



St. Louis Genealogical Society
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The following information based on questions submitted in advance for our monthly meeting may prove to be helpful to researchers. These are not answers to questions but rather a supplement to the panel discussion. Be sure to watch the recording for the entire discussion of each question.

How to find your ancestors in a German village:

- <https://stlgs.org/about-us-2/sigs-and-special-programs/german-special-interest-group-2>
GSIG page on the StLGS website for basic German genealogy; upcoming meeting at top and scroll to bottom for previous recording(s).
- <https://stlgs.org/resources/on-this-site/free-research-forms-2>
StLGS checklist of free forms for common U.S. sources
- <https://www.worldcat.org/> After finding a list of German emigration records at the Family History Library, learn the closest library location of those books from WorldCat.
- St. Charles City/County Library, Genealogy Department
<https://www.mylibrary.org/local-history-and-genealogy> or St. Charles Historical Society
<https://scchs.org/> for St. Charles connections.

How to find records from St. Louis online:

- <https://stlgs.org/research-2/publications/guides-to-research/genealogy-research-tips>
StLGS St. Louis research guide (free PDF)
- “St. Louis Resources for Genealogy Online” (class, members only, including handout)
<https://stlgs.org/education/classes/recorded-stlgs-classes>

How to learn more about the naturalization process:

- “Becoming an American: Naturalization” (class, members only, including handout)
<https://stlgs.org/education/classes/recorded-stlgs-classes>

How to prepare for the 1950 census:

- Steve Morse’s Unified Census Enumeration District Finder:
<https://stevemorse.org/census/unified.html>
- “1950 Census Release Will Offer Enhanced Digital Access, Public Collaboration Opportunity” <https://www.archives.gov/news/articles/1950-census-access>

How to search property ownership records in St. Louis:

- <https://www.slcl.org/content/microfilm-and-microfiche-location-guide>
Listing of microfilm at St. Louis County Library
- <https://www.sos.mo.gov/cmsimages/archives/resources/county/stlouiscity.pdf>
St. Louis Deeds on the Missouri State Archives website
- <https://dl.mospace.umsystem.edu/mu/islandora/object/mu%3A138981>
Sanborn Fire Maps on University of Missouri's website
- <https://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/Archives/ArchivesMvc/DeathCertificates#searchDB>
Missouri Death Certificates on Missouri Digital Heritage website
- <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/database-research.htm>
National Register of Historic Places
- <https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/planning/cultural-resources/neighborhood-histories.cfm>
"Neighborhood Histories" by Norbury L. Wayman
- <https://genealogy.mohistory.org>
Missouri History Genealogy and Local History Index on the Missouri Historical Society's Library and Research Center's website
- <https://www.umsl.edu/mercantile/research/research-guides/directories.html>
University of Missouri-St. Louis's Comprehensive List of St. Louis City Directories
- FamilySearch has a real estate index from 1810 to 1917 online at
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/219857?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

How to find information about early St. Louis schools, especially French Catholic:

The best print sources that may contain information about the village French school are as follows:

- *History of Saint Louis City and County from the Earliest Periods to the Present Day*. Thomas J. Scharf, 2 volumes, published 1883. Available St. Louis County Library, St. Louis Public Library, Missouri Historical Society Library & Research Center or search WorldCat.
- *Annals of St. Louis in Its Early Days Under French and Spanish Dominations*. Compiled by Frederic Louis Billon, published 1886. Available St. Louis County Library, St. Louis Public Library, Missouri Historical Society Library & Research Center or search WorldCat

Bishop DuBourg founded Saint Louis Academy in November 1818 in a private residence near the riverfront for sixty-five young gentlemen. The academy quickly became St. Louis University and was turned over to the Jesuits. St. Louis University moved to Washington Avenue & Ninth Street in 1829 and to its present location in 1867 and began admitting women in 1908.

- St. Louis University Archives and Digital Services, by appointment: Pius XII Memorial Library, Room 307, 3650 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri 63108, 314-977-3109 archives@slu.edu
- Jesuit Archives & Research Center, 3920 West Pine Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63108, 314-376-2440 <http://jesuitarchives.org/>

The first public school of the St. Louis Public School District opened in the city of St. Louis in 1838. Prior to that time, schools were mostly created and staffed by religious organizations.

Visitation Academy began in 1833 when Bishop Joseph Rosati invited the Sisters of the Visitation to open a school for young women in the St. Louis Diocese.

<https://www.visitationacademy.org/>

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet arrived in St. Louis in March 1836, began taking orphans into their log cabin and started a school a few months later in the Carondelet neighborhood.

In 1837 they began what has become St. Joseph's Institute for the Deaf <https://www.csjstl.org/>

- *Anything of Which a Woman is Capable: A History of the Sisters of St. Joseph in the United States*. Mary McGlone, CSJ., published 2017. Available St. Louis County Library or search WorldCat

Other repositories of information:

- Missouri Historical Society Library & Research Center, 225 S. Skinker Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri 63105, 314-746-4500 <https://mohistory.org/library>
- St. Louis Archdiocesan Archives, 20 Archbishop May Dr. St. Louis, Missouri 63119-5738, 314-792-7020 <https://www.archstl.org/archdiocesan-archives>

In addition:

History of the Archdiocese of St. Louis In Its Various Stages of Development from A.D. 1673 to A.D. 1928. John Ernest Rothensteiner, 2 volumes, published 1928. Available St. Louis County Library, St. Louis Public Library, Missouri Historical Society Library & Research Center or search WorldCat.

- <https://archive.org/details/historyofarchdio01roth> [Vol. I] online version
- <https://archive.org/details/historyofarchdio02roth/mode/2up?ref=ol&view=theater> [Vol. II] online version