Monthly Society Meeting
March 2017

Resources of the National Archives-St. Louis
Nancy Schuster

Learn about research room visits, written requests, and useful holdings at the St. Louis branch of the National Archives.
Date: Saturday, 11 March 2017
Place: St. Louis County Library Headquarters Auditorium, 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.
Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.

No Monthly Society Meeting in April 2017

It’s time for the 46th StLGS Annual Family History Conference
Dynamic Duo: Genealogy and Technology
Featuring Cyndi Ingle
Saturday, 8 April 2017
Early registration ends 23 March 2017.

Special Interest Group (SIG) Meeting
Wednesday, 29 March
German SIG Meeting
In die Kirche Gehen: German Churches in St. Louis, 1830–1900
Speaker: Scott Holl
SLCL Headquarters Auditorium
7:00 p.m.

St. Louis City/County Biographies Debut on our Website

Late in 2016, we announced our newest project, “St. Louis City/County Biographies,” to recognize individuals who were part of the St. Louis community. People are invited to submit short (500 words or fewer) biographies about ancestors who lived and worked in the St. Louis area.

By the first of this year, we had enough biographies submitted to begin to build pages on our website. We had to experiment a bit with page design, index design, and navigation, which took some time, but now, thanks to members’ submissions and to the Biographies Committee, the first group of pages is live on the site.

A name index to the subjects of the biographies and their immediate family members is open to anyone, but the actual biographies are accessible only to StLGS members.

A second group of biographies is in the proofreading/web page building stage and will be uploaded to the site in a few weeks. The plan is to incrementally add biographies several times a year.

Of course, none of this works without your participation! The subjects of your biographies do not have to be famous; everyone who lived and/or worked in St. Louis has a story, and those stories together paint a picture of our region that has never before been captured. Because we are using our website to store the biographies, they will continue to live on and become part of the history of our region.

Complete instructions for submitting your biographies are at http://tinyurl.com/gs4qrg2/.

To access the biographies from the home page of our website, click on the link at the top or go to the Research tab, then to Community/St. Louis City/County Bios. You can also access the biographies directly by going to http://stlgs.org/research-2/community/st-louis-biographies/.

Many thanks to the Biographies Committee: Karen Goode, chair; Ann Fleming and Ilene Murray, proofreaders; Jeani Ward, indexer; Carol Kohnen and Ilene Murray, website design. Please send questions and/or submissions to bios@stlgs.org.
From the President’s Desk

On the day I am writing this column, St. Louis feels very much like spring! The stores are finished with Valentine’s Day and the bunnies and eggs and jellybeans have appeared. More importantly, at least to me, shamrocks and green decorations are brightening up the shelves.

I am a third generation American. Five of my great-grandparents were born in Ireland; one was born in Canada of Irish-born parents, and two were born in Germany. Now that makes me three-fourths Irish, to my mind, and definitely a reason to celebrate on March 17th. According to a DNA test I am thirty-eight percent Irish, eight percent British Isles, eleven percent Scandinavian, as well as other bits and pieces. At least five of my great-grandparents came from counties in the eastern part of Ireland, so I am okay with the results.

Since I started working on my genealogy, I toyed with the idea of going to Ireland, but I really wanted to wait until they built a bridge to get me there. (Flying is NOT my favorite mode of transportation). I finally decided that was not going to happen in my lifetime, and I had better get with the program and get to Ireland.

That famed Irish luck was with me! Carol, another volunteer at the StLGS office, loves to go to Ireland and she said she would plan the trip. She asked where I wanted to go while there and she made the itinerary to take us to the places I knew were the towns of my ancestors. Thanks to an article in the St. Louis Star Times on 3 January 1910, I knew the Irish county of my great-grandfather, Bryan King, who was a fireman with eleven children. Always check out those newspaper sites!

About the same time as the plans for the trip were progressing, I reconnected with my first cousin, John, on my mother’s side, who had decided to delve into the genealogy his mother had been doing before she passed away. As part of his immersion, he had his DNA done and he connected to Todd, another researcher. Todd’s great-grandmother and John’s and my grandmother were sisters. Todd’s great-grandparents had separated so he grew up in another state and never knew much about his St. Louis connections. Well, now there were three of us on the trail of the King family from County Meath, Ireland.

