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OF NOTE

Donation completes Mayflower holdings

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Missouri donated 46 books to the Special Collections Department in December. Published by the Mayflower Society in Plymouth, Mass., the books completed the Department's genealogical holdings about descendants of settlers who came on the Mayflower. Joyce Loving, Manager of Special Collections, accepted the gift on behalf of the library. Pictured with her are Keith Morris, Governor General of the Missouri Mayflower Society; Barbara Morris, Treasurer; and Earlene Lawrence, Corresponding Secretary. Not pictured, Lei Ruckle, immediate Past Governor General under whose term the purchase was approved. Additional information about the Society is available on its website <http://www.themayflowersociety.com>.

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FOR THE RECORDS

Deutsches Geschlechterbuch is an essential genealogical source

Deutsches Geschlechterbuch (DGB)*,* which can be translated as "German Lineage Book," is an important secondary source for genealogical research that should be consulted by anyone with German ancestry. Since 1889, 220 volumes have been published, each one featuring compiled genealogies of non-noble, middle class and farm families. The series includes thousands of German and Swiss-German lineages providing genealogical information for hundreds of thousands of individuals, including many that came to the U.S.

The Special Collections Department has acquired 188 volumes of the series with plans to add all volumes available. Vols. 1 – 143 have been digitized and are available as a 20-CD set (enquire at the Department's reference desk). Many others are available in print. A list of the Department's holdings begins on page 4.

Publication history

F. Mahler began publication of this remarkable series in 1898 under the title *Genealogisches Handbuch bürgerlichen Familien* (Genealogical Handbook of Non-Noble Families). The names long associated with the series, however, are those of the genealogist Bernhard Koerner (1875-1952), who became editor of the series beginning in 1900 with Vol. 7, and publisher Hans Kretschmer, whose company, C.A. Starke Verlag, produced and sold the volumes along with many other genealogical publications. Volumes were published continuously through both World Wars and the depression until paper shortages halted production in 1943 with Vol. 119. By the end of World War II, six further volumes had been typeset and made press-ready, and more than 40 others were in production.

Although Koerner's home in Berlin had been destroyed by allied bombing, Kretschmer's publishing company in Görlitz, Saxony survived the war unscathed. Post-war events proved more unfortunate for him, however. On 8 May 1945 the publishing house and its printing facilities were confiscated by the Soviet army, the presses destroyed, and its inventory of bound and unbound stock burned for fuel or turned into waste paper. Also lost were manuscripts in process and valuable genealogical research materials.

After it became clear that he would be unable to reclaim his business, Kretschmer and his family fled to the West in 1948 and eventually re-established the company in its present home in Limburg an der Lahn, Hesse. Vol. 120 was finally issued in 1955 under the new title, *Deutsches Geschlechterbuch**. The destruction of printing facilities in 1945 meant that the first 119 volumes were unavailable until the company recently began digitizing extant copies and issuing them on CD.

Contents and organization

Despite the two different titles, the complete series is usually referred to as *Deutsches Geschlechterbuch.* Vols. 1 – 119, published as *Genealogisches Handbuch bürgerlichen Familien,* are known as the "Old Series" *(alte Reihe)* and Vols. 120 and later as the "New Series" *(neue Reihe).* Many of the volumes were issued in sub-series based on geographical region (Baden, Westphalia, Swabia, Hesse, West Prussia, and others.), although a number are "general" *(all-gemeine)* volumes tied to no specific region.

DGB volumes are in German, and those belonging to the Old Series are printed in *Fraktur.* However, the genealogies all follow a standard format that non-German speakers can easily decipher with a word list and key to the symbols and abbreviations in English.

The main body of each volume features lines of descent for specific families. These typically begin with a narrative section that can include a description of the family's origin, meaning of the surname, illustrations of coats of arms with descriptions, and other information about the lineage. The narrative sections often include important information. Researchers who discover that a lineage applies to them should have the narrative translated if they do not know German. Lineages are traced back to the earliest written evidence of the family's existence. Sample pages from a volume, together with English translations, are displayed beginning page 7 of this issue.

Following the narrative is a brief family tree chart outlining the generations and the various branches described in the genealogy that follows. Generations are numbered with Roman numerals. Individuals within a generation are denoted with a letter. Although the charts do not include names (only Roman numerals and letters denoting generations), they do provide a map whereby one can locate an

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* Kretschmer describes this series of events in the introduction to Vol. 120 ("Zum Geleit," p. xix ff.).

individual within the lineage and determine his or her relationship to other generations.

