



St. Louis Genealogical Society

German Special Interest Group 2023



The German Special Interest Group (G-SIG) provides a forum for those interested in their German ancestry to network, study, learn about genealogical methods, and preserve their history.

Co-sponsored by St. Louis County Library, meetings this year will be held at the Oak Bend branch, 842 South Holmes Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63122. Meetings run from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., with doors opening at 6:45.

G-SIG 2023 Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, 18 January 2023 *Maps Answer German Research Questions*

Maps describe land ownership but also help answer common research questions. Learn how to use maps to find such details as where an ancestor's church was located or to determine whether U.S. friends and neighbors might have been acquainted in the old country.

Featured Speaker: Carol Whitton, CG

Wednesday, 15 March 2023 *Using Ortssippenbücher to Research Your German Ancestors*

Ortssippenbücher contain genealogical information about families in a specific town, village, or parish. Information can cover many generations of a family back to the beginning of religious records. Discover how to access and use these books for your German research.

Featured Speaker: Robin McDonough, research librarian, St. Louis County Library

Wednesday, 21 June 2023 *Who was John Gergen? Reconstructing the Life of a German-Hungarian Immigrant*

John Gergen, a German born in Hungary, died in St. Louis in 1935, having lived a working class life. Dr. Moore wrote a book on this boy after finding his schoolwork, and in detailing John's life, he discovered a rich social history of the south St. Louis neighborhoods in which John lived.

Featured Speaker: Benjamin Moore, PhD, professor emeritus, Fontbonne University

Wednesday, 20 September 2023 *Searching for Your Elusive Prussian Ancestors: A Case Study*

Prussia once controlled parts of what are now modern Germany and Poland. Gain a better understanding of historical Prussia in the pursuit of records with numerous examples and resources.

Featured Speaker: Stephen Wendt, instructor and writer

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