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OF NOTE

Welcome to *PastPorts*' new look and format

Regular *PastPorts* readers will notice a big change in the way the newsletter looks and is delivered. The new format allows for a more professional appearance and brings the newsletter in line with the graphic standards applied to other St. Louis County Library Publications. The new look aside, it remains the goal of the Special Collections Department to provide quality content. The staff will strive to continue delivering the kind of tips and information that patrons find useful.

One formatting note: website addresses will continue to be imbedded in the text. For those who like to read the publication on the computer, this will provide active links to websites. Because some readers prefer printing out copies to read, the URLs are also included at the end of the item or paragraph that discusses the website for future reference.

Department acquires new copier with enhanced capabilities

The Special Collections Department has replaced one of its copiers with a brand new model. In addition to regular black-and-white copies, the new copier will make full-color copies and has the ability to scan documents to a USB flash drive. In accordance with a library-wide policy, copy prices have been set as follows (prices listed are per copy):

Size	Black-and-white	Color
8-1/2" x 11"	15 cents	30 cents
11" x 17"	30 cents	60 cents

Copies on 11" x 17" paper are only available in the Special Collections Department. There is no charge for scanning to a flash drive. Patrons are invited to stop by and see the new copier and receive a demonstration from the Special Collection staff.

We've got class! Part 2: A quick romp through the Dewey Decimal System

In "We've got class! Part 1: Co-locating with Dewey," the September issue of *PastPorts* provided a brief overview of the Dewey Decimal Classification System and the concept of "co-location," especially as it pertains to materials covering specific U.S. locales. Part 2 is a review of how Dewey applies to other subjects represented in the Special Collections Department.

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NEWS AND TIPS FROM THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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Regularly scheduled tours of the Special Collections Department are conducted on the first Wednesday and third Saturday of the month at 10:30 am. No advance registration is required. Group tours are gladly arranged with advance notice. Please call the Special Collections Department at 314-994-3300 ext. 208 for scheduling information.

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As was mentioned in Part 1, most of the Department's holdings are classified in the 900s, because they deal with history, geography, or biography. The Department does, however, have a limited selection of items in the lower call number ranges. The Department's items pertaining generally to religion (200s) are worth mentioning, as they include general denominational histories and directories. The majority of items below 900 fall in the 300s, the Social Sciences. In Political Science (330s) are volumes of the American State Papers and index to the U.S. Serial Set. Materials produced by the Daughters of the American Revolution and similar associations are shelved in the 360s (Social Services: Associations). Foreign-language dictionaries are shelved in the 400s (Language).

Math and Science, Medicine and Technology, Arts and Recreation, and Literature, covering call numbers from the 500s through the 800s, are thinly represented in the Department. Even here, however, are some gems. Note the following examples:

550s—Earth Science: Peter S. Felknor. *The Tri-State Tornado: The Story of America's Greatest Tornado Disaster*. Ames, Iowa: Iowa State University Press, 1992. Call no. R 551.55 F316T

610s—Medical Science: Charles E. Rosenberg. *The Cholera Years: The United States in 1832, 1849, and 1866*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1987. R 614.514 R813C

720s—Architecture: Dreck Spurlock Wilson, ed. *African American Architects: A Biographical Dictionary, 1865 – 1945*. New York: Routledge, 2004. R 720.92 A258

790s—Recreational and Performing Arts: Bob Bailey. *Baseball Burial Sites*. Haworth, N.J.: St. Johann Press, 2004. R 796.357 B154B

800s—Literature and Rhetoric: The Department has a number of books about writing and publishing family histories.

Then begins the bulk of the Department's collection covering History, Geography and Biography, proceeding, as does every Dewey classification, from the general to the specific. The 929 range covers genealogy specifically. The Department's extensive collection of guides, handbooks

and "how-to" books are in 929.1. Published family histories are in 929.2. Since holdings in this classification alone would fill the entire department, they are shelved on another level in the closed stacks and may be requested at the Reference Desk. Printed immigration indexes are shelved in 929.3 and name dictionaries at 929.4.

