



St. Louis Genealogical Society

2025 General Meetings & Special Events

StLGS monthly meetings will be hybrid: held at the Clark Family branch of the St. Louis County Library AND also livestreamed via Zoom. **The January meeting is via Zoom only.**

You can attend in-person OR virtually; however, registration is required for all livestreamed meetings.

Additional special events may be announced during the year! Watch our website for updates!

Sat., 11 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., 8 February 10:00 a.m. *Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Genealogy* Jim Ross
Hybrid meeting: in person at the Clark Family Branch, St. Louis County Library

Everybody is talking about AI. What is it? Should I be scared? Will it help me find my great-grandmother's maiden name? Join us for an introduction to Artificial Intelligence and learn how you can use it to help with your family tree. See real-life examples of how even a beginner can enhance their research with some simple techniques. You will walk away with the confidence to try it for yourself.

Sat., 8 March 10:00 a.m. *Exploring the Clark Family Branch Memory Lab* Brent Trout
Hybrid meeting: in person at the Clark Family Branch, St. Louis County Library

Learn about the Emerson History & Genealogy Center's Memory Lab, which includes a personal history studio and multiple digitization stations. Discover what items can be digitized, the output formats available, how to make an appointment to preserve your own memories, and more!

Sat., 22 March 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. StLGS Open House
Everyone is invited to visit our office, learn more about our website, shop our book sales/Trading Post offerings, meet our SIG leaders, and discover volunteer opportunities.

More information will be on our website and announced in social media. Stay tuned!

Sat., 12 April 10:00 a.m. *Widowhood in French St. Louis* Sharon Person
Hybrid meeting: in person at the Clark Family Branch, St. Louis County Library

Early St. Louis residents were bound by French law, and regulation of inheritance and property especially affected widowed women. The story of two widows, one of whom remarried and one who did not, will be our focus for this meeting using French and Spanish archival manuscripts, the 1776 St. Louis census, and religious records.

Sat., 3 May Annual Family History Conference: *AI and DNA: Tools to Unlock the Past*
Featuring nationally known speaker, Steve Little, and four local presenters
Full-day conference, in-person and via Zoom
Maryland Heights Community Center; watch for more information. Pre-registration required.

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



Sat., 14 June 10:00 a.m. *Special Places in St. Louis* Chris Naffziger
Hybrid meeting: in person at the Clark Family branch, St. Louis County Library

St. Louis is a special place for a variety of reasons, including its mixture of monuments, churches, streets, and locations. They all have a unique character and historical importance in the history of the city. Come learn about these one-of-a-kind St. Louis places!

Sat., 12 July 10:00 a.m. *Refreshing Your Family History Research* Carol Whitton
Hybrid meeting: in person at the Clark Family Branch, St. Louis County Library

Are you just starting family history? Or are you confused, disorganized, or frustrated? We now use more online records, but is there a best-use method? How do we find additional records? Let's refocus on the basics and adapt to our ever-changing circumstances.

Sat., 9 August 10:00 a.m. *Lesser-Known Genealogical Resources at the National Archives* Nancy Schuster
Hybrid meeting: in person at the Clark Family branch, St. Louis County Library

Genealogy researchers frequently use some of the largest and most important holdings of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), including the census records and military personnel files. This presentation will describe some other NARA resources, including information about other record collections and some online resources that can prove useful in family history research.

Sat., 13 September 10:00 a.m. *What Did They Die From?* Ilene Murray
Hybrid meeting: in person at the Clark Family branch, St. Louis County Library

Most of us have used death records of one kind or another, but sometimes what we see on them is baffling. Vague causes of death were labels for what we now know are serious medical conditions. Join us as we explore some of the illnesses our ancestors suffered and how the "cures" may have made bad situations worse!

Sun., 5 Oct. to Sun., 12 Oct. Annual Research Trip to Salt Lake City
One week of research at the FamilySearch Library, the world's largest genealogy library!
Watch for more information. Pre-registration required.

Sat., 11 October 10:00 a.m. *Genealogy Resources at St. Louis Public Library* Preston Petermeier
Hybrid meeting: in person at the Clark Family branch, St. Louis County Library

Join Preston Petermeier, genealogy librarian at St. Louis Public Library (SLPL), as he gives an in-depth overview of the genealogical resources available at the downtown branch. Some of these records are unique and cannot be found anywhere else—making them incredibly valuable for researchers. In addition, Preston will also share how to utilize SLPL's award-winning obituary index, which includes more than a million entries!

Sat., 8 November 10:00 a.m. *The Cholera Epidemic in St. Louis and the Effects it Had on Immigrants* Lauren Rhodes
Hybrid meeting: in person at the Clark Family branch, St. Louis County Library

The year 1849 saw a cholera epidemic sweep up the Mississippi River and take the lives of nearly five thousand St. Louisans, one-tenth of the city's population. This presentation will examine the factors that contributed to the epidemic and its impact on the city's immigrant population.

No meeting in December. Enjoy the holidays as we prepare for 2026!



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