

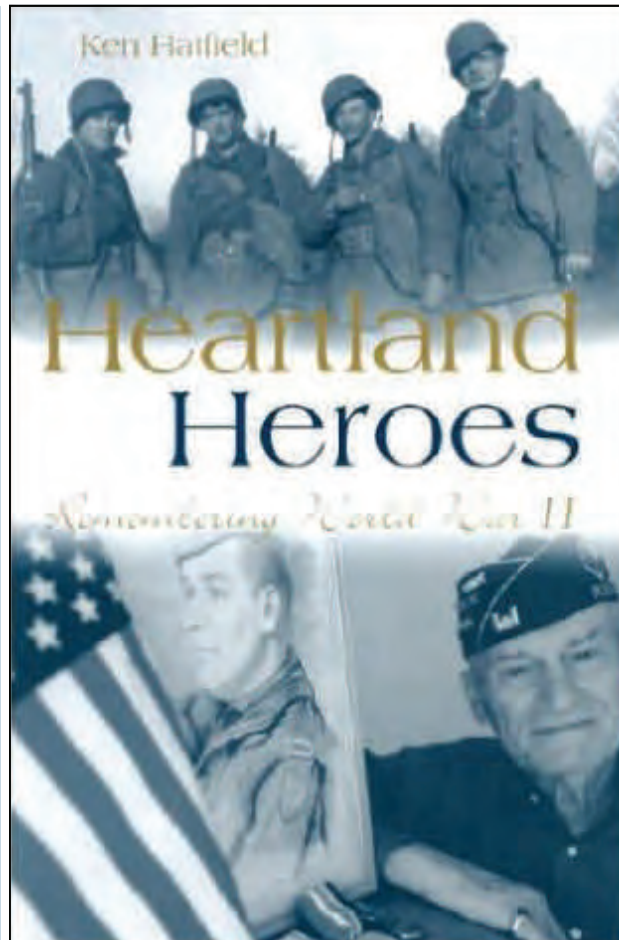
FOR THE RECORDS

World War II history

Called “The Greatest Generation” by former NBC News Anchor Tom Brokaw, they were the generation that grew up during the Great Depression, and then banded together to defend American freedom in World War II. Almost everyone contributed to winning that conflict. In addition to those who served in the military, there were also those on the home front working in the factories and farms that were essential for the Allied victory. Their legacy is one that holds great fascination for genealogists and history buffs today. Visitors to the History and Genealogy at St. Louis County Library can find many resources to help them in their research.

An excellent starting point would be to utilize the Ancestry Library Edition database, which can be used for free at any St. Louis County Library location. Click on the search tab first and then card catalog. Enter “World War II” as a keyword search and you will find a multitude of resources. The titles include enlistment, draft registration, casualties, prisoners of war, and military cemeteries, just to name a few. The Fold 3 database is another fine resource dedicated to original military records. Fold 3 can be used for free at any St. Louis County Library location or on home computers with a valid library card.

Oftentimes stories about servicemen and women appeared in St. Louis newspapers. For those seeking information on a local veteran, try searching the index on stltoday.com, [the St. Louis Post-Dispatch website](http://stltoday.com) <<https://stltoday.newspapers.com/?xid=630>>. The index covers both the *Post-Dispatch* and the *Star-Times*. Although searching is free, viewing the search results



requires a paid subscription to Newspapers.com ([see PastPorts, March 2016](http://tinyurl.com/hhctalh) <<http://tinyurl.com/hhctalh>>). The information is free at St. Louis County Library, however, since the library has the *Star-Times*, 1910–1950, and the complete run of the *Post-Dispatch* and on microfilm. Use the search engine to find the articles you need, then come to the library and digitize or print the articles from microfilm. Researchers who are unable to come to the library can send an email request to genealogy@slcl.org, and the staff will send electronic scans from microfilm. Please limit requests to three articles per email.


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DATABASE SPOTLIGHT

America Civil War Research Database

The *American Civil War Research Database* offered by Alexander Street combines information from various indexes, rosters, and other sources into one searchable database. Users have the option of searching for soldiers, regiments, or battles by using the links on the top navigation bar. Searching for soldiers can help researchers identify the regiment, company, and rank of an individual. In addition to basic information, the database includes pictures of nearly 20,000 soldiers. A search for regiments or battles will yield descriptions, reports, statistics, and regimental rosters.