The remaining text provides basic genealogical information about individuals within the lineage. A typical entry will include data about birth, marriage, death, occupation, place of residence, and offspring. For women marrying into the line, the name of her parents and place of birth is usually included. Each generation is presented in sequence. For example, information about children is presented only after all members of the parents' generation have been listed. Photographs of individuals, families and ancestral villages are often interspersed within the text.

Genealogical information in each lineage is largely derived from church and other written records or, in the case of later generations, reported by individuals themselves. If the researcher discovers a direct connection to one of the major lineages, then he or she will find information leading back to the earliest-known ancestors of that line. While every surname listed in the index will not yield such a jackpot—many are for women who married into a line—even these can provide clues to a family's history and origins.

tip! Helpful tools for researching *Deutsches Geschlechterbuch*

■ **"Guide to using *Deutsches Geschlechterbuch*"**— enquire at the reference desk. The guide includes:

- Instructions for using the CD set
- English translation of symbols, abbreviations and terminology used in the volumes
- A complete list of volumes published to date with a list of Department holdings

■ **Chart showing the alphabet in German *Fraktur***— download the January 2010 issue of *PastPorts* <http://www.slcl.org/pastports/2010/01.pdf>) and print out page 5.

■ ***German-English Genealogical Dictionary*** by Ernest Thode (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1992; R 929.1 T449G and circulating copy) is useful for translating occupations and other terms commonly found in DGB.

Other features

Besides genealogies, each volume also includes front material, an appendix, and an index to all surnames mentioned in the volume. Front material typically includes memorial pages to those killed in battle and introductory essays on history, culture, genealogical sources, or some other genealogical topic. Researchers who know German may find the essays in the New Series to be of special interest. Volumes in the Old Series also include cumulative indexes of lineages published up to that point and lists of subscribers.

Appendixes typically include additional information about the lineages featured in the main text, including biographies of important members, *Ahnentafel* (ancestor table), and pedigree charts for females who married into a line. Corrections and additions to lineages published in previous volumes are often found in the appendix, as well. A list of contributors (i.e., those who compiled the lineages) with their addresses is located in appendixes in old-series volumes and in the tables of contents in new-series volumes.

Indexes

Indexes relating to DGB list surnames only, although one may (rarely) find that an index to first names or place names has been provided at the end of a lineage. Names beginning with "von," "zu," etc. are indexed by the primary part of the name. "zum Vorwalde" would be indexed under "Vorwalde," for example.

The following is a description of the various surname indexes available in the Special Collections Department.

■*Deutsches Geschlechterbuch: Gesamtnamenverzeichnis der Bände 1—216* [Cumulative Index to Vols. 1 – 216), CD M94 (enquire at reference desk)

CD M94 contains a cumulative index listing all surnames mentioned in DGB through Vol. 216. The CDs are easy to use and supply the volume and page number where a surname can be found. Major lineages are noted.

■*Stammfolgen-Verzeichnisse* [Index to Lineages], R 943 S783

C.A. Starke Verlag issued several cumulative indexes in print. The Special Collections Department has the print index covering DGB Vols. 1 – 185 (an index to *Genealogisches Handbuch des Adels* (Genealogical Handbook of Nobility)*,* another C.A. Starke Verlag publication, appears in the front of the same book).

The index includes three sections pertaining to DGB covering the series through Vol. 170 and a corresponding appendix, printed on blue paper, expanding coverage through Vol. 185. The indexes list volume numbers but not the pages where surname can be found, making it necessary to consult the surname index in individual volume where a name is located. Abbreviations used in the index include:

W   Description of the coat of arms, no illustration
BW   Full color depiction of the coat of arms
TW   Black and white depiction of the coat of arms
Wsgl   Coat of arms used as a seal
Wbf   Coat of arms used as a certificate
AT   Ahnentafel / pedigree chart (found in appendixes)
<>   Denotes a complete revision (and therefore a replacement text) of a lineage published in an earlier volume

The sections of the index are as follows:

All major lineages with place of origin
     Vols. 1 – 170, p. 128
     Vols. 171 – 185, p. E 16 in appendix

Overview of volumes in the New Series listing the lineages in each
     Vols. 120 – 176, p. 237
     Vol. 171 – 185, p. E 25 in the appendix

Index to lineages in the new series for which information is given for at least three generations (major lineages are designated by an asterisk)
     Vols. 120 – 170, p. 247
     Vols. 181 – 175, p. E 29.

■ **Indexes in individual DGB volumes**

Each DGB volume includes an every-surname index for that volume.

■ **DGB CDs (Vols. 1—143)**

Each CD in the set includes the following indexes:

- Index to all surnames mentioned in volumes on the CD
- Overview of all lineages included on the CD
- Cumulative index to surnames included on CDs issued to that point. CD M114 includes a cumulative index to surnames in the entire CD set.