All three of us worked on finding the family in the 1821 census for Ireland and therefore narrowed the search area to a townland. My cousin grabbed Griffith’s Valuation of Ireland, which took place from 1847–1864, and found a listing and corresponding map for James King, our ancestor. This gave us the exact location of the plot of land James farmed before leaving for the United States in 1849. Todd, who travels to Belfast a lot in his work, connected with Stephen Ball, who is the head of the historical society for the Catholic Church in that townland.

In the meantime, our trip was planned, flight and accommodation reservations were made, and the lists of what to pack were evolving. There would be four of us: Carol and her twenty-one-year old granddaughter, my eighteen-year old granddaughter, and me. June 21st, 2016 finally arrived and we headed for Ireland. The flights were smooth and comfortable and as we approached Dublin airport the clouds parted and there was Ireland in all her green glory!

After landing we had to go through customs check-in, but even though we waited in line for about twenty-five minutes, we got to hear those Irish brogues. Two days later, my granddaughter and I stood on the exact spot of land the James King family had farmed and saw the baptismal font where James and four of his children were baptized. We saw the statue of St. Ultan that had been in the original church where James married Catherine Egliston, and we touched the original baptism and marriage records of the family. Well, at least I partially saw these things—I was crying most of the time!

This year on St. Patrick’s Day, I think differently about my Irish heritage and the strength it took for those ancestors to leave to come to the unknown.

Honor Your Ancestors

These are the kinds of stories we hope you will share with us in one way or another. They make great Quarterly articles, if you can teach others how you did something, and, of course, they make wonderful reading for our St. Louis City/County Biographies project. Please think about writing!

Join Us for Upcoming Events

We have so many upcoming special events so you can learn more! Don’t forget to register for the Family History Conference on Saturday, 8 April. Think about signing up for the Missouri Institute, the Summer Speaker Series, and the annual Research Trip to Salt Lake City. Looking forward to seeing you!

Kay Weber, StLGS President
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Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

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.

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Community Genealogy Calendar

| 2017 March | 11 | StLGS Monthly Meeting, “Resources of the National Archives-St. Louis,” with Nancy Schuster, auditorium, SLCL Headquarters, 10:00 a.m. Free, no pre-registration required. |
| 18 | StLGS class, “Reading Handwritten German Church Records,” with Carol Whitten, CG, StLGS office, 1:00 p.m. Free to StLGS members, pre-registration required at 314-647-8547. |
| 18 | Mo. History Museum lecture, African American History & Genealogy Series; tips on preserving family documents and books. Mo. History Museum; AT&T Foundation Room, 1:00 p.m. Free; open to all; no pre-registration required. |
| 21 | Mo. History Museum lecture, “Religious Landmarks and Institutions of St. Louis,” with Ron Elz, Mo. History Museum; lower level, 10:30 a.m. Free; but pre-registration required via St. Louis Community College. Call 314-984-7777. |
| 22 | Mo. History Museum lecture, “Noteworthy and Notorious Women at Bellefontaine Cemetery,” with Richard Ley, Mo. History Museum; lower level, 10:30 a.m. Free; but pre-registration required via St. Louis Community College. Call 314-984-7777. |
| 25 | StLGS class, “Beginning RootsMagic,” with Ted Steele, StLGS office, 1:00 p.m. Free to StLGS members, pre-registration required at 314-647-8547. |
| 27 | SLCL class, “Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition Databases,” with Larry Franke, SLCL Cliff Cave Branch, 10:00 a.m. Free, pre-registration required at www.slcl.org/content/103-introduction-ancestry-library-edition-database-0 (Repeatead at Headquarters, 30 March at 2:00 p.m.) |
| 29 | StLGS German SIG meeting, “In die Kirche Gehen: German Churches in St. Louis, 1830–1900,” with Scott Holl, SLCL Headquarters, auditorium, 7:00 p.m. Free, no pre-registration required. |
| April 8 | StLGS 46th Annual Family History Conference, “Dynamic Duo: Genealogy and Technology,” with Cyndi Ingle, Jan Alpert, and Bruce Buzzbee; Orlando Gardens, Maryland Heights, all day. Registration at www.stlgs.org/. |

SLCL=St. Louis County Library; SLPL=St. Louis Public Library; FGS=Federation of Genealogical Societies; NGS=National Genealogical Society
Dues due date!

