Monthly Society Meeting
July 2017
Railroads of St. Louis
Nicholas Fry
Join us as the curator of the John W. Barriger III National Railroad Library in St. Louis’s Mercantile Library gives us a look at the railroads in St. Louis from 1851 to the present.
Date: Saturday, 8 July 2017
Place: St. Louis County Library
Headquarters Auditorium
1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.
Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.

And join us for the next monthly meeting:
August 2017
Pictorial St. Louis: A Tool for Studying Vernacular Building Types and the Evolution of Land Use in St. Louis
Andrew Weil
The executive director of Landmarks Association will examine ways the 1875 Pictorial St. Louis maps can be used to study St. Louis neighborhoods.
Date: Saturday, 12 August 2017
Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.

Last call for registration—2017 Missouri Research Institute AND the Summer Speaker Series AND the Salt Lake City Research Trip

Special Interest Group (SIG) Meeting
Tuesday, 18 July
Irish SIG Meeting
Using Sources Abroad to Identify Your Ancestor’s County of Origin
Speaker: Mike Bridwell
SLCL Headquarters Auditorium
7:00 p.m.

StLGS Office Undergoing Changes
If you have visited the StLGS office and spent time in the technology room, you know that it was much too crowded, too hot, and too noisy. The problem was the large, tall cabinet, called a server rack, housing the equipment that runs the servers for our computer network. All of the computer components in that rack generate heat and many contain fans that are constantly running. In addition, the rack itself consumed valuable space that the technology department needed for its volunteers.

During the past few weeks, the server rack and the equipment within it has been relocated to a small room across the hall that had been used for storage. With new wiring, a new vented and locking door, and new air conditioning ductwork the room is now dedicated just to the server rack and the technology room is quiet, cool, and restored to a more efficient workspace.

Professionals with STL Computer and Cable Co. updated the wiring throughout the office so all of the computers and printers can communicate with the server in its new location. Moving some of the phone equipment allowed us to strengthen the Wi-Fi, which often didn’t work in the back rooms. New phones, which will be connected to the upgraded computer system, have arrived and will be installed soon.

Kudos to Technology Director, Eric Wilson, for masterminding this huge project, and to Bob Goode, Info Systems Director, and Mark Madras, our newest technology volunteer and network expert. They put in some very long days making sure the wiring was done properly and all of the computers were working as they should after the big move.
Now that my grandchildren’s hockey, soccer, volleyball, dance, and gymnastics sessions are finished for the year, I have much more time for genealogy. When I am waiting for some of them to get off the school bus, or picking them up after volleyball practice, or driving them to the library, I know I am blessed to have all eleven of them living within a ten-minute drive. Yes, blessed—that is the correct word—at least most days!

In case you are following my genealogy progress, I finished the biography about my great-grandfather, Bernard King (the one who also used the names Barney and Bryan—just to make researching more of a challenge). I even figured out how to send in the biography and his picture without asking my grandchildren for help! While doing this, I just kept thinking about the StLGS First Families Program. Ever since I joined this society, I have wanted to be able to have an ancestor who was here early enough. The earliest immigrants I had were the King family, but they evidently did not care about my wishes and went to Saline County, and that is too far west to be a part of our program. All the others came after 1865 and so are not eligible.

Well, guess what? Ah, you guessed! The other day while surfing websites, I found an enrollment list for the Civil War and Barney King is on it! I did not know what an enrollment list was, but after some researching and asking other people in the society office, I learned this was a list of those eligible to fight in the war, although they did not necessarily see action. So far, I have not found a Civil War record for him.

There are a lot of benefits from coming to the StLGS office and volunteering your time. One of the greatest is that you have people who know important “stuff” in the genealogy world and they are happy to answer your questions and/or give you hints where to find it out for yourself.

To say I was overly excited about this find would be putting it mildly. I think I told just about everyone in the office that day. I definitely told Diane Broniec, who is the director of the First Families Program. She promised to go over the application form with me and show me what I needed to do. So during the next few days, I went looking in the St. Louis city directories for a time line going backward to see when Barney first showed up in the city. The earliest I can find him is 1859. I knew he was here in 1870; he is on the federal census, but for some reason at the time I found him there, I did not go back any farther.

After Diane reviewed my application, I just had to prove that my mother was my mother and the child of her mother, who is the child of Bernard King. That should have been relatively simple, since I had my mother’s and grandmother’s birth records. Can you sense a glitch coming? Of course, but a minor one. I have my birth certificate so I can prove she is my mother, however, her surname on that certificate does not match her birth and baptismal records. My mom’s father died when she was eight months old; my grandmother remarried before my mom was three years old and Mom used her stepfather’s name at school, work, and when she got married because he was the only father she knew. Back to researching! I found the church marriage record for my mother and her name is listed as Dorothy Hogan; she was Dorothy Walton at birth. But under the father’s name, is “John Walton” and in parenthesis, “Hogan.” The connection is recorded and I can go ahead with my application for First Families of St. Louis. Check out the program on our website at https://stlgs.org/resources/services/first-families-of-st-louis or pick up a flyer about it at the next meeting you attend.

Hope everyone has a great and successful time researching this summer!

Kay Weber, StLGS President

StLGS 2017 Election

In October, it will be time to vote for StLGS officers for treasurer and vice-president of programs. These are two-year terms. A description of the election process is in the society’s bylaws, which are on our website at https://stlgs.org/about-us-2/bylaws/.

The nominating committee is now taking nominations and will accept them until 1 September. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else (with written consent), please call the office at 314-647-8547 or send an email to office@stlgs.org with “Election 2017” as the subject.

Nominating committee members for this election are Diane Broniec, Ed Dolata, Ann Fleming, Barbara Larson, and Paula Novak.
### 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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### OFFICE HOLIDAYS
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.

### Community Genealogy Calendar

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<td>StLGS Summer Speaker Series, “Mining Online German Research,” with James Beidler, Orlando’s Event and Conference Center, Maryland Heights, 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Fee; pre-registration preferred. Go to <a href="http://www.stlgs.org">www.stlgs.org</a>.</td>
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<td>“Made in USA: The East St. Louis Story,” film screening at Missouri History Museum, Lee Auditorium, 7:00 p.m. Free and open to all. Q&amp;A session after the movie</td>
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SLCL=St. Louis County Library; SLPL=St. Louis Public Library; FGS=Federation of Genealogical Societies; NGS=National Genealogical Society
Last Call for Registration!

Missouri Research Institute

Your Missouri People

Four full days of classes!

Monday, 17 July–Thursday, 20 July 2017
StLGS Office, 4 Sunnen Drive, Maplewood, MO

Combine enrollment with the Summer Speaker Series for a discount!

Also, there are still a few rooms available for the annual Salt Lake City Research Trip!

Register by mail, phone, or online at www.stlgs.org