Researchers interested in German genealogy are encouraged to stop by and take a look at the Department's DGB resources. As always, the Special Collections Department staff is available to assist researchers in using this rich source of German genealogical information.

Special Collections Department holdings

Volumes available on CD-ROM

Vols. 1 – 143, CD-ROM R 943 D486 (M95 – M114)

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4	General, CD-ROM R 943 D486 (M95)
5	General, CD-ROM R 943 D486 (M95)
6	General, CD-ROM R 943 D486 (M95)
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64	Hesse, CD-ROM R 943 D486 (M102)
65	Swiss-German, CD-ROM R 943 D486 (M103)
66	Hesse, CD-ROM R 943 D486 (M103)
67	Pomerania, CD-ROM R 943 D486 (M103)
68	East Prussia, CD-ROM R 943 D486 (M103)
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72	Lippe, CD-ROM R 943 D486 (M103)
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83	Berg, CD-ROM R 943 D486 (M105)
84	Hesse, CD-ROM R 943 D486 (M105)
85	General, CD-ROM R 943 D486 (M105)
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87	Thuringia, CD-ROM R 943 D486 (M105)
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148	General, in process
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150	Brandenburg, R 943.15 B817

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155	Pomerania, in process
156	Westphalia, R 943.56 W527
158	Lower Saxony, R 943.59 N666
160	Brandenburg, R 943.15 B817
162	Schleswig-Holstein, R 943.512 S342
165	General, in process
166	Lower Saxony, R 943.59 N666
167	Lower Saxony, R 943.59 N666
168	Berg, R 943.55 B498
169	General, in process
170	Swabia, R 943.46 S398
171	Hamburg, in process
172	General, in process
174	Pomerania, in process
175	Hesse, R 943.41 H587
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180	Lower Saxony, R 943.59 N666
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184	Westphalia, R 943.56 W527
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186	Schleswig-Holstein, R 943.512 S342
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188	General, in process
189	Baden, R 943.464 B136
190	East Frisia, R 943.5917 O85
191	Pomerania, in process
192	General, in process
193	Westphalia, R 943.56 W527
194	Ravensberg, R 943.55 R254
195	General, in process
197	Palatinate, R 943.43 P523
212	East Frisia, R 943.5917 O85

Example from *Deutsches Geschlechterbuch*

Genealogies typically begin with a narrative describing the origins of the lineage. Pages from the von der Au genealogy in Vol. 64 (available on CD M102) are shown here along with translations and notes on the text (in italics). Numbers in red *refer to specific places in the text.*

(1) von der Au
from Maar in Upper Hesse

Evangelical-Lutheran. In Darmstadt, Dolgesheim, District of Oppenhiem, Nieder-Modau, Guntersblum and Erbach in Hesse, in Berlin and Hamburg, in St. Louis in North America.

The name[1][2] *von der Au* (von der Aue) identifies someone who lives in the *Aue* (meadow). An *Au (Aue)* is land surroun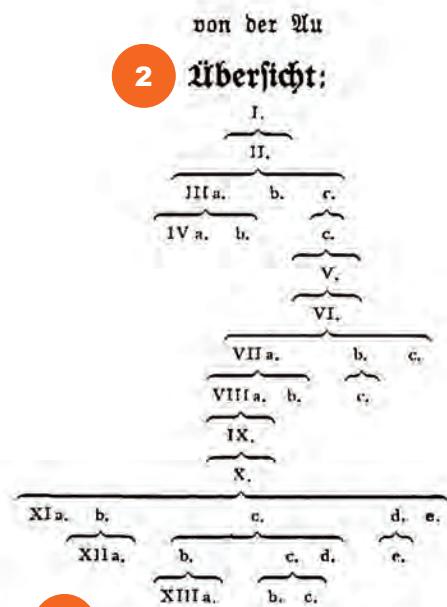ded by water, a swampy, grassy area or island and is usually understood to in the same way as a *Flur* [pasture or meadow].

In Hesse[3] during the Middle Ages there were several family lines with the name *von der Au*. The current descendents go back to common ancestors in Maar near

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1 The family name von der Au is very old. It was mentioned as early as 1062 and is commonly found in German-speaking areas of the past and present. Its bearers are found among crusaders, troubadours, etc., among whom Hartmann von der Aue, with his "Armen Heinrich," is not to be forgotten.

2 Thodor Schön, "The Various Families von Ow, von Au, etc." in the quarterly journal, *The Herold,* 1890, no. 2 and 1891, nos. 1 and 4.