Books dealing with European genealogy and history are classified in the 940s. As with the arrangement of materials within the United States, items are arranged geographically beginning with the British Isles (941s) and proceeding through various countries and regions: 942—England and Wales; 943—Central Europe and Germany; 944—France; 945—Italy; 946—Spain and Portugal; 947—Eastern Europe; 948—Scandinavia; and 949—all others in Europe.

In the Special Collections Department, some call numbers are preceded by the letter "R." This indicates that the book is "reference use only" and cannot be checked out. If a call number is preceded by "Q," it is a "quarto," meaning it is taller than 9-1/4 inches.

In addition to family histories, other groups of cataloged materials are shelved separately. Periodicals, except for those relating to Missouri and Illinois, are shelved on in the closed stacks. CDs are located at the Reference Desk. Maps are stored in map files in the Department.

The Department's book shelves are labeled to help guide you to items in various call number ranges. As always, the Special Collections Staff is on hand to help you find the items you need and can help you navigate the Dewey Decimal Classification System.

LOST AND FOUND

A Special Collections Department patron, new to genealogy, wanted to find the village in Europe where his ancestor was born. He brought with him a printout that referenced a man he believed was his ancestor, but he was not sure. The entry, printed from an *Ancestry* database index, came from *The Alsace Emigration Book* (three vols., Call no. 944.383 S377A and R 944.383 S377A), a well-known source that includes 18th and 19th century immigrants to America.

Often, a database does not contain as much information as the source from which it came, so a librarian and the patron pulled the book to look at the original entry. The book

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included one important piece of information that the *Ancestry* index entry did not – the name of his ancestor’s village! The header at the top of that column identified the information as “birthplace.”

Although he was excited by this find, the patron was even more excited when he came back to the desk a bit later. The book listed the emigrants in alphabetical order, and so browsing was easy. There on the same page were his ancestor’s parents and grandparents – all born in the same village!

Organize your memories for writing and sharing

BOOK CHAT The holidays will arrive soon, bringing family gatherings and fresh opportunities to share personal memories and family history. The Special Collections Department has a number of helpful books for those who would like to take a more formal and organized approach to sharing these stories.

In *Family Focused: A Step-by-Step Guide to Writing Your Autobiography and Family History* (Janice T. Dixon, Wendover, Neb.: Mount Olympus Publishing, 1997; 929 D621F), the author begins by discussing how to organize information and begin thinking about life events with the goal of creating a personal written narrative. Additional chapters cover writing style and techniques to make stories vivid and engaging. Other sections of the book cover the basics of family history research, the use and care of photographs, writing diaries and personal letters, and information for publishing personal and family histories. An appendix includes a list of “memory joggers” to help the writer get started.

While *Family Focused* is full of concrete “how-to” information, Linda Spence’s *Legacy: A Step-by-Step Guide to Writing Personal History* (Athens, Ohio: Swallow Press / Ohio University Press, 1997; 808.066 S744L) is designed primarily as an aid to recovering the memories and feelings that are the raw materials for writing a personal narrative. Introductory material focuses on the importance and discipline of writing. Chapters cover various periods of life and encourage writers to meditate on their lives through open-ended questions. Although

designed for writers, this book would also provide interesting “story-starters” to get relatives sharing their memories around the holiday dinner table.

Writing a personal history can be challenging and motivation is the key. But what about those relatives—often elderly—whose life stories should be told, but who have neither the motivation nor perhaps the ability to do so? Oral history provides a solution. *Oral History for the Family Historian: A Basic Guide* (Carlisle, Penna.: The Oral History Association, 2006; 907.2 B2620), by Linda Barnickel, provides comprehensive advice for conducting oral interviews and preserving the results. Introductory material discusses the purpose of oral history, its value for genealogy, and its broader importance for history and cultural memory. The author includes information about copyright issues and obtaining legal permissions. Appendices include potential discussion points for conducting an interview and a project checklist.

