language, but does that translate to recognizing the written words? Records in German, a language already infamous for its complexity, can present additional challenges to English-

speakers due to the employment of Gothic type, also known as *Fraktur*. For years modern researchers confronted this unfamiliar style of handwriting with little guidance. In 2001, German-research expert Roger P. Minert lent his knowledge to the community in *Deciphering Handwriting in German Documents: Analyzing German, Latin, and French in Historical Manuscripts* (Call no. 929.1 M664D).

If you studied a German word list only to find you still couldn't even find the date of a record, that would be completely natural: in Minert's own estimation, "fewer

than one percent of Germans today can competently read handwriting samples originating prior to 1900.<sup>1</sup>" But a script can be worked through, and Minert's book offers descriptions and examples of each letter, advice on distinguishing similar letters, and practical tips for grouping characters to narrow possibilities in the worst cases. In addition to imparting a rare skill, he provides support for interpreting Latin and French texts, both used in Germany in certain contexts. For each language, images of various record types are accompanied by important words, analysis, transliterations, and translations.

In the Second Edition, Minert closely examines 44 additional documents representative of German research. Because certain words or phrases can be common or inherent to a source type, comparing a record against a similar one and its translation can be invaluable.

1. Roger P. Minert, *Deciphering Handwriting in German Documents: Analyzing German, Latin, and French in Historical Manuscripts*, 2nd ed. (Provo, UT: GRT

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- Hessische Familiennamen: Namengeschichten, Erklärungen, Verbreitungen [Hessian Family Names: Etymologies, Explanations, Distribution]. R 943 R172H
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- British Consular Reports on the Trade and Politics of Latin America, 1824–1826. R 941.074 H927B
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- Tour of the Interparliamentary Union Tendered by the Government of the United States. R 341.6 U58T

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The French and Indian War: A Complete Chronology.

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Civil War History. R 973.7 C582

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The Eastland Disaster. R 977.311 W113E

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Delaware County Genealogist. R 977.265 D343

Delaware County Genealogist and Historian.

R 977.265 D3431

### Pennsylvania

30 Perry County, Pennsylvania Cemetery Records: Complete Tombstone Inscriptions. R 974.845 T531

Carbon Co., PA 19th Century Tombstone Abstracts.

974.826 S476C

Cemeteries of, Conemaugh Township, Somerset Co., PA.

R 974.879 E59C

Collected Cemeteries of the Tri-County Region (Schuylkill-Columbia-Northumberland), Pennsylvania.

R 974.817 R497C

Four Westmoreland County, PA Cemeteries.

R 974.881 W462F

German Protestant Cemetery of Mahanoy City, Located in Mahanoy Township, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

R 974.817 R497G

Gethsemane Cemetery, Laureldale, Berks County, Pennsylvania. R 974.816 Z72G

### Lancaster County

An Alphabetical Listing of Burials and Gravestone Transcriptions of Groffdale Mennonite Church Cemetery, West

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Cemetery Records of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

974.815 H288C

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From a Standing Start: My Tennessee Political Odyssey.

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R 976.8 W516T
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Less Traveled. R 976.8 P235T
- Thy Loving Children Still: History and Memories of Pleasant  
Hill Academy. R 976.875 G554T

### Davidson County

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tory. R 976.855 C273F
- Heritage, Highballs, and Hijinks: Colorful Characters I Have  
Known. R 976.855 W735H
- The Spirit of Nashville: The Art & Soul of Music City.  
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- The La Salle Expedition to Texas: The Journal of Henri  
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# CLASSES & PROGRAMS

## CLASSES

Classes are free and open to the public, but registration is requested. Register online at [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org) or call 314-994-3300. Before registering for classes, you should already know how to use a computer and search the Internet. A prerequisite is noted for some classes.

### CLASSES FOR BEGINNING RESEARCHERS

#### Who Were my Ancestors? Beginning Genealogical Research

If you have little or no research experience, this is the class for you. Learn about the genealogical research process and the many resources available in History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library.

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| Oct. 22 | 10:00 a.m. | Grant's View   <a href="#">Register</a>      |
| Oct. 29 | 2:00 p.m.  | Florissant Valley   <a href="#">Register</a> |
| Nov. 7  | 2:00 p.m.  | Headquarters   <a href="#">Register</a>      |

#### Library Skills for Genealogical Research

Libraries offer essential tools for researching your ancestry. Learn how to search online library catalogs, obtain materials from distant libraries, locate periodical articles, and use the library's in-house guides. Pre-requisite: "Who Were My Ancestors?" or previous research experience.

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| Oct. 1 | 2:00 p.m.  | Florissant Valley   <a href="#">Register</a> |
| Oct. 8 | 10:00 a.m. | Grand Glaize   <a href="#">Register</a>      |

#### Finding Ancestors in U.S. Census Records

Census records are a basic and essential source for genealogical research in the U.S. Learn how to search census records effectively using electronic databases.