3 Hans von der Au, "Concerning the Spread of the Name von der Au in Hesse." *Hessiche Chronik,* Vol. 17, p. 44 ff. The documentation for the Hessian noble lineage has been almost completely reprinted by Eduard Edwin Becker in *Die Redesel zu Eisenbach,* Vol. 2, 1924; further records are held by the State Archives in Marburg.

Key to symbols (Old Series, Vol. 1—119)

✱ Born	✕ Married	⚰ Buried
† Baptized	✚ Died	⚔ Killed in battle

Lauterbach, with the exception of *Johannes von der Au,* margrave forester at Siefersheim in Rhine-Hesse, born 1656, died 1708. A noble line of several generations related to one in Fulda by the same name appeared there in the 14th century and is first witnessed by records from 1338 in connection to Hermann *von der Aue.* It has been substantiated that just as a succession of free nobility from the Riedesel area—von Keutz,[4] von Alt, von Dymerode, Winolt, and others—made the transition to the status of Farmer [Bauer], so the bearers of the name von der Au suffered the same fate. Based on research from autumn 1927 to the present, this published lineage[5] covers the descendants of Johann Heinrich *von der Au,* born in 1736, and indicates the specific progenitors of other branches.

The narrative section is followed by an

(2) *"overview' (Übersicht), shown at right, that is a graphic outline of the genealogy in the following pages. The Roman numerals represent generations. Genealogical information about individual members of the lineage follows beginning with the oldest known ancestor.*

(3) Direct line of descent

I. Jacob *von der Au* (off der Aw, von der Ahw, awff der Awe), born… (about 1485), died at Maar...[5a] (after 1547), farmer *[Bauer]* at the same place *[ebd.];* married at the same place … Katherine Bing[6], born…., died….

Ellipses indicate that the specific information is not known. A cross indicates that the individual was deceased at the time the genealogy was written.

Individuals are listed by generation. In other words, all the members of the first generation (represented by the Roman numeral "I") are listed first, then the second generation

4 compare with Vol. 47, p. 170 ff.

5 The following have not yet been located in the Maar lineage: Gela von der Au, married on 11 Feb. 1651 to Michael Rockel; Anna von der Au, married 17 Jan 1654 to Johannes Verek; Katharina von der Au, died about 1634; Balzer von der au, died after 1699; Velten von der Au, died after 1699.

5a Unless otherwise noted, the source is the Baronial Archives at Lauterbach.

6 Tax register from 1532; Court records and law book concerning the Centum of Lauterbach, 1476 and following in the State Archives at Darmstadt.

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lung, die 1889 unter der Firma „von der Au-Cluß Hardware and Cornice Co.", 1917 zur „General Metal Products Co." erweitert wurde.
5. Berta Luise, * 22. 3. 1856, lebt bei ihrem Bruder Hermann zu St. Louis.
6. ✠ Josephine Wilhelmine, * 14. 1. 1858, ✠ St. Louis 9. 1. 1859.
7. Amanda Luise, * 18. 12. 1860, besuchte die „Hohe Schule" zu St. Louis; ×²¹) ebd. 18. 5. 1882 mit ✠ August Philipp Kaltwasser, *..., ✠ St. Louis 8. 5. 1902, Apotheken-Besitzer ebd.
8. ✠ Marie Georgine, * 7. 3. 1863, ✠ St. Louis 1.4.1863.

²¹) Söhne Kaltwasser, zu St. Louis geboren:
1. ✠ Harry August, * 10. 2. 1883, ✠ ebd. 29. 2. 1888.
2. Raimund Augustus, * 29. 3. 1897, Schatzmeister und Betriebsleiter der „General Metal Products Co.", ebd.; × St. Louis 19. 4. 1923 mit Esther Anna Medell, *..., aus St. Louis.
     Kinder Kaltwasser, zu St. Louis geboren:
     1.) Jean Ann, * 21. 7. 1924.
     2.) Raimund Augustus, * 11. 10. 1926.
3. ✠ Harry Eustace, * 28. 6. 1899, ✠ ebd. 13. 1. 1905.
²²) durch Lehrer Weicker vorgebildet.
²³) bei Forst-Inspektor Pfaff.
²⁴) auf sein Nachsuchen unter Anerkennung seiner langjährigen treuen Dienste mit Wirkung vom 1. 11. 1890. Seinen Lebensabend verlebte er bei seinen Söhnen zu Eberstadt und Guntersblum.

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XIIa. ✠ Heinrich Louis von der Au, * St. Louis 11. 9. 1850, ✠ ebd. 9. 5. 1925, Industrieller ebd., besuchte eine ev.-luth. Gemeindeschule und das deutsche Institut ebd., zuerst Kaufmann, später Teilhaber der „General Metal Products Company"; × St. Louis 14. 5. 1890 mit Anna Nega Östreich, *..., T. d. ✠ Albert Nega Östreich u. s. G. Fannie...