Readers interested in this topic might also find the following books to be useful:

- Fulford, D.G. *One Memory at a Time: Inspiration and Advice for Writing Your Family Story*. New York: Doubleday, 2000. 808.066 F9620
- McLaughlin, Paul. *A Family Remembers: How to Create a Family Memoir Using Video and Tape Records*. Bellingham, Wash.: Self-Counsel Press, 1993. R 929.2 M161F
- Sturdevant, Katherine Scott. *Bringing Your Family History to Life Through Social History*. Cincinnati: Betterway Books, 2000. R 929.1 S935B
- Zoellner, Tom. *Homemade Biography: How to Collect, Record, and Tell the Life Story of Someone You Love*. New York: St. Martin’s Press, 2007. 809.935 Z85H

TIPS

■ **At the end of the 1905 East St. Louis city directory**, there is a 186-page booklet entitled *East St. Louis: A Short History Together with Interesting Data, Biographies, Write-ups, Pictures and General Information*. Topics in it include:

- “East St. Louis Yesterday and Today: Its Growth and Prospects,” including information on East St.

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Louis businesses and businessmen (many photos), water and rail transportation, schools and libraries

- Photographs of the graduates of East St. Louis High School for the class of 1904.
- Photos for the movers and shakers of the day, including politicians, lawyers and educators, among others.
- A list of interesting facts about East St. Louis
- A multi-page timeline for East St. Louis from 1765 to 1903
- Two messages from Mayor Silas Cook
- A history of the National Stock Yards

The 1876 Kansas City directory includes a 136-page illustrated catalogue from Abernathy, North & Orrison of Kansas City, Missouri. The full title is “Illustrated Catalogue and Price List of Chairs, Chamber Sets, Parlor Suits [sic], Children's Charriages [sic], Window Fixtures, Carpets, Oil Cloths, Matting, etc., and Everything Connected with the Furniture and Carpet Trade. Also Coffins and Coffin Trimmings.”

Microfilm for the 1905 East St. Louis and 1876 Kansas City directories are available in the Special Collections Department.

■ **When using the new [Family Search \(LDS\) Pilot Site](#)** to search for digital records, be sure to try the “More” link in the lower left-hand corner of the search template. This allows users to add the names of a spouse and parents to the search. Users can also search only using only one parent’s name. This is helpful in searching for birth or death records, especially if you are not sure of the person’s married name, or if you are uncertain that you have located all of the children. [URL : <http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html#p=0>]

WEB NEWS

Web finds

■ **[Civil War St. Louis](#)**: A great site with many pages covering many topics and areas of Civil War history, especially as it pertains to St. Louis. It includes a page on the Gratiot Street Prison with a list of prisoners and pages

dedicated to the Missouri Militia units. [URL: <http://www.civilwarstlouis.com>]

■ **[Cook County, Illinois Declaration of Intention Index](#)**: This site features an index covering the years 1871-1929 of Declarations of Intention, also known as First Papers. The records may be requested through the Circuit Court by mail using a form linked to the website. [URL: <http://www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org/NR/faq.aspx>]

■ **[Illinois Digital Archives](#)**: This website offers a large number of databases, including photographs, Oak Ridge Cemetery Interment Records, Illinois Blue Books and military records. Records include county histories, cemetery records and naturalization records index. The digitized Madison County, Illinois Genealogical Resources mentioned in the March 2008 *PastPorts* are included on this website. [URL: <http://www.idaillinois.org>]

New on Ancestry Library Edition

Ancestry Library Edition is available at all St. Louis County Library locations.

■ New French databases:

- Paris, France and Vicinity Births, 1700-1899
- Paris, France and Vicinity Marriages, 1710-1907
- Paris, France and Vicinity Deaths, 1707-1907:
- Paris, France and Vicinity Marriage Banns, 1860-1902

All four databases feature basic information extracted from original records and recorded on index cards in French.

■ **UK Incoming Passenger Lists, 1878-1960**: This database, covering the years 1878-1888 and 1890-1960, indexes passenger lists of ships arriving in the United Kingdom from foreign ports. Includes links to high-quality images.