Those interested in the Civil War may find additional and unique research materials in a related database provided by Alexander Street, titled *American Civil War: Letters and Diaries*, also available to St. Louis County Library users.

Fold3

The *Fold3* database has more than World War II records. It is a particularly significant resource for ancestors from the Revolutionary and Civil War eras because of its collection of pension applications. Information may include supporting documents such as family Bible pages and medical records. *Fold3* also has many international collections, including British and Australian World War I records, as well as non-military records. Non-military records include the US Federal Census, city directories, newspapers dating as far back as the late 1700s, and others, depending on the location.

Users can search all records on *Fold3* by entering a name, but it is better to choose an era (categorized by major conflicts) from the drop-down box to get more relevant results. It is also possible to browse the collections in each category from the main page. After locating a record, users may save or print using the tool icon at the top right, or save the image directly to *Ancestry* (requires an *Ancestry.com* account) with the green button on the top left.

[View all library databases for genealogical and historical research on the library's website](http://www.slcl.org/genealogy-and-local-history/databases-and-websites) <<http://www.slcl.org/genealogy-and-local-history/databases-and-websites>>. The databases listed in this article can be accessed remotely with a valid St. Louis County Library card (some restrictions apply).

In addition to electronic databases, the History and Genealogy Department has a substantial collection of print resources available. A recent addition to our collection is the multi-volume set, *US Army in World War II*, featuring in-depth information from the U.S. Army Center of Military History. The titles in this series, commonly referred as the “Green Books” can be found in the R 940 call number range on Tier 4. Tier 4 is open to the public on the second weekend of each month. A library can assist you at other times.

Also on Tier 4 are histories of several infantry divisions and regiments. The *102nd Infantry Division “The Ozarks”* and the *31st Infantry “Dixie” Division: It Shall Be Done* are just two of the titles worthy of mention. An oral history of the war by Kansas City area veterans is found in *Heartland Heroes*.

When one looks back at the Second World War, it is striking to see the grim determination of all Americans, regardless of race, gender, or ethnicity, to bring about the defeat of the Axis Powers. History & Genealogy has several publications featuring African American participation in the war. *The Employment of Negro Troops* and *Blacks in the Army Air Forces During World War 2: The Problem of Race Relations* provide an overview of the topic. There is great interest in the Tuskegee Airmen and the collection includes *Tuskegee Airmen Inc.* and *Black Knights* available for those wishing to delve into that important aspect. The efforts of women in the war-time factories was essential to the Allied Victory. *Beyond Rosie: A Documentary History of Women and World War II* examines the crucial role of women, while “*Show Me Rosie!*” *Missouri’s Working Women During World War II* provides a local slant. *Italian Americans in World War 2* and *American Jews in World War 2* are of especial interest to the researcher as well.

Another interesting aspect of the war was the utilization of German and Italian POWs as farm workers in Missouri. One POW camp was located in the western part of St. Louis County. One can learn about this camp and others in *The Enemy Among Us*. In addition

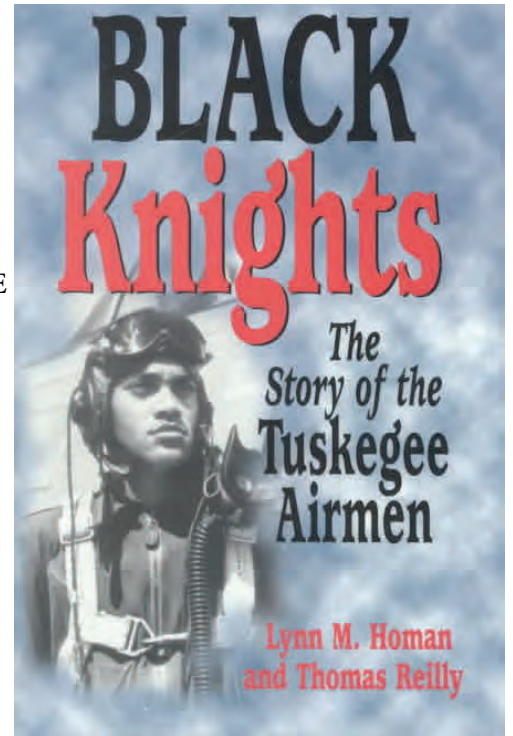
to the use of German and Italian POWs as farm workers, Japanese Americans were relocated to west St. Louis County for the duration of the war. The treatment of Japanese Americans during the war is covered in *Infamy: The Shocking Story of the Japanese American Internment in World War II*.