     Kinder, zu St. Louis geboren:
1. Hilda, * 4. 10. 1891.
2. Amanda, * 4. 9. 1893.
3. Norma, * 17. 6. 1895.
4. Harry Louis, * 17. 10. 1897, Kaufmann in einem Salzgeschäft ebd.

5. Berta Louise, born on 22 March 1856, lives with her brother Hermann in St. Louis.

6. Josephine Wilhelmine, born on 14 Jan. 1858, died in St. Louis on 9 Jan. 1850.

7. Amanda Luise, born on 18 Dec. 1860, attended high school in St. Louis; married[21] same place on 18 May 1882 to August Philipp *Kaltwasser*, born…, died in St. Louis on 8 May 1902, apothecary owner same place.

8. Marie Georgine, Born 7 March 1863, died in St. Louis 1 April 1863.

A note appears next to Heinrich Louis (no. 3 above) referring the reader to the listings for the next generation at XIIa

(6) XIIa. Heinrich Louis *von der Au*, born in St. Louis on 11 Sept. 1850, died same place 9 May 1925, industrialist same place, attended a Lutheran parish school and the German Institute, same place, salesman and later partner of the "General Metal Products Company;" married in St. Louis on 14 May 1890 to Anna Rega *Östreich*, born… daughter of Albert Rega *Östreich* and his wife Fannie…

Children born in St. Louis:

1. Hilda, born 4 Oct. 1891

2. Amanda, born 4 Sept. 1893

3. Norma, born 17 June 1895

4. Harry Louis, born 17 Oct. 1897, salesman for a salt dealer, same place

(II), etc. In the 11th generation appears the following entry (original is seen on lower left of the page):

(4) XI b. Heinrich *von der Au*, born in Groß-Rohrheim on 25 Nov. 1816, died in St. Louis, Missouri in North America on…, footwear salesman at the same place, learned the shoemaking trade and as master shoemaker emigrated in 1846; married in St. Louis on 11 Aug. 1846 to Anna Marie *Friedrich*, born in Darmstadt on 16 Oct. 1822, died in St. Louis on 14 Jan. 1908, daughter of Johann *Friedrich*, citizen and master cabinetmaker at Darmstadt, and his wife Anna Magdalena *Bissinger*.

Children born in St. Louis, Missouri:

1. Lina, born on 26 June 1847, died same place on 3 July 1847.

2. Heinrich Georg, born on 21 May 1848, died same place on 13 Feb. 1850

3. Heinrich Louis, see XII a.

4. Hermann Valentin, born on 2 Jan. 1853, president of **(5)** General Metal Products Company same place, first attended a Lutheran parish school in St. Louis then attended the German Institute, became an architectural draftsman, later was St. Louis city building inspector for 4 years, established in 1888[20] a hardware business under the name of "von der Au-Cluss Hardware and Cornice Co.," which was expanded in 1917 to become the "General Metal Products Co."

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20 in partnership with his brother Heinrich.

21 Kaltwasser sons born in St. Louis
1. Harry August, born on 10 Feb. 1883, died same place on 29 Feb. 1888
2. Raimund Augustus, born on 29 march 1897, treasurer and manager of Central Products Co., same place; married in St. Louis on 19 April 1923 to Esther Anna Medell, born…, from St. Louis.
3. Harry Eustace, born on 28 June 1899, died same place 13 Jan. 1905.

WEB NEWS

■ **Project will digitize 1812 pension files**—The Federation of Genealogical Societies, the National Archives, and the genealogical community have started a project to digitize the War of 1812 pension files in anticipation of the war's bicentennial commemoration. Researchers know how information-rich military pension files can be, with comrades and family members providing service, family and personal data. More information is available on the project website <http://www.fgs.org/1812/.>.

Web finds

■ **Periodis Web: A Historical Atlas and Gazetteer of Europe from Year 1 to 2000** <http://www.euratlas.net/history/europe/index.html>: This database explains the history of Europe through a sequence of 21 historical maps, each one depicting the political situation at the end of each century. See what Europe looked like at the time of your ancestors!

■ **The Great War Archive** <http://www.oucs.ox.ac.uk/ww1lit/gwa/>: The Great War Archive contains more than 6,500 items contributed by the British public between March and June 2008. Every item originates from, or relates to, someone's experience of the First World War abroad or at home. Contributions were received via a special website and also through a series of open days at libraries and museums throughout the United Kingdom. This archive is a good source for British family papers.

tip!