Registration Open!

2017 Annual

Family History Conference

Dynamic Duo: Genealogy and Technology

Featuring Cyndi Ingle

Saturday, 8 April 2017

Orlando Gardens, 2050 Dorsett Road, Maryland Heights, MO

Doors open 7:30 a.m. Conference starts 8:15 a.m.

Register by mail, phone, or online at www.stlgs.org
St. Louis Genealogical Society

St. Louis Genealogical Society Income and Expense Statement

Unaudited Fiscal Year 2016

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Net Operating Loss                                        ($8,239)

Cash on Hand as of 31 December 2015                        $30,438

Endowment Fund Balance                                     $485,640

Submitted 20 February 2017 by Ed Dolata, StLGS Treasurer
If you have any questions, please send a note to treasurer@stlgs.org
Do you have a Missouri family whom you cannot find?
Do you need to find new Missouri sources?
Do you want to probe deeper into Missouri research?

If you answered yes to the questions above, then why not sign up for the StLGS 2017 Missouri Research Institute, Your Missouri People?

If you have been thinking about delving deeper into your Missouri genealogy lines but aren’t sure how to proceed, we invite you to spend an intensive four days with national, state, and local instructors who will help you discover new, and rediscover old, Missouri records.

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:
- Four full days of classes taught by experienced instructors
- Instructors available for consultation
- Morning coffee, lunch, and light snacks each day
- A printed copy of the syllabus, plus a USB drive loaded with the syllabus, all handouts, booklets, and a bibliography

The Institute will be held at the StLGS office from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. each day. Parking is free and accessible.
We encourage participants to bring a laptop or tablet. Free Wi-Fi is available.

Space is limited to the first 35 participants.

If you want to double up on your learning experience . . .
Stay for the Summer Speaker Series
Saturday, 22 July 2017
Featuring Jim Beidler

Mining Online German Records
Orlando’s Events Center, 2050 Dorsett Road, Maryland Heights

See back page for a discount on combined registration!
THE INSTITUTE INSTRUCTORS

John Dougan, Missouri State Archivist, is the chief administrator for the Records and Archives Division of the Office of the Secretary of State. He is an advocate for free online access to genealogical records.

Viki Fagyal is a lifelong St. Louis resident who has been researching her family for more than thirty years. She has served in many capacities at StLGS for the past thirty-seven years. A writer, genealogy instructor, and lecturer, Viki completed a book on her father’s family history in 2013.

Ann Carter Fleming, CG, CGL, FNGS, is a nationally known author, lecturer, and instructor. She is a past-president of both StLGS and the National Genealogical Society. Her articles have appeared in numerous genealogical publications, and her books: The Organized Family Historian, NGS Research in Missouri, and the St. Louis Family History Research Guide, are best sellers in the genealogical community.

Ruth Ann Hager, CG, CGL is a researcher, volunteer, and speaker at local, state, and national levels. She is the author of Dred & Harriet Scott: Their Family Story. She is a former instructor at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) hosted by Samford University.

Carol Hemmersmeier, StLGS board member and Irish Special Interest Group co-chair, has been engaged in her own family research for more than thirty years including several trips to Ireland to research her Irish ancestors. She holds a Masters in Teaching, is a trained storyteller, and spent her career in the field of elementary and special education.

Kay Weber is the current president of the St. Louis Genealogical Society. She holds a degree in Foods, Nutrition, and Biological Science and worked as a dietitian her entire career. She has been working on her own genealogy for more than twenty years with an emphasis on Irish genealogy for the last five years. She is the co-chair of the StLGS Irish SIG.

Carol Whiston, CG, is an author and lecturer on German research, U.S. migration, and other genealogical topics. She serves as projects director for StLGS, as well as the leader of the German SIG. Carol is a graduate of the Germanic Family History Research class at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, the National Institute for Genealogical Research, and the Virginia Institute for Genealogical Research.

SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES INSTRUCTOR

James M. Beidler came by his German genealogy expertise honestly—it took him more than twenty years of searching to find any ancestor who wasn’t from Germany! Beidler is a columnist for German Life magazine and is considered a go-to person for German genealogy articles and lectures. He has authored two books on researching the genealogy of German-speaking peoples.
THE SCHEDULE

1. Each day’s schedule begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. and ends at approximately 3:30 p.m.
2. All classes are at the StLGS office—4 Sunnen Dr., Suite 140, Maplewood, Mo.
3. Instructors will be available for consultation throughout the week.

   • **Monday**—Gather for a get-acquainted meeting. Lectures on “Overview of Missouri,” “Missouri Pre-Statehood Era,” “Migrating from the East to Missouri,” and “Missouri’s Soldiers”
   • **Tuesday**—Lectures on “Township and Range Land Descriptions,” “Federal Land Sales in Missouri,” “Missouri State Land Sales,” and “Missouri Appealed Court Cases”
   • **OPTIONAL: Tuesday evening**—StLGS Irish Special Interest Group meeting at St. Louis County Library, featuring Mike Bridwell, Irish specialist in the library’s History and Genealogy Department. He will speak on “Using Sources Abroad to Identify Your Ancestor’s County of Origin.”
   • **Wednesday**—Lectures on “Missouri Civil War Provost Marshal Records,” “Missouri Courthouse Records,” “Missouri State Statutes,” and “Irish in Missouri”
   • **Thursday**—Lectures on “Germans in Missouri,” “Missouri Newspapers,” “Missouri Repositories,” and “Missouri Institute Review”

ALL THE REST

1. Participants need to provide their own transportation to and from the StLGS office.
2. If you are coming from out of town, let us know and we will provide some suggestions for hotels and meals. There are several very nice (and reasonably priced) hotels within a five-mile radius of the office.
3. Hotels, transportation, and meals (other than lunch) are NOT included in the registration fee.
4. **Cancellation Policy:** Any booking canceled on or before 15 June will incur a $15 cancelation fee. After 15 June, there is a $50 non-refundable cancelation fee. After 1 July, no money can be refunded unless the class space can be filled.

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OTHER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES
If you are staying in St. Louis for the Institute and the Summer Speaker Series, consider research at one of the many St. Louis repositories:

   • St. Louis County Library, History and Genealogy Department, 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd. (Home of the StLGS and NGS Book Collections) [www.slc.org](http://www.slc.org)
   • St. Louis Public Library, History and Genealogy Department, 1301 Olive Blvd. [www.slpl.org](http://www.slpl.org)
   • Missouri History Museum Library and Research Center, 225 S. Skinker Blvd., [www.mohistory.org/lrc-home](http://www.mohistory.org/lrc-home)
   • Mercantile Library, University of Missouri-St. Louis, 1 University Blvd., [http://umsl.edu/mercantile](http://umsl.edu/mercantile)
   • Missouri State Archives-St. Louis, Carnahan Courthouse, 1114 Market St., Rm. 245, [www.sos.mo.gov/archives/msastl/default](http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/msastl/default)
StLGS 2017 MISSOURI RESEARCH INSTITUTE
REGISTRATION FORM

Please use a separate form for each person.

PLEASE PRINT:

Name ________________________________________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip _________________________________________________________

Phone________________________ Email:_______________________________

The Research Institute is limited to the first 35 registrants.  
Transportation to and from the StLGS office is on your own.  
Cancelation fees apply; please see page 3 for details.

Single Registration (Institute Only)

Members: Before 15 June $325 ____  Non-Members: Before 15 June $375 ____  
Members: 15 June and after $425 ____  Non-Members: 15 June and after $475 ____

Single Registration (Institute AND Summer Speaker Series Combination: Save $15!)

