



St. Louis Genealogical Society

2023 General Meetings & Special Events

Meetings this year will be hybrid: held at several locations, as indicated, AND also livestreamed via Zoom. You can attend in-person OR virtually, via computer; however, registration is required for all livestreamed meetings. **Additional special events may be announced during the year! Watch our website for updates!**

Sat., 14 January 10:00 a.m. *Ask Louie at Your Service!* Ask Louie Team + Assistants
Virtual only; registration required.

Bring the team your questions concerning basic researching, immigration, and naturalization, Irish, German, and Jewish genealogy, technology, orphanage care in St. Louis, and many more. Our experienced genealogists will try to provide answers. Help us prepare by sending in your questions before the meeting to askLouie@stlgs.org.

Sat., 11 February 10:00 a.m. *Digging in Deeper at the Cemetery* Dan Fuller
Hybrid meeting: in person at the Grant's View branch, St. Louis County Library

Graveyards were the standard before the rural movement took cemeteries outside city limits and embraced the natural environment. Today, cemeteries are not only focused on the death of an individual, they are focused on when that individual arrived at the cemetery. Use of receiving tombs and the difference between public lots/private lots can give more details concerning one's search than some realize. Iconography can also play a key role in pointing to important elements in an ancestor's life.

Sat., 11 March 10:00 a.m. *A Treasured Past—Genealogy and Local History at the St. Louis Public Library* Jacob Baker
Hybrid meeting: in person at the StLGS office

Manager of the genealogy department, Jacob Baker, will be providing information about the genealogical collection, along with a short introduction to the Special Collections department at the main branch of the St. Louis Public Library.

Sat., 8 April 10:00 a.m. *Veterans' Records at the National Archives at St. Louis: Understanding the 1973 NPRC Fire and its Impact on Research* Eric Kilgore
Hybrid meeting: in person at the StLGS office

The National Archives at St. Louis is home to the largest repository of government records outside of Washington, D.C., including the official Military Personnel Files (OMPFs) of veterans who served during the last century. However, the aftermath of the catastrophic fire that occurred in 1973 presents a variety of challenges for researchers. We will examine the fire and the losses and myths surrounding it, as well as explore alternative records for learning more about the twentieth-century veterans in your family.

Sat., 6 May Annual Family History Conference: *What's Waiting Out There for You?*
Featuring nationally known speaker, Judy Russell, plus four additional presenters
Full-day conference, Maryland Heights Community Center; watch for more information. Pre-registration required.

(Please turn over for the rest of this year's exciting programs!)



Sat., 10 June 10:00 a.m. *Using the St. Charles County Historical Society Website as Your Gateway to St. Charles County History* Greg Hilton

Hybrid meeting: in person at the StLGS office

Did you know that St. Charles was Missouri's first capital city? That Daniel Boone and Lewis and Clark have ties to the city? The history of St. Charles goes back hundreds of years, and the society's website may help you discover your own ancestors' stories. Through examples of his personal research, Greg Hilton, member of the SCCHS, will show how using the society's website can point you to some amazing original records.

Sat., 8 July 10:00 a.m. *Safety Online* StLGS Technology Team
Hybrid meeting: in-person at the Thornhill branch, St. Louis County Library

There are definite steps and procedures you can implement to have a safer experience when using your computer and smart/mobile phone. This presentation will explore email safeguards, internet browsing, texting, protecting personal information, password management, and software suggestions.

Sat., 12 August 10:00 a.m. *The Battle of St. Louis During the American Revolution* Judy Belford

Hybrid meeting: in person at the Thornhill branch, St. Louis County Library

Over the years a number of books and articles have been written about the bloody attack on St. Louis during the American Revolution, but most people today are surprised about that part of our history. This talk will share the story.

Sat., 9 September 10:00 a.m. *Using the Periodical Source Index (PERSI)* Robin McDonough

Hybrid meeting: in person at the Thornhill branch, St. Louis County Library

The Periodical Source Index (PERSI), produced by the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center in Indiana, is the largest subject index to genealogy and local history periodical articles in the world. Learn how to use this index and access articles about your ancestors.

Sat., 14 October 10:00 a.m. *Historic Webster Groves Families and Their Ties to the St. Louis Community* Steve Schoenbeck

Hybrid meeting: in person at the Grant's View branch, St. Louis County Library

As you drive the streets of Webster Groves, Missouri, you see the names of Swon, Lockwood, Hawken, Gore, and Marshall. Did you know these were all prominent families who helped create this historic city? Join Stephen Schoenbeck of the Webster Groves Historical Society as he introduces us to these early St. Louis County residents and shares some of the resources of the society's archives that you might find useful in your own research.

Sun., 15 October to Sun., 22 October Annual Research Trip to Salt Lake City
One week of research at the Family History Library, the world's largest genealogy library!
Watch for more information. Pre-registration required.

Sat., 11 November 10:00 a.m. *How to Create a Family History Blog or Website* Ellen Mays
Hybrid meeting: in person at the Grant's View branch, St. Louis County Library

Join us as research librarian, Ellen Mays, illustrates how to create a family history blog or website utilizing free blogging and website platforms.

No meeting in December. Enjoy the holidays as we prepare for 2024!



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