Keep track of USB drives

A stick or USB drive is small and convenient, but it is also easy to walk away and leave it still connected to the computer. A researcher shared his method of "marking" his stick drive.

First, open a word processor – Notepad or WordPad will do – and type in your contact information. Next save the file as "I BELONG TO [YOUR NAME]," Make sure the file name is in all capital letters so it stands out. Save the file to the first level on the stick drive – not inside any folders.

■ **Iowa Women's Archives** <http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/iwa>. The Iowa Women's Archives holds more than 1100 manuscript collections that chronicle the lives and work of Iowa women, their families, and their communities, 19th century to the present. Together with oral histories, they document the activities of Iowa women throughout the state and beyond its borders.

■ **First-person Narratives of the American South, 1860-1920.** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award97/ncuhtml>. This compilation of printed texts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill libraries documents the culture of the nineteenth-century American South from the viewpoint of Southerners. It includes the diaries, autobiographies, memoirs, travel accounts, and ex-slave narratives of not only prominent individuals, but also of relatively inaccessible populations: women, African Americans, enlisted men, laborers, and Native Americans.

■ **Newspaper Map.** <http://www.newspapermap.com/>. Newspaper Map is a great way to browse almost 10,000 international online newspapers. Type in the name of the newspaper or city that you want and the paper is displayed on your screen. Many of these papers are not in English, so brush up on your foreign language skills or use an online translation program.

New at Ancestry

The following databases have recently been added:

■ **Italian resources**

- Modena, Emilia-Romagna, Italy, Civil Registration Records, 1866-1939 (in Italian)

- Agrigento, Sicily, Italy, Civil Registration Records, 1844-1911 (in Italian)

- Caserta, Campania, Italy, Civil Registration Records, 1862-1939 (in Italian)

■ **Jewish resources**

- 1AJHS New York Hebrew Orphan's Asylum Records, 1860-1934

- AJHS WWII Jewish Servicemen Cards, 1942-1947

- AJHS WWI Jewish Servicemen Questionnaires, 1918-1921

Ancestry Library Edition and *Footnote* databases can be used for free in the Special Collections Department and at any St. Louis County Library branch.

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. **Please note: Due to processing and binding requirements, some donated items may not be available in the library or listed in *PastPorts* until several months after they are received.**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS WEB PAGES

■ **Histories of Religious Congregations** <http://www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/indexes/religious_congregation_histories.htm>

Friedens Evangelical and Reformed Church, St. Louis, 1857–1957

Second Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri, 1838–1988

The Religious Roots of Black Catholics of Saint Louis

Print resources

Call numbers follow each title. Complete bibliographic information for each item is available in St. Louis County Library's online catalog. < http://webpac.slcl.org>. Titles are abbreviated unless italicized.

■ States and counties

ALABAMA

Alabama Bible Records. 2008. R 976.1 A936A

Selected Final Pension Payment Vouchers, 1818-1864: Alabama: Decatur, Huntsville, Mobile, Tuscaloosa. 1997. R 976.1 P615S

ARIZONA

Arizona Ghost Towns and Mining Camps. 1994. R 979.1 V318A

ILLINOIS

Baptisms, Marriages, & Deaths Recorded at Marine United Church of Christ, Marine, Madison Co., IL, 1863-2007. 2008. R 977.386 L754B

The Illinois Gazette, Vol. 2, 1824 – 1830. 2009. R 977.3 I29

McLeansboro, Illinois Illustrated: Special Supplement to the McLeansboro Times. 2008. R 977.395 M163

McLeansboro, Illinois Illustrated: Special Supplement to the McLeansboro Times. Vol. 2, 1824-1830. 2008. R 977.395 M163

St. Jacob United Church of Christ, St. Jacob, Madison, Illinois Baptism, Marriage, Death Records, 1906-2008. 2008. R 977.386 S414S

IOWA

Dictionary of Iowa Place-names. 2007. R 977.7 S264D

Frontier Forts of Iowa: Indians, Traders, and Soldiers, 1682-1862. 2009. R 977.7 F935

KANSAS

Beyond the Prairie Wind: History, Folklore, and Traditions from Denmark, Kansas. 1996. R 978.1532 S713B

Lincoln County, Kansas Cemetery Index. 2008. R 978.1532 H221L

Town's "Evening Song": History of Vesper, Kansas (1870-1970). 2004. R 978.1532 S649T

KENTUCKY

Greenup County, Kentucky Will Abstracts, 1822-1860. 1998. R 976.9293 P562G

MISSOURI

St. Louis

Civil War Records, Missouri Enrolled Militia Infantry Regiments, St. Louis Regiments. Vol. 9. 2010. R 973.7478 W362C