With November being the month we recognize Veteran's Day, we should also reflect on the ultimate sacrifice given by those who did not return home. Those wishing to visit or learn more about US military cemeteries overseas should consider *American Battle Monuments—Guide To Military Cemeteries* and *If These Stones Could Talk*.

Whether you are researching genealogy or just wanting to learn more about the "Greatest Generation," the History and Genealogy Department stands ready to help with your needs.

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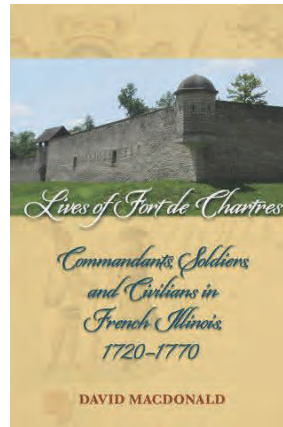
The Last Puritans: Mainline Protestants and the Power of the Past

By Margaret Lamberts Bendroth
University of North Carolina, 2015
| R 285.873 B459L

Congregationalists, the oldest group of American Protestants, are the heirs of New England's first founders. While they were key characters in the story of early American history, from Plymouth Rock and the founding of Harvard and Yale to the Revolutionary War, their luster and numbers have faded. But Margaret Bendroth's critical history of Congregationalism over the past two centuries reveals how the denomination is essential for understanding mainline Protestantism in the making.

Bendroth chronicles how the New England Puritans, known for their moral and doctrinal rigor, came to be the antecedents of the United Church of Christ, one of the most liberal of all Protestant denominations today. The demands of competition in the American religious marketplace spurred Congregationalists, Bendroth argues, to face their distinc-

tive history. By engaging deeply with their denomination's storied past, they recast their modern identity. The soul-searching took diverse forms—from letter writing and eloquent sermonizing to Pilgrims—celebrating Thanksgiving pageants—as Congregationalists renegotiated old obligations to their seventeenth-century spiritual ancestors. The result was a modern piety that stood a respectful but ironic distance from the past and made a crucial contribution to the American ethos of religious tolerance.—*Publisher*



Lives of Fort de Chartres: Commandants, Soldiers, and Civilians in French Illinois, 1720-1770

By David MacDonald
Southern Illinois University,
2016 | R 977.392 M135L

Fort de Chartres, built in 1719-1720 in the heart of what would become the American Midwest, embodied

French colonial power for half a century. *Lives of Fort de Chartres*, by David MacDonald, details the French colonial experience in Illinois from 1720 to 1770 through vivid depictions of the places, people, and events around the fort and its neighboring villages.—*Publisher*



Preserving Family Recipes: How to Save and Celebrate Your Food Traditions

By Valerie J. Frey
University of Georgia, 2015
R 641.502 F893P and circulating copy

Heirloom dishes and family food traditions are rich sources of nostalgia and provide vivid ways to learn about our families' past, yet they can be problematic. Many family recipes and food traditions are never documented in written or photo-



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graphic form, existing only as unwritten know-how and lore that vanishes when a cook dies. Even when recipes are written down, they often fail to give the tricks and tips that would allow another cook to accurately replicate the dish. Unfortunately, recipes are also often damaged as we plunk Grandma's handwritten cards on the countertop next to a steaming pot or a spattering mixer, shortening their lives.