■ **U.S. Compiled Revolutionary War Military Service Records, 1775-1783**: A database derived from National Archives Microfilm no. M880 (Navy) and M881 (Army). Records are arranged by regiment. Although the database is not indexed by name, it can be browsed by state, regiment and company. The images are exceptionally clear and easy to read.

NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

The following is a selection of new items added to the collection. Additional items may have been received which are not listed here. The Department is grateful to the St. Louis Genealogical Society, the National Genealogical Society, Julius K. Hunter and Friends, and our patrons for their donations.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS [WEB PAGES](#)

■ [Indexes to “Civil War Slave Compensation Claims In Compiled Military Service Records of U.S. Colored Troops \(USCT\)”](#)

Slave Compensation Claims by Name of Soldiers/
Former Slaves
Slave Compensation Claims by Name of Former
Owners

[URL: <http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/jkh/slaveclaims/index-links.htm>]

■ [Indexes to the following histories have been added to “Histories of Religious Congregations in St. Louis”:](#)

As a Tree Planted: History of Fee Fee Baptist Church, 1807–1970

Faith, Family, Future: Shaare Zedek the First 100 Years, 1905–2005

Second Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.: Souvenir

Zion in the Valley: Origin and Building of the Methodist Church in Ferguson, St. Louis County, Missouri

[URL: http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/indexes/religious_congregation_histories.htm]

BOOKS

Abbreviated titles unless italicized

■ [States and Counties](#)

KENTUCKY

Hart County, R 976.9715
Cemeteries, 2008.

Laurel County, R 976.9143
London area cemeteries
Marriage Book AA, 1826-1853
Marriage Index, 1826-1937

Northeast Cemeteries, 2004
Southeast Cemeteries, 2005

Lawrence County, R 976.926

Marriage Permits

Marriage Register 1 & 2, 1822 -1859

Marriage Register, Vol. 1A, 1858-1879.

Marriage Bonds Vol. 2A, 3, 4, 4A.

Marriage Bonds Vol. 5,6 & 7, 1875-1883.

Marriage Register, Vol. 8 and 9, 1883-1887.

Bullitt County, R 976.9453

Marriage Records, 1797-1825

OHIO

Defiance County, R 977.114

Index to Probate Court Records, 1845-June 1995

Early Death Records, 1867-1884

Marriages, 1845-1861

Morgan county R 977.194

Death Records, 1897-1952

Wills: Abstracts, 1870-1908

Delayed & Corrected Births

Birth Book I, 1867-1884

Birth Records, 1884-1904, Book II

Marriages, 1867-1904

■ [Scotland](#)

Middlebie Parish Graveyards Memorial Inscriptions. 2008.
941.47 M627

Scots in the USA and Canada, 1825-1875. 1998.
R 973.08916 D635S

Tinwald Parish Memorial Inscriptions For Tinwald Graveyard and Trailflat Graveyard. 2008.
941.47 T593

Monumental Inscriptions : Boharm Churchyard ; Parish of Boharm, Banffshire. 2007. 941.24 M815

■ [Germany](#)

Familienbuch der katholischen Pfarrgemeinde Sackelhausen im Banat und ihrer Filialen 1766-2007 [Family Book of the Catholic Parish of Sackelhausen, in Banat and Its Sister Parishes, 1766—2007]. 2007.
R 949.84 H925F

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Stangengrün: Genealogische Entwicklung einer Bauerngemeinde im Kreis Zwickau / Sachsen 1460-1800 [Stangengrün: The Genealogical Development of a Farming Community in the District of Zwickau, Saxony]. 1988. R 943.21 G975S

■ Family Histories

The Morelands of Southern Maryland, Vol. 2. 2003-. 929.2 M839S

Genealogy Data of the McCollum, Krouskop, Mc Cloud, Kingsbury, Mc Corkle, Akey, Pease, Clarke, Boswell, and Mc Vickers Families. 1937. 929.2 M129M