Great Heart of the Republic: St. Louis and the Cultural Civil War. 2011. R 977.866 A681G

Plat Book of St. Louis County, Missouri. [StLGS] 1909. R 977.865 P716

Remembering St. Louis. 2010. R 977.866 H433R

Other cities and counties

Altenburg, Missouri and the Surrounding Parishes, plus Old Appleton. 2010. R 977.8694 D579A

Cemeteries of Crooked River Township, Ray County, Missouri. 1993. R 977.819 M154C

Harvest of Memories: Hawk Point Tells Its Story. 1976. R 977.837 G662H

Hermann. 2010. R 977.861 G775H

NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

History of Harrison County, Missouri. 2010. R 977.817 W244H

Jackson County, Missouri, Cemeteries. Vol. 1. 1984. R 977.841 B895J

Kansas City Chronicles: An Up-to-date History. 2010. R 977.8411 J12K

Kearney. 2010. R 977.816 P935K

Lock Down: Outlaws, Lawmen, and Frontier Justice in Jackson County, Missouri. 2009. R 977.841 J12L

Mexico. 2010. R 977.8332 E73M

Missouri Wine Country: St. Charles to Hermann. 2010. R 663.2 G775M

Monett. 2006. R 977.876 O75M

Nixa. 2004. R 977.8792 K84N

Nodaway County. 2008. R 977.8124 S822N

Ozarks Gunfights and Other Notorious Incidents. 2010. R 976.71 W876O

Sedalia. 2007. R 977.848 I32S

Tour Guide to Missouri's Civil War: Friend and Foe Alike. 2010. R 977.8 W862T

Washington. 2010. R 977.863 G775W

OREGON

Index: Names Found in Oregon Donation Land Claims Books I and II with Missouri Connections. 1991. R 979.5 B717I

SOUTH DAKOTA

Families of Pine Ridge. 2010. R 978.366 M648F

TENNESSEE

Humphreys County, Tennessee Records: Tax Lists, 1837-1843, Marriages, 1888-1900. 2009. R 976.837 F529H

Williamson County, Tennessee County Court Minutes, July 1812-October 1815. 1994. R 976.856 W453W

VIRGINIA

Germanna: Outpost of Adventure, 1714-1956. 1989. R 975.5372 W358G

Norfolk, Virginia, Registry of Free Negroes, 1835-1861: Abstracts. 2010. R 975.5521 R924N

WORKSHOPS

Workshops will be held in the Headquarters Computer Lab

Was He a Civil War Soldier?

Choose one of two dates:

- Mon., 14 March, 6:30–8:30 pm
  Registration begins 14 Feb.
- Mon., April 4, 6:30–8:30 pm
  Registration begins 7 March

Learn about record types and resources in Special Collections which can help you determine if a person served in the Civil War, and if he did, how to find his military records. You are invited to bring information about your potential soldier. Presenter: Ruth Ann Hager.

Using St. Louis County Library Databases for Civil War Research

Choose one of three dates:

- Mon., 28 March, 6:30–8:30 pm
  Registration begins 28 Feb.
- Wed., 13 April, 6:30–8:30 pm
  Registration begins 16 March
- Sat., 16 April, 9:30–11:30 am
  Registration begins 19 March

This workshop will be an introduction to St. Louis County Library databases that facilitate Civil War military research. Each registrant will have access to a computer. Participants are encouraged to bring basic information about a Civil War soldier. Presenter: Ruth Ann Hager.

Pre-registration is required

Each workshop is free and open to the public. **Each workshop is limited to 12 participants per session.** Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 314-994-3300 to register.

PastPorts

NEW IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Personal Property Tax Lists for the Year 1787 for Lincoln County, Virginia (now Kentucky). 1987. R 976.9625 S378P

■ French genealogy

French America: French Architecture from Colonialization to the Birth of a Nation. 2004. R 720.973 K19F

French Aristocrat in the American West: The Shattered Dreams of De Lassus de Luzières. 2010. RB Delassus Deluzieres

French Colonial Archaeology: The Illinois Country and the Western Great Lakes. 1991. R 977.3 F873

■ States and counties

Ortsippenbücher, abbreviated titles

Mettman Reformed Congregation, 1636-1770 (North Rhine-Westphalia), 2010

Molidorf Catholic Church, 1833 – 1924 (Banat, Serbia), 2008

■ Irish genealogy

Dublin Metropolitan Police: A Complete Alphabetical List of Officers and Men, 1836-1925. 2001. R 363.20941 H549D

