No Monthly Society Meeting
In December 2017

January 2018 Monthly Meeting

Ask Your Questions
Panel Discussion

Do you have a burning question and have not asked for help? Our panel of genealogists will field questions and try to help break your brick wall. Somebody else probably has the same question! Please email your question to programs@stlgs.org so we can plan ahead to assist you.

Date: Saturday, 13 January 2018
Place: St. Louis County Library
Headquarters Auditorium
1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.
Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.

Thank You!
Recently, we sent donation envelopes to all of our members, asking you to remember StLGS in your end-of-the-year charitable giving. Your response has been wonderful! We extend the most heartfelt thanks to those who have donated.

Our all-volunteer society has kept the doors open and flourished during a time when many other societies have failed. We continue to give our members new classes, publications, and special events. We have been able to add modern equipment to our office so we can scan, digitize, and upload thousands of indexes and actual records to our website. Our society is nationally known and recognized; in fact, we have been asked by the National Genealogical Society to be local hosts for their annual conference again in 2019, just four years after we did the last one.

None of these things can be accomplished without the financial support of our membership. We receive no grants or other money from anyone. So we ask you again, please, if you haven’t already done so, make a donation to your society so we can continue to provide you with the products and services you rely on. Thank you!

Farewell to News ‘n Notes
As we have been announcing for the past few months, this will be the last issue of this newsletter. Increasing printing, postage, and paper costs as well as demands on our volunteers to oversee other projects make continuing News ‘n Notes impractical. Our social media presence has expanded to the point where we are confident we can reach most of our membership via the Internet more economically and efficiently.

Again, we urge you to sign up to receive our blog, StLGS NewsFlash, so you can stay current. Go to stlgs.blogspot.com and register your email address. Use our website calendar and home page buttons to remind you of dates, to download flyers, and to register for events. Join our Facebook group, and follow us on Twitter. We anticipate an exciting future for StLGS online!
From the President’s Desk

The holidays are here—officially, now that Thanksgiving is over. I cringe when I see decorations out in the stores in late July. I tend to be old-fashioned about many things, although my grandchildren are trying their best to bring me up to speed, at least in the world of electronics. I now take pictures of possible gifts and send them to parents for an “okay” or “they have that.” Just this week I learned you can write on a photo and then you don’t have to remember which child wanted that one particular item.

Readers’ Stories

Last month I told you about two letters I had received about “phenomenal finds” and I thanked Susan and Jane for their stories. More of you have been sending short articles into our publications director and me. We are saving them for blog material, so please keep sharing with us. Last week, Ilene blogged a long, interesting article by Ted Bainbridge, and I have more readers’ stories I am saving for next year.

A Personal Item

I do have a story to tell you. A few weeks ago, a large packet of papers arrived at our office. They appeared to be copies of newspaper clippings and photos and articles about several families. They were brought to me, and as I looked through them, I tried to figure out how they could be of help to researchers. I found a letter among the papers in which the person said she had found the items at an estate sale and thought they might have some-thing to do with her family, but they did not. She was researching the family of John Scholten, a photographer in St. Louis in the 1800s. Oh, talk about a small world! In the 1870 federal census, my great-grandmother was enumerated as a housemaid in the home of John Scholten, photographer. I am hoping the lady who sent the packet gives me some information about the family so I can appreciate another side of Anna Maria Wigge.

The side I know now is that she immigrated here with her parents and siblings, married in 1872, and went on to have eleven children. I have a picture of her and my great-grandfather on their 50th wedding anniversary and another of her in a big chair (well, just about any chair was “big” for her; she was about 4’10” and weighed less than ninety pounds) in her black dress with her white hair in a topknot, and she is drinking a glass of beer. Another great family story about her is that she got up one morning, mixed up the bread, set it to rise, gave birth to twin girls, and then finished the bread. Oh, those stories we have! You cannot prove them for sure, but then you can’t disprove them either!

Looking Forward

As those of you who have been reading this publication for the past several months know, this is the last issue we will be publishing. The first time the “From the President’s Desk” was written was in January of 1992. I will miss News ‘n Notes. I always looked forward to sitting down and reading what was going on and what was coming. However, we will still find out those things—from the blog, StLGS News Flash, and, for those things that are not time-dependent, as inserts in our Quarterly publication. When I was asked to run for president of the society, I was really hesitant to do so. I dreaded writing a monthly column. It has been a struggle some months, and some months the words just flowed. I sincerely hope those of you who have read my words have enjoyed a chuckle or two or have said, “Yes, I know how that feels.”

But, we are on to the next era of our society. We have an exciting year planned with our monthly meetings, summer and fall Speaker Series, and annual Family History Conference. Then, in 2019, the National Genealogical Society will be coming back to St. Charles and we will be the local hosts for the conference. It is not too early to let our volunteer coordinator, Marilyn Brennan, know that you want to help with that event. Email her at volunteers@stlgs.org/.

