HOW TO ACCESS DATABASES AT THE LIBRARY

Electronic databases for history and genealogy can be used for free on public computers and through the library’s wireless network at any St. Louis County Library location.

• Log on to the History and Genealogy Department home page at http://www.slcl.org/genealogy.
• Under “History and Genealogy,” click on “Online Genealogy Resources” on the left side of the page.

HOW TO ACCESS DATABASES AT HOME

Many databases can be accessed remotely with a valid St. Louis County Library card. Some restrictions apply.

Follow the procedure above for accessing databases. Click on the link to the desired database. A login screen will appear. Enter your last name, your library card number and your PIN. The default PIN is “1234.” Call 314-994-3300 and talk to a customer service representative if you have forgotten your PIN or need further assistance.

LIST OF DATABASES FOR HISTORY AND GENEALOGY

Databases can be used remotely except where noted.

■ African-American History Online [Facts On File]
Covers people and events in African-American history from the 1400s to the present.

■ African-American Newspapers: 19th Century Pt's 1, 2, & 3
Newspaper articles by African-Americans for African-Americans written during the first half of the 19th century. Includes biographies of people often overlooked in standard references.
DATABASES FOR HISTORY AND GENEALOGY

- **America’s Obituaries and Death Notices [NewsBank]**
  Covers recent U.S. deaths reported in newspapers nationwide. Local coverage includes obituaries from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 1988-current; St. Louis American, 2006-current; St. Charles Journal, 2011-current; and the Belleville News-Democrat, 2000-current.

- **American Ancestors—For use in the History & Genealogy Department at Headquarters only**
  One of the most extensive online collections of early American records. Includes full-text of *The Register* and other New England Historical Genealogy Society publications.

- **The American Civil War: Letters and Diaries [Alexander Street]**
  Firsthand descriptions of historical characters and events, glimpses of daily life in the army, anecdotes about key events and personages, accounts of sufferings at home, a database for battles, and more.

- **The American Civil War Research Database**
  Resource for researching the individuals, regiments, and battles of the American Civil War, with indexed, searchable information on 4.3 million soldiers and thousands of battles, together with 15,000 photographs.

- **American Indian History Online [Facts On File]**
  Covers the history of 377 Native American tribes in North America.

- **American National Biography**
  Biographical information on deceased North Americans of renown.

- **Ancestry Library Edition—In library use only**
  Provides access to a large number of databases of interest to genealogists and historians.

- **The Civil War: A Newspaper Perspective**
  Includes articles appearing in the *Charleston Mercury*, *The New York Herald*, and *The Richmond Enquirer*, November 1860 - April 1865.

- **Find My Past—In library use only**
  Offers searchable databases for censuses of the British Isles; civil, military, and church records; and more. Coverage includes records for the U.S., Great Britain, Ireland, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. The site includes access to the Periodical Source Index (PERSI) covering thousands of genealogical and historical publications.
Fire Insurance Maps Online (FIMO)
Fire Insurance Maps Online (FIMO) offers high definition, color fire insurance maps, real estate atlases, plat books, and other historical maps for Missouri and Illinois. Maps show building structures, building construction details, property ownership, property uses, and other useful information.

Fold3
An online repository of documents from American history including the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War I, World War II, U.S. Presidents, city directories, historical newspapers, and naturalization documents.

HeritageQuestOnline
U.S. Census records, 1790 to 1940, full texts of local and family history books, selected Revolutionary War Pension & Bounty-Land Warrant applications, Freedman's Bank records and selected items from the U.S. Serial Set.

Historical New York Times
Full coverage of the New York Times from its inception in September 18, 1851 as the New York Daily Times. Current up to three years behind the current year of publication.

Historical St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Searchable full text and full image articles from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 1874 - 1969.

HistoryGeo—In library use only
Provides a searchable database of 12.3 million names connected to land ownership maps covering the 29 public land states and Texas. The database also features a historical map collection.

History in Context: U.S. [Gale]
Covers people and events of historical significance in American history from Pre-Columbian America forward. Content includes primary source materials.

History in Context: World [Gale]
Collection of primary sources, reference works, and scholarly journals providing geographic and chronological research materials for the study of world history.
DATABASES FOR HISTORY AND GENEALOGY

- **Images of the American Civil War**
  Images of the American Civil War from photographs, posters, etc.

- **NewspaperARCHIVE**
  A database containing tens of millions of newspaper pages from 1753 to present, many from small towns.

- **Nineteenth-Century U.S. Newspapers**
  Primary source 19th-century newspaper content from urban and rural regional newspapers throughout the U.S.

- **Oxford African American Studies Center**
  Focuses on the lives and events which have shaped African American and African history and culture.

- **Oxford Islamic Studies Online**
  Online access to the history and culture of Islam.

- **ProQuest Digital Microfilm**
  Provides digital images of New York Times and St. Louis Post Dispatch, 2008 to recent. Images can be downloaded, printed, and emailed.

- **Salem History**

- **St. Louis Post-Dispatch [Newsbank]**
  Full text, comprehensive database with total access from 1988 to present, and partial access from 1981-1987.

- **World News Digest**
  Covers the events and persons who have made the news, 1940 - present.

- **WorldCat**
  A database of catalog records for most U.S. libraries and many in foreign countries.