Guide to Tracing Your Mayo Ancestors. [NGS] 2010. 929.1 S643G

Chicago's Irish Legion: the 90th Illinois Volunteers in the Civil War. 2009. R 977.311 S972C

Irish Americans in the Confederate Army. 2007. R 973.742 O13I

Student's Guide to Irish American Genealogy. 1996. R 929.1089 M155S

■ Scottish genealogy

Adventurers and Exiles: The Great Scottish Exodus. 2004. R 941.1 H295A

People of Dundee: Part One, 1600-1699; Part Two, 1700-1799. 2009. R 941.27 D635P

People of the Scottish Burghs: A Genealogical Source Book: The People of Greenock, 1600-1799. 2010. R 941.431 D635P

People of the Scottish Burghs: A Genealogical Source Book: The People of Kirkaldy, 1600-1799. 2010. R 941.29 D635P

People of the Scottish Burghs: A Genealogical Source Book: The People of Stirling, 1600-1799. 2010. R 941.312 D635P

■ Swiss genealogy

Guide to Swiss Genealogical Research. 2010. R 949.4 R739G

■ Family histories

Family Letters. [Hearn Family] [NGS] 2000. 929.2 H289F

Farm near Frohna: The Story Behind a Missouri Century Farm: Kaempfe-Koenig Family History and Genealogy. 2010. R 929.2 M649F

John Trayne and Some of His Descendants, Especially Charles Jackson Train, U.S.N., 1845-1906. 1933, 1996. R 929.2 T783H

More About the Greiders of the Chiques Valley… 2001. R 929.2 G824G

Nicholas Pontius Line, 1540-2010. [NGS] 2010. 929.2 P816P

Tingley Family Revised: Being a Record of the Descendants of Samuel Tingley of Malden, Mass., in Both the Male and Female Lines. 1st ed. 1970. R 929.2 T588F

■ Other new titles

Correspondence of Catherine McAuley, 1818-1841. 2004. R 271.92 C824

John Howland of the Mayflower, Vol. 1 – 4. [StLGS] 1990 – . R 929.2 H864W

Lineage Book. Vol. 8. [Daughters of the American Colonists] 1969. R 369.12 D238L

Mayflower Ancestral Index, Vol. 1. 1981 –. R 973.2 T329M

Mayflower Families through Five Generations, Vol. 11, Pt. 3.; Vol. 20, Pts. 2 & 3; Vol. 23, Pt. 1. [StLGS] 1975 –. R 973.2 M468:

Private Land Claims of Mississippi and Missouri. 198? R 977.8 A297P

Strangers and Pilgrims, Travellers and Soujourners: Leiden and the Foundations of Plymouth Plantation. [StLGS] 2009. R 284.2492 B216S

CALENDAR GENEALOGICAL EVENTS AT THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY LIBRARY

Note: Dates for Special Collections Department classes are indicated by ☎. Please register for classes in advance by calling 314-994-3300. All events are sponsored by the St. Louis County Library and are free and open to the public.

FEBRUARY

Saturday, 12 February, 10:00 am
Headquarters Auditorium
St. Louis Genealogical Society Meeting
Topic: Will or No Will: Mining Probate Records
Speaker: Ted Steele

☎ **Mon., 14 Feb., 2 – 4 pm**
Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Department class:
   "Introduction to *Ancestry* Database"
Instructor: Larry Franke

Wed., 16 Feb., 7 – 9 pm
Headquarters East Room
Jewish Special Interest Group
Topic: "Ask the Panel"
Speakers: Special Interest Group leaders

☎ **Wed., 23 Feb., 9:30 – 11:30 am**
Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Department class:
   "Introduction to *Ancestry* Database"
Instructor: Larry Franke

MARCH

☎ **Thurs., 3 March, 9:30-11:30 am**
Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Department class:
   "Introduction to *Footnote* and *HeritageQuest* Databases"
Instructor: Larry Franke

Wed., 9 March, 7 – 9 pm
Headquarters East Room
German Special Interest Group
Topic: "German-Bohemian Genealogical
   Research"
Speakers: Dan Vornberg & June Sommers

☎ **Mon., 14 March, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**
Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Workshop:
   "Was he a Civil War Soldier?"
Presenter: Ruth Ann Hager
Registration begins 14 Feb.

☎ **Mon., 28 March, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**
Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Workshop:
   "Using St. Louis County Library Databases for
   Civil War Research"
Presenter: Ruth Ann Hager
Registration begins 28 Feb.

☎ **Wed., 30 March, 2 – 4 pm**
Headquarters Computer Lab
Special Collections Department class:
   "Introduction to *Footnote* and *HeritageQuest*
   Databases"
Instructor: Larry Franke

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