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| Oct. 23 | 6:30 p.m. | Thornhill   <a href="#">Register</a> |
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### CLASSES TO EXPAND RESEARCH SKILLS

#### Researching Newspaper Databases

Newspapers are excellent sources of historical and genealogical information, and digitization has made them more widely available. The class will cover 19th-Century U. S. Newspapers, NewspaperArchive, Newspapers.com and St. Louis Post-Dispatch databases.

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| Oct. 28 | 2:00 p.m. | Headquarters   <a href="#">Register</a> |
| Nov. 12 | 2:00 p.m. | Daniel Boone   <a href="#">Register</a> |

#### Finding Immigrant European Ancestors

Discover print and online resources for researching immigrant ancestors. This class will include an overview of information available on Ancestry Library Edition and other electronic databases. Prerequisite: Finding Ancestors in U.S. Census Records class or comparable research experience.

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| Oct. 3 | 2:00 p.m.  | Headquarters   <a href="#">Register</a> |
| Nov. 5 | 10:00 a.m. | Cliff Cave   <a href="#">Register</a>   |

#### Identifying Ancestral Military Veterans

Explore strategies for military research in the Fold3 and Ancestry Library Edition databases, as well as in print and online sources. *Prerequisite: Finding Ancestors in U.S. Census Records class or comparable research experience.*

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| Nov. 13 | 6:30 p.m. | Weber Road   <a href="#">Register</a> |
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### AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY

#### Tracing Your African American Ancestors

Learn basic techniques for researching African American ancestors, including how to get started, solve common roadblocks, and use additional records to deepen your research.

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| Nov. 2 | 10:00 a.m. | Mid-County   <a href="#">Register</a> |
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## ST. LOUIS COUNTY LIBRARY BRANCH LOCATIONS

**Bridgeton Trails**

3455 McKelvey Road  
Bridgeton, MO 63044

**Cliff Cave**

5430 Telegraph Road  
St. Louis, MO 63129

**Daniel Boone**

300 Clarkson Rd.  
Ellisville, MO 63011

**Eureka Hills**

156 Eureka Town Center  
Eureka, MO 63025

**Florissant Valley**

195 New Florissant Rd, S.  
Florissant, MO 63031

**Grant's View**

9700 Musick Rd.  
St. Louis, MO 63123

**Headquarters**

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

**Indian Trails**

8400 Delport Dr.  
St. Louis, MO 63114

**Jamestown Bluffs**

4153 N. Highway 67  
Florissant, MO 63034

**Lewis & Clark**

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

**Meramec Valley**

1501 San Simeon Way.  
Fenton, MO 63026

**Mid-County**

7821 Maryland Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63105

**Natural Bridge**

7606 Natural Bridge Rd.  
St. Louis, MO 63121

**Oak Bend**

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

**Prairie Commons**

915 Utz Lane  
Hazelwood, MO 63042

**Rock Road**

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

**Samuel C. Sachs**

16400 Burkhardt Place  
Chesterfield, MO 63017

**Thornhill**

12863 Willowyck Dr.  
St. Louis, MO 63146

**Weber Road**

4444 Weber Rd.  
St. Louis, MO 63123

**General information**

Phone: 314-994-3300,  
ext. 2070

### Advanced Techniques for African American Research

The usual techniques can often lead to roadblocks in African American genealogical research. The instructor will use case studies to demonstrate how researchers can fill gaps in missing information. *Prerequisite: Tracing Your African American Ancestors.*

Nov. 2      2:00 p.m.      Mid-County | [Register](#)

### PROGRAMS

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

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 6:30 p.m. | Cliff Cave

#### Cemetery Iconography

Much can be learned about an individual from the stones that mark their final place of rest. This introductory presentation will cover some basic information about various images found throughout cemeteries.

Saturday, Oct. 12, 10:00 a.m. | Headquarters

#### Going with the Flow: River History and the Records that Trace It

*St. Louis Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting*

The Curator of the Herman T. Pott National Inland Waterways Library will discuss sources for researching river history, as well as how and where to find evidence of your ancestor's potential travel by or employment on American waterways. Posche Schlapper, speaker.

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

#### Reading Handwritten German Church Records

Learn about old handwritten German script as well as helpful tips and resources for reading and understanding church records. We'll practice reading several examples. Carol Whitton, Speaker.

Saturday, Nov. 9, 10:00 a.m. | Headquarters

#### Newspapers: Pages of Your History

*St. Louis Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting*

Whether in small towns or major cities, American newspapers usually reflected the interests and values of the communities they served. Patsy Luebbert, speaker.