This book is a guide for gathering, adjusting, supplementing, and safely preserving family recipes and for interviewing relatives, collecting oral histories, and conducting kitchen visits to document family food traditions from the everyday to special occasions. It blends commonsense tips with sound archival principles, helping you achieve effective results while avoiding unnecessary pitfalls. Chapters are also dedicated to unfamiliar regional or ethnic cooking challenges, as well as to working with recipes that are "orphans," surrogates, or terribly outdated. Whether you simply want to save a few accurate recipes, help yesterday's foodways evolve so they are relevant for today's table, or create an extensive family cookbook, this guidebook will help you to savor your memories.—*Publisher*

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

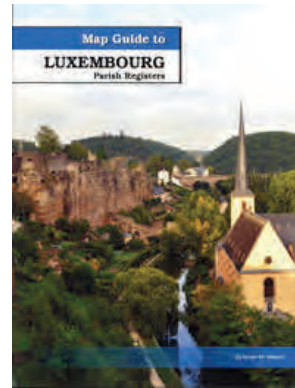
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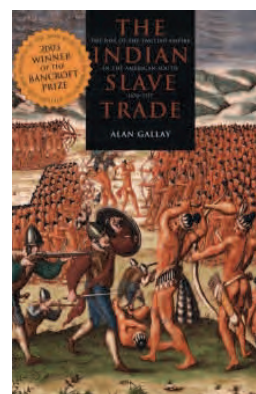
Map Guide to Luxembourg Parish Registers

By Kevan M. Hansen
Family Roots, 2016
R 349.35 H249M

The maps in this volume are divided along the administrative boundaries of Luxembourg. Each of the three districts: Diekirch, Grevenmacher, and Luxembourg, are further divided into a total of twelve cantons. Each canton map is then followed by the description of the communes (municipalities) within its boundaries.

The descriptions of the communes include the names of the population centers (villages, hamlets, mills, etc.). The names of these localities are shown with their French, German, and Luxembourgish names. To the right of the location name is a number in parentheses which is reflected in the accompanying mini-map showing its approximate location within the commune borders.

The surviving church records are shown along with the span of years available for them. The beginning and ending dates are representative of the earliest and latest record. In some instances one type of vital record may be more complete than another. Digital images of the records may be searched at FamilySearch.org. They are also available at Archives Nationales de Luxembourg.—*Publisher*



The Indian Slave Trade: The Rise of the English Empire in the American South, 1670-1717

By Alan Galloway
Yale University, 2002
R 306.362 G165I

This absorbing book is the first ever to focus on the traffic in Indian slaves during the early years of the American South. The Indian slave trade was of central importance from the Carolina coast to the Mississippi Valley for nearly fifty years, linking south-

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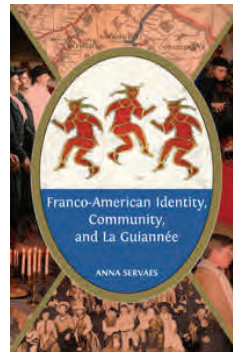


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ern lives and creating a whirlwind of violence and profit-making, argues Alan Gally. He documents in vivid detail how the trade operated, the processes by which Europeans and Native Americans became participants, and the profound consequences for the South and its peoples.

The author places Native Americans at the center of the story of European colonization and the evolution of plantation slavery in America. He explores the impact of such contemporary forces as the African slave trade, the unification of England and Scotland, and the competition among European empires as well as political and religious divisions in England and in South Carolina. Gally also analyzes how Native American societies approached warfare, diplomacy, and decisions about allying and trading with Europeans. His wide-ranging research not only illuminates a crucial crossroad of European and Native American history but also establishes a new context for understanding racism, colonialism, and the meaning of ethnicity in early America.—*Publisher*



Franco-American Identity, Community, and La Guiannee

By Anna Servaes

University of Mississippi, 2015

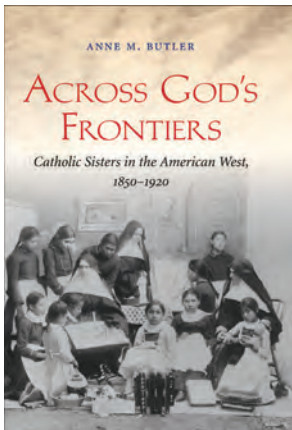
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French traditions in America do not live solely in Louisiana. Franco-American Identity, Community, and La Guiannee travels to Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, and Prairie du Rocher, Illinois, to mark the Franco-American traditions still practiced in both these Midwestern towns. This Franco-American cultural identity has continued for over 250 years, surviving language loss, extreme sociopolitical pressures, and the American Midwest's demands for conformity. Ethnic identity presents itself in many forms, including festivals and traditional celebrations, which take on an even more profound and visible role when language loss occurs.

