St. Louis Genealogical Society’s
48th Annual Family History Conference

Proof Positive . . .
Evidence in Court Records

Saturday, 4 April 2020
Orlando Gardens
2050 Dorsett Road
Maryland Heights, Missouri 63043

Featuring
Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL
“The Legal Genealogist”

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

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Also . . .

☆ Exhibitors
☆ Prizes
☆ Raffles

Registration Booklet

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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.

48A  The Discriminating Genealogist: Telling Good Evidence from Bad  Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL
The “best evidence” rule in law requires the presentation in court of an original rather than a copy. In genealogy, our rules require us to do the same: to discriminate, choose in favor of, and prefer certain types of evidence to others, certain bits of information to others, and certain sources to others.

48B  Civil War Eyewitness  Dennis Northcott
View the Civil War through the eyes of those who witnessed this turbulent period in our nation’s history. Hear firsthand accounts of the war from the battlefield and the home front found in letters, diaries, and other documents within the Missouri Historical Society’s archival collections.

48C  Living with Legal Lingo  Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL
Every family’s records are chock full of legal lingo that can appear utterly baffling to even an experienced genealogist. But whether it’s for a famous family or one as ordinary as yours or mine, understanding the legal lingo in the records is a critical part of understanding the records themselves.

48D  What Not to Do: Six Hard Lessons in Family History Research  Jacob Eubanks and Dan Lilienkamp, JD
As more records become available from databases such as Ancestry and FamilySearch, the temptation is strong to adopt a lackadaisical approach to research. Participants will learn six hard lessons in what to do to ensure they are conducting “reasonably exhaustive research.”

48E  Life and Death at Missouri Statehood: Gleaning Genealogical Details from Frontier Inventories  John Dougan
Estate inventories tell us a lot about our ancestors. Use period records to analyze cultural trends on the Missouri frontier, review the legal framework for disposing early 19th-century estate assets, and provide inventory interpretation strategies to make them more than a list of your ancestor’s possessions.

48F  Hidden Treasures: Tips and Rewards for Researching in Manuscript Collections  Bill Eddleman, PhD
Many family historians fail to use manuscript collections in their research, either because they are unaware of them or think they are difficult to find. Discover how to locate your family in these collections and how to access the records in them.

48G  “Death by Undue Means”—Coroners’ Records  Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL
From colonial times to today, death not attributable to natural causes required investigation. Elected or appointed coroners worked with local juries to determine more about what caused each death. Find out more about coroners’ records and how to use them in genealogy.

48H  “This Indenture Made This . . .” Finding Ancestors in Deeds  Bill Eddleman, PhD
Often deed records require a deeper level of understanding to use them effectively. Learn how to locate information to document families and relationships from deeds in Missouri counties.

In early America, women were all too often the people who just weren’t there. The common law relegated women to “protected”—second-class—status and understanding how they were treated under the law provides clues to finding their identities today.

48J  Using Technology in Genealogy Research  Cathy Amen
Genealogy can be enhanced with today's technology tools. Here is an overview of software, scanners, photo-editing apps, organizational tools, and more. Find out how you can be more productive.
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 22 March 2020. 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 2:15 p.m. session.

Smoking: Orlando Gardens is a smoke-free facility.

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

FHC Registration 2020

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 27 March 2020 (Lunch not included):
• STLGS members $55.00 $_______
• Non-members $65.00 ________

After 27 March 2020 (Lunch not included):
• STLGS members $65.00 ________
• Non-members $75.00 ________

(Walk-ins on Conference Day will pay $75.00 regardless of membership.)

Additional:
• Lunch (Please make your choices below.) $10.00 $_______

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 ________
• Quarterly journal mailed (PDF free w. membership) $5.00 ________
• 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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