



St. Louis Genealogical Society

German Special Interest Group 2024



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.

The first two meetings this year will be held via Zoom; the last two will be hybrid. The June meeting will be at the StLGS office; the location of the September meeting will be announced at a later date. Meetings run from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., with doors opening at 6:45.

G-SIG 2024 Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, 17 January 2024 ***Following an Ancestor with a German Farm Name or Hofname*** **Zoom only**

Prior to the mid-1800s, parts of Germany had farm names or *Hofname*. Learn what a *Hofname* is and where in Germany to expect to find them. Identifying an ancestor with a *Hofname* requires recognizing the clues in the records and then carefully and thoroughly following them.

Featured Speaker: Carol Whitton, StLGS projects director and G-SIG leader

Wednesday, 20 March 2024 ***Breaking Through Brick Walls with the German Immigrants in American Church Records Series*** **Zoom only**

The associate editor of Dr. Roger Minert's *German Immigrants in American Church Records* books will walk us through solutions to brick walls using these valuable tools for tracing German origins.

Featured Speaker: Joseph B. Everett, AG, MLS

Wednesday, 26 June 2024 ***St. Louis German Social Organizations*** **Hybrid: StLGS office**

Many St. Louisans of German ancestry participated in social clubs and organizations. Some were fraternal/benevolent, some centered on music, athletics, literature, or specific regions in Germany. Learn more about these groups and how they offer a more well-rounded picture of our ancestors' lives.

Featured Speaker: Emily Jaycox, research librarian, Missouri Historical Society Library & Research Center

Wednesday, 18 September 2024 ***German Resources at the St. Louis County Library*** **Hybrid: Location TBA**

Explore the many resources for German research in the History & Genealogy Dept. at SLCL, including *Ortssippenbücher*, *Marxkors* books, St. Louis German church records, the Archion database, and more.

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

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