Members: Before 15 June $360 ____  Non-Members: Before 15 June $410 ____  
Members: 15 June and after $460 ____  Non-Members: 15 June and after $510 ____  
StLGS Individual Membership $40 ____  Donation to StLGS $________  
Total $____

Form of Payment: Make checks payable and mail registration to St. Louis Genealogical Society,  
P.O. Box 432010, St. Louis, MO 63143

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Three-digit security code (last three numbers on back of credit card) ___________________
Featured Speaker

**James M. Beidler** writes “Roots & Branches,” an award-winning weekly newspaper column on genealogy that is the only syndicated feature on that topic in Pennsylvania. He is also a columnist for *German Life* magazine and is editor of *Der Kurier*, the quarterly journal of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society. He is the former executive director for the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. He served as national co-chair for the 2008 Federation of Genealogical Societies conference in Philadelphia. Beidler is also a frequent contributor to other periodicals ranging from scholarly journals such as *The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine* to popular-interest magazines such as *Ancestry* and *Family Tree Magazine*. He also wrote the chapter on genealogy for *Pennsylvania: A History of the Commonwealth*, published jointly by the Penn State Press and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

As a lecturer, he has been a part of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council’s acclaimed Commonwealth Speakers program since 2002 and has been a presenter at numerous conferences. In addition to being a member of numerous genealogical, historical, and lineage societies, Beidler sits on Pennsylvania’s State Historic Records Advisory Board as well as the selection committee for the Pennsylvania Newspaper Project.

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**St. Louis Genealogical Society**

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St. Louis Genealogical Society
Summer Speaker Series

**Mining Online German Research**

Featuring James M. Beidler
Author and Lecturer

- German Immigrant Waves: Contrasts and Sources
- Mining the Über-Sites
- All About Compgen.de
- Online German Church Registers, Duplicates, and Substitutes

Plus StLGS books and products for sale

**Saturday, 22 July 2017**

at

Orlando’s Event and Conference Center

2050 Dorsett Village
St. Louis, Missouri 63043
PROGRAM

Looking for new resources to explore for your German ancestors? Learn how to mine online German research.

1. German Immigrant Waves: Contrasts and Sources
   The “Pennsylvania Germans” from the 1700s were a different breed than the “German Americans” who immigrated in the 1800s. This presentation shows the differences in geography, economic class, religion, and aspirations of — as well as sources about — the two great waves of German immigration as well as reviewing the basics of German genealogy.

2. Mining the Über-sites for German Ancestors:
   While there is a galaxy of Internet sites that can help you with your German genealogy, some stars shine brighter than others. Take a look at some of the more popular websites that have huge assets for those seeking German ancestors.

3. All About CompGen.de
   This outstanding website, based in Europe, offers researchers of German-speaking ancestors a bountiful menu of online resources—everything from historical background to actual searchable records.

4. Online German Church Registers, Duplicates, and Substitutes
   Many more German church records are coming online, but you need to know whether you are seeing originals, duplicates, or extracts. This presentation will explain the differences.

SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. Registration
9:00–10:00 Lecture No. 1
10:00–10:20 Break
10:20–11:20 Lecture No. 2
11:20–12:10 Lunch (included with registration)
12:10–1:10 Lecture No. 3
1:10–1:30 Break
1:30–2:30 Lecture No. 4

SUMMER 2017 SPEAKER SERIES
REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _______________________________________________
Address: _____________________________________________
City, State, Zip: ________________________________________
Phone: ________________ Email: _______________________

Registration includes full-day workshop and lunch.

REGISTRATION
On or before 9 July StLGS Member $50 Non-member $60 _____
After 9 July StLGS Member $60 Non-member $70 _____

COMBINATION REGISTRATION FOR MISSOURI RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES
On or before 15 June StLGS Member $360 Non-member $410 _____
After 15 June StLGS Member $460 Non-member $510 _____
   Membership $40 _____
   Donation _______
   Total _______

(Please note: Cancellation fees will apply.)

LUNCH PREFERENCE
(Please check one, sandwich or salad)
  □ Roast Beef  □ Ham  □ Turkey  □ Chef’s Salad
  □ Gluten Free  □ Dairy Free

FORM OF PAYMENT
Check_______ OR Discover _____ Visa ______ MasterCard _____
Card Number _______________________ Expiration Date_______
Card Security Code (3-digit number on the back) ______________

(Please note: Cancellation fees will apply.)

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OR register on the website www.stlgs.org