Season’s Greetings!

Season’s Greetings to all of you! It is that time of year when we may have those great opportunities to get together with family members whom we seldom see and discover family facts we didn’t know but that help answer our questions. All of us at StLGS hope you all will enjoy a great holiday season and a healthy and happy new year!

Kay Weber, StLGS President

Happy Holidays!
Mission Statement
The St. Louis Genealogical Society promotes family history research by providing education and research opportunities, offering community services, and collecting, preserving, and publishing genealogical and historical records.

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Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

OFFICE HOLIDAYS
Beginning this year, the society office is closed on Monthly Meeting Saturdays. Also, New Year’s Eve and Day, July 4, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Day, day of the annual Family History Conference, or any special event. Please call ahead if uncertain, especially in inclement weather.

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<td>“A Panoramic View of St. Louis,” featuring Adam Klope, AT&amp;T Foundation Room, Missouri History Museum, lower level, 7:00 p.m. Free, no pre-registration required.</td>
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<td>SLCL class, “Census Basics for Genealogical Research,” featuring Larry Franke, SLCL Headquarters Computer Room, 2:00 p.m. Free, pre-registration required at <a href="http://www.slcl.org/evanced-registration/184088">www.slcl.org/evanced-registration/184088</a></td>
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<td>StLGS German SIG Meeting, “Using FamilySearch,” featuring Bob Goode; auditorium, SLCL Headquarters, 7:00 p.m. Free, no pre-registration required.</td>
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<td>StLGS Irish SIG Meeting, “Irish: The Movers and the Builders,” led by Carol Hemmersmeier and Kay Weber, auditorium, SLCL Headquarters, 7:00 p.m. Free, no pre-registration required.</td>
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<td>SLCL class, “Finding Immigrant European Ancestors,” featuring Larry Franke, SLCL Headquarters, 2:00 p.m. Free, pre-registration required at <a href="http://www.slcl.org/evanced-registration/184090">www.slcl.org/evanced-registration/184090</a></td>
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<td>StLGS annual Trivia Night, Richmond Heights Community Centre, 7:00 p.m. Registration opens in January; watch for the flyer on the website!</td>
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<td>StLGS annual Family History Conference, Orlando Gardens, Maryland Heights, 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Registration now open.</td>
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SLCL=St. Louis County Library; SLPL=St. Louis Public Library; FGS=Federation of Genealogical Societies; NGS=National Genealogical Society

All upcoming events will be announced—
On our website: www.stlgs.org
In our blog, StLGS News Flash: stlgs.blogspot.com
In our Facebook group
In our Twitter feed

Please check the website regularly.
Sign up to receive the blog in your email inbox.
Join us on Facebook and/or Twitter to share with others.
This is the last issue of News ‘n Notes.

Be sure to sign up for the society’s blog

StLGS News Flash

We don’t want you to miss any news!

Go to stlgs.blogspot.com to register.

Questions? Contact publications@stlgs.org
St. Louis Genealogical Society’s
47th Annual Family History Conference

Genealogy . . .
Finding Your Way Online!

Saturday, 7 April 2018
Orlando Gardens
2050 Dorsett Road
Maryland Heights, Missouri 63043

Featuring
Pam Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA
Author, instructor, and nationally-known lecturer

PLUS
Missouri State Archivist, John Dougan
And FIVE additional local speakers

Also . . .
* Exhibitors
* Prizes
* Raffles

Registration Booklet
4 Sunnen Drive, St. Louis, MO 63143 314-647-8547 www.stlgs.org
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Biographical information on all the speakers is available online at www.stlgs.org/.
Program Sessions

See the previous page for exact times for each session.

47A **Finding What You Need on Ancestry.com**
   Pam Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA
   Ancestry contains vast numbers of genealogy records. This session demonstrates how to effectively search and use workarounds to find the record with the answers you need, understand exactly what the source is, and cite it within Ancestry Tree or your own genealogy program or word processor.

47B **Exploring FindMyPast**
   Mike Bridwell
   Get an overview of the FindMyPast database, a valuable tool for researching your ancestors from the British Isles.

47C **Delving Deeper into Ancestry.com Resources**
   Pam Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA
   Ancestry.com contains much more than family trees or DNA results. Learn to use all the site’s resources to find your family, from digitized books to Ancestry Academy online courses to collaboration with others.

47D **One Story, Many Sources: An Interconnected Narrative Drawn from the Missouri State Archives’ Databases**
   John Dougan
   What happens when you stumble across a previously undocumented site on public land that does not appear in any modern sources? Connecting a specific place and time to the people who lived there can be a challenge, especially when you have nowhere to start.