Joseph Elias Carroll and Kinsfolk: Including Lines of Allison, Black, Finley, Henry, Stark, Swancey, Pitzers. 2001. R 929.2 C319H

Wright Family : Walter and Susannah Wright ; Nine Generations and Allied Families for One Line of Descent and Their Lives, Loves, Labors, and Travels in New England, New York, Wisconsin, Missouri, and Illinois. 2008. 929.2 W947W

■ Other new titles

Below The Surface : Excavation of The Walsh's Row Site (23sl2234), St. Louis City, Missouri : In Association with the Proposed Interstate 64 Improvements, St. Louis City, Missouri. 2008. R 977.866 M613B

The King's Reign: Anheuser-Busch, the History of the Brewery in St. Louis. 2008. R 338.766 K52

Generation St. Louis: The Baby Boomer Years, 1955-79. 2008. R 977.866 H737G

The Big Book of St. Louis Nostalgia. R 977.866 N972B

The Blue Book: A Manual and Directory of the Protestant Evangelical Churches And Related Organizations of the Metropolitan Area of St. Louis, Missouri, including the City and County of St. Louis, Missouri, Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois. 1926. R 977.866 B658

Vital Records of Stoughton, Massachusetts to the End of the Year 1850. 2008. R 974.4 L222V

Glassboro. 2004. R 974.981 S221G

The Immigrant World of Ybor City: Italians and Their Latin Neighbors in Tampa, 1885-1985. 1987. R 975.965 M865I

Researching African American Genealogy in Alabama: A Resource Guide. 2008. R 929.1089 T241R

TV One-on-One. 2008. 070.92 H945T

Los Pueblos Viejos del Noreste Mexicano. 1997. 972.12 G245L

Phase III Archaeological Data Recovery, J.J. Wilson Site, 23JE787, Jefferson County, Missouri : Final Report. 2008. R 977.867 M154P

Basic Guide to Irish Records for Family History. 2008. R 941.5 M681B

Irish Emigrants in North America. 1994-1999. 973.0491 D635I

COLLECTION GUIDES

Missouri Genealogy
Adoption Records

SAVE THE DATE! SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT SPECIAL EVENTS

"Italian Genealogical Research" | Speaker: Scott Biondo, Italian Club of St. Louis | March 28, 2009, 9:30, am—Noon

"Genealogical Resources at the St. Louis Police Library" | Speakers: Barbara Miksicek, Librarian, St. Louis Police Library; Joyce Loving, Manager, St. Louis County Library Special Collections Department | April 11, 2009, 9:30 am—Noon

CALENDAR

A list of events taking place at the St. Louis County Library

Note: Dates for Special Collections Department classes are indicated by 📞. Please register for classes in advance of the date by calling 314-994-3300 and asking for the Reference Department. Once connected, tell the Reference Librarian you would like to register for a class.

All events are free and open to the public.

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 1, 10 am

Headquarters Auditorium
St. Louis Genealogical Society
Program: "Missouri Civil War Museum & Library at Jefferson Barracks"
Speaker: Mark Trout

📞 Monday, November 3, 2 – 4 pm

Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class: Introduction to Genealogy Databases

Wednesday, November 5, 7 pm

Headquarters East Room
Jewish Special Interest Group
Program: "Big City Maps"
Speaker: Larry Franke

Tuesday, November 11, 7 pm

Headquarters Auditorium
French Special Interest Group
Program: "The French in Colonial Illinois"
Speaker: Margaret Kimball Brown, PhD.

📞 Thursday, November 13, 2 – 4 pm

Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class: History and Genealogy in Newspapers

📞 Thursday, November 20, 9:30 – 11:30 am

Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class: Introduction to Genealogy Databases

📞 Tuesday, November 25, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class: History and Genealogy in Newspapers

DECEMBER

📞 Monday, December 1, 2 – 4 pm

Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class: Introduction to Genealogy Databases

📞 Monday, December 8, 9:30 – 11:30 am

Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Class: History and Genealogy in Newspapers

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