On New Year's Eve, the guionneurs, revelers who participate in the celebration, disguise themselves in eighteenth- and nineteenth-century costume and travel throughout their town, singing and wishing New Year's greetings to other members of the community. This celebration, like such others as Cajun Mardi

Gras in Louisiana, Mumming in Ireland and Newfoundland, as well as the Carnaval de Binche, belongs to a category of begging quest festivals that have endured since the Medieval Age. These festivals may have also adapted or evolved from pre-Christian pagan rituals.

Anna Servaes produces a historical context for both the development of French American culture as well as La Guiannee in order to understand contemporary identity. She analyzes the celebration, which affirms ethnic community, drawing upon theories by influential anthropologist Victor Turner. In addition, Servaes discusses cultural continuity and its relationship to language, revealing contemporary expressions of Franco-American identity.—*Publisher*



**Across God's Frontier:
Catholic Sisters in the
American West, 1850-1920**

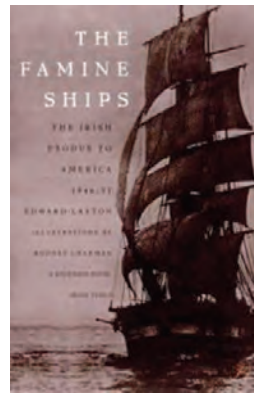
By Anne M. Butler
University of North Carolina,
2012 | R 271.9 B985A

Roman Catholic sisters first traveled to the American West as providers of social services, education, and medical assistance. In *Across*

God's Frontiers, Anne M. Butler traces the ways in which sisters challenged and reconfigured contemporary ideas about women, work, religion, and the West; moreover, she demonstrates how religious life became a vehicle for increasing women's agency and power.

Moving to the West introduced significant changes for these women, including public employment and thoroughly unconventional monastic lives. As nuns and sisters adjusted to new circumstances and immersed themselves in rugged environments, Butler argues, the West shaped them; and through their labors and charities, the sisters in turn shaped the West. These female religious pioneers built institutions, brokered relationships between Indigenous peoples and encroaching settlers, and undertook varied occupations, often without organized funding or direct support from the church hierarchy. A comprehensive history of Roman Catholic nuns and sisters in the American West, *Across God's Frontiers* reveals Catholic sis-

ters as dynamic and creative architects of civic and religious institutions in western communities.—*Publisher*



**The Famine Ships:
The Irish Exodus to America**

By David Dary
Alfred A. Knopf, 2008
R 610.0491 L425F

Between 1846 and 1851, more than one-million people--the potato famine emigrants--sailed from Ireland to America. Now, 150 years later, *The Famine Ships* tells of the courage and determination of those who crossed the Atlantic in leaky, overcrowded sailing ships and made new lives for themselves, among them the child Henry Ford and the twenty-six-year-old Patrick Kennedy, great-grandfather of John F. Kennedy. Edward Laxton conducted five years of research in Ireland and interviewed the emigrants' descents in the U.S. Portraits of people, ships, and towns, as well as facsimile passenger lists and tickets, are among the fascinating memorabilia in *The Famine Ships*. —*Publisher*

PROGRAM

Programs are free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

■ **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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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.

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.

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.

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.

Nov. 15, 2:00 p.m. | Headquarters

■ **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

■ **Introduction to History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library**

Discover the wealth of free genealogical information located right here in St. Louis. The History and Genealogy Department at St. Louis County Library Headquarters is a national research destination offering access to a growing collection of more than 85,000 print items, a vast microfilm collection, and genealogical periodicals. History & Genealogy offers research possibilities for the St. Louis area, states east of the Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana, and a growing collection for discovering ancestors in European homelands. An expert staff is on hand to help you find the sources you need and give you research assistance.

Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m. | Cliff Cave

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