47E **Tools for Understanding DNA Results**
   Ann Fleming, CG, CGL, FNGS
   DNA testing offers a new opportunity to identify ancestors. Learn about various tools to organize and understand your test results. *(PLEASE NOTE: This is an intermediate level lecture.)*

47F **Does That Even Make Sense?**
   Dan Lilienkamp
   Online trees: a genealogist’s friend or foe? Learn tools for evaluating whether the information in online trees should be added to your own work.

47G **Finding What You Need on FamilySearch.org**
   Pam Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA
   FamilySearch is digitizing more than two million rolls of microfilm on its free website. This session demonstrates search techniques and methods for finding just what you need in all those online images, even when they are not yet indexed.

47H **Organize DNA Results Using Spreadsheets**
   Carol Whitton, CG
   Hesitant to use spreadsheets because they are unfamiliar? Review basic spreadsheet techniques. See how to apply these techniques to creating and interpreting your own DNA spreadsheets.

47I **More FamilySearch**
   Pam Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA
   Beyond plugging in a name and date and hitting the search button, harness the powerful learning and sharing tools on the FamilySearch website. Find and use myriad research guides, instructional videos/courses, and digitized books, and share photos and documents with newly discovered distant cousins.

46J **Books, Books, and More Books: Online and Easy to Access**
   Ilene Murray
   County histories, family genealogies, city directories, self-published manuscripts, and many more are all available online. Discover where some of those books are and how to use some of the popular websites on which they are posted.
General Information:

Meals: Orlando Gardens requires that no outside food or drink be brought into their facility. Coffee, tea, and water will be available at no cost throughout the day.
For those who want to eat out, restaurants are available within a short distance from the facility.

Handicap Accessibility: The facility is handicapped accessible with all activities on one floor without any steps.

Parking: Parking is free. However, if you need handicapped parking, consider arriving early.

Cancellation Policy: Refunds on paid registrations, minus a $10 administration fee, will be issued for written cancellation requests received at the StLGS office no later than 24 March 2018. After that date, registrants who do not attend will receive a copy of the syllabus but no monetary refund.

Registration: The registration table in the lobby of Orlando Gardens will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on the conference day. Participants should stop at the table to pick up all registration materials.

Exhibits: Exhibitors and local societies will have displays and genealogical products to examine and purchase. Interested in being an exhibitor? Contact the Events Representative at eventsrep@stlgs.org.

The Exhibitor Area is a perfect place to discover books and other genealogical products. Take time to browse, buy, and chat with others. Please note: this area will close at the start of the 2:30 p.m. session.

Smoking: Orlando Gardens is a smoke-free facility.

Photographs: Photographs of lecturers as they speak or of their slides are prohibited; however, StLGS volunteers will be taking photos for our publications. If you do not wish to be photographed, please inform the photographer.

FHC Registration 2018

Registration is also available on our website www.stlgs.org.

Use a separate form for each person.

Please print or type your name as you would like it to appear on your name tag.

Name:______________________________________________________________

Address:___________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip:______________________________________________________

Daytime phone:_____________________________________________________

Email:____________________________________________________________

Conference Fees:
On or before 24 March 2018 (Lunch not included):
   • STLGS members $50.00 $_____
   • Non-members $60.00 ______

After 24 March 2018 (Lunch not included):
   • STLGS members $60.00 ______
   • Non-members $70.00 ______

(Walk-ins on Conference Day will pay $70.00 regardless of membership.)

Additional:
   • Lunch (Please make your choices below.) $12.00 $_____
   • Badge holder $5.00 ______

St. Louis Genealogical Society Membership:
   • Individual o New o Renew $40.00 $_____
   • Family o New o Renew $45.00 ______
   • Friend of the Society o New o Renew $100.00 ______
   • Life Member $600.00 ______
   • Donation to StLGS (tax-deductible) ______

Total $_____

Form of Payment:
   o Check/Money Order (Payable to St. Louis Genealogical Society)
   o Visa o MasterCard o Discover

Credit Card Number:________________________________________________

Expiration Date (Month/Year) __________________________

Three-Digit Security Code (on back of card; last three numbers) __________
   (Please note: We MUST have this number to process your order.)

Lunch Planning

Purchased lunches will be supplied by Orlando Gardens. If you are buying lunch, please select one from each category:

   • Sandwich or salad:  ___Ham  ___Turkey  ___Roast beef  ___Salad
   • Do you need:  ___Gluten free?  ___Dairy free?  ___Vegetarian?

Additional Information

There is limited handicapped parking for those with valid handicap stickers or plates; space is NOT guaranteed,

o Do you have other special needs? Please specify. _______________________

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