



# St. Louis Genealogical Society

## 2024 General Meetings & Special Events

Meetings this year will be hybrid: held at the Grant's View branch of the St. Louis County Library (until the new Clark Family branch is completed), AND also livestreamed via Zoom. **The January meeting is via Zoom only.** You can attend in-person OR virtually, via computer; however, registration is required for all livestreamed meetings.

**Additional special events may be announced during the year! Watch our website for updates!**

**Sat., 13 January 10:00 a.m. *Ask Louie at Your Service!* Ask Louie Team + Assistants**  
**Virtual only; registration required.**

Bring the team your questions concerning basic researching, immigration and naturalization, Irish, German, and Jewish genealogy, technology, orphanage care in St. Louis, and many more. Our experienced genealogists will try to provide answers. Help us prepare by sending in your questions before the meeting to [askLouie@stlgs.org](mailto:askLouie@stlgs.org).

**Sat., 10 February 10:00 a.m. *Using the St. Charles County Historical Society Website as Your Gateway to St. Charles County History* Greg Hilton**  
**Hybrid meeting: in person at the Grant's View branch, St. Louis County Library**

Did you know that St. Charles was Missouri's first capital city? That Daniel Boone and Lewis and Clark have ties to the city? The history of St. Charles goes back hundreds of years, and the society's website may help you discover your own ancestors' stories. Through examples of his personal research, Greg Hilton, member of the SCCHS, will show how using the society's website can point you to some amazing original records. (Rescheduled from June 2023)

**Sat., 9 March 10:00 a.m. *Genealogy in Newspapers* Robin McDonough**  
**Hybrid meeting: in person at the Grant's View branch, St. Louis County Library**

Newspapers are an excellent genealogy resource. Explore the information you can find in them, and learn how to access historic St. Louis newspapers.

**Sat., 23 March 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. StLGS Open House**

Everyone is invited to visit our office, learn more about our website, shop our book sales/Trading Post offerings, meet our SIG leaders, and discover volunteer opportunities.

*More information will be on our website and announced in social media. Stay tuned!*

**Sat., 13 April 10:00 a.m. *Disasters and Catastrophes* Amanda Clark**  
**Hybrid meeting: in person at the Grant's View branch, St. Louis County Library**

Cholera, tornadoes, fire . . . All of these disasters have devastated St. Louis but have also brought about improvements to our city and other cities around the globe. Learn about the Great Fire of 1849, the 1896 and 1927 St. Louis tornadoes, transportation disasters, and more!

**Sat., 4 May Annual Family History Conference: *Navigating Key Genealogy Websites***  
**Featuring nationally known speaker, David Rencher, AG, CG, FUGA, FIGRS, and four local presenters**  
**Full-day conference, in-person and via Zoom**

*Maryland Heights Community Center; watch for more information. Pre-registration required.*

**(Please turn over for the rest of this year's exciting programs!)**



**Sat., 8 June 10:00 a.m. *Recently Digitized Atlases at the Missouri Historical Society* Emily Jaycox**

**Hybrid meeting: in person at the Grant's View branch, St. Louis County Library**  
The Missouri Historical Society received grants in 2022 and 2023 to digitize previously undigitized atlases (mostly plat books showing land ownership) covering St. Louis city, county and beyond. MHS librarian Emily Jaycox, will review the online research guide to these digitized maps, which cover the time period 1829–1909. Even if your ancestor didn't own land, these maps may help you better understand the neighborhood where they lived.

**Sat., 13 July 10:00 a.m. *Using Obituaries to Learn about our Ancestors and to Connect with Living Relatives* Dan Lilienkamp**

**Hybrid meeting: in person at the Grant's View branch, St. Louis County Library**  
Newspaper obituaries provide information about relationships between and among family members including people living at the time of publication. Learn how to find and use these important genealogical documents.

**Sat., 10 August 10:00 a.m. *Understanding and Working with the U.S. Federal Census* Judy Belford**

**Hybrid meeting: in person at the Clark Family branch, St. Louis County Library**  
Information contained in the U.S. federal census varies from year to year. Join us for a look at the development of the federal census and the clues they contain that lead to other sources.

**Sat., 14 September 10:00 a.m. *Overwhelmed by DNA Results?* Carol Whitton**

**Hybrid meeting: in person at the Clark Family branch, St. Louis County Library**  
Learn to use the tools DNA testing companies provide. Look at other resources, like DNA Painter, to help you focus, organize, and better understand your DNA results.

**Sun., 29 September to Sun., 6 October Annual Research Trip to Salt Lake City**  
**One week of research at the FamilySearch Library, the world's largest genealogy library!**  
*Watch for more information. Pre-registration required.*

**Sat., 12 October 10:00 a.m. *St. Louis, 1766: Five Widows* Sharon Person**

**Hybrid meeting: in person at the Clark Family branch, St. Louis County Library**  
The 1766 census of the population of Louisiana was ordered by the new Spanish governor in New Orleans, Antonio de Ulloa. The St. Louis that emerges from the analysis of the census households is a very French-Illinois country village. Notarial documents based on the rules of the *Coutume de Paris*, the customary laws that governed domestic life, combined with sacramental registers, showed patterns of consistency even as the imperial treaties transformed the mid-Mississippi valley. The stories of five widows, all heads of households on that early census, bring this French character to light.

**Sat., 9 November 10:00 a.m. *Basic Conservation and Cleaning of Grave Markers* Brent Trout**

**Hybrid meeting: in person at the Clark Family branch, St. Louis County Library**  
The stones that mark the graves of our loved ones serve to identify their final resting places for hundreds of years to come. Join us as the manager of the History & Genealogy Department presents an introduction into cleaning and preserving these markers for future generations. Attendees will receive instruction in proper cleaning techniques, gaining permission, and selection of equipment/supplies for saving the stones within cemeteries.

**No meeting in December. Enjoy the holidays as we prepare for 2025!**



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