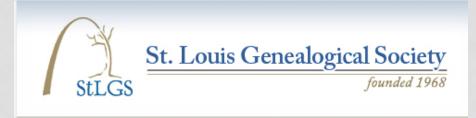


JUST SCRATCHING THE SURFACE...

- New databases coming online all the time
- STL is working to digitize its **vital records**; using fidlar.com as a vendor—still minimal at this time, doesn't work well with Mac
- St. Louis University (Jesuit) houses the **Jesuit Archives** for the Midwest and has impressive digital holdings
- Washington University has a wonderful digital collection of Freedom Suit records, helpful for African American genealogy
- St. Louis Probate Records (via Ancestry.com) are great, but they are filed by settlement date rather than death date

ST. LOUIS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

- stlgs.org (also on Facebook)
- Lots of helpful folks
- · Has subgroups: German, Irish, Jewish



NEWSPAPERS.COM

- Missouri Republican (the oldest)
- Westliche Post (prominent German paper)
- Post-Dispatch (requires enhanced membership)
- Globe-Democrat
- Star-Times



DROUIN COLLECTION

- Awesome digitization of old French church records in Canada and early French settlements in the U.S.
 —like St. Louis!
- About 228K records from 1695-1954 from 11 states
- Only available through pay sites
- Ancestry.com or Familysearch.org are good entry points
- Drouin Institute of Quebec:
 - https://www.genealogiequebec.com/en/

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

- Archstl.org
- Catholic Cemeteries of St. Louis has a great database
- https://awaittheblessedhope.org



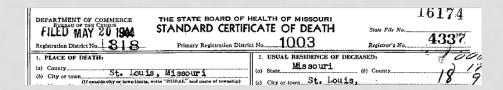
MISSOURI DIGITAL HERITAGE

- Missouri Secretary of State's Office in conjunction with the state archives and state library
- Unwieldy in my opinion; lots of tangents
- www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/



MISSOURI DEATH CERTIFICATES

- An arm of the Digital Heritage project
- Excellent database of PDF images
- Death Certificates 1910-1971, with 1972 being released soon
- s1.sos.mo.gov/Records/Archives/ArchivesMvc/



CITY DIRECTORIES

- The St. Louis Mercantile Library
- Enter through "UMSL Digital Library"
- umsl.edu/mercantile/research/research-guides/ directories.html
- Affiliated with the Digital Heritage



HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

- Missouri Historical Society (mohistory.org)
 - Focuses on STL History
 - Missouri History Museum
 - Lots of helpful staff
- State Historical Society of Missouri (shsmo.org)
 - Focuses on statewide history
 - Affiliated with the Digital Heritage project





A QUIRK OF STL HISTORY...

- St. Louis (the city) is not part of St. Louis (the county)
- City and suburbs have been separated since 1876
- Like Cincinnati, STL is a river city whose suburbs spill over into the neighboring state, so "East St. Louis" is in Illinois
- I find it more efficient when searching, say, findagrave.com or ancestry.com to simply enter "Missouri" rather than "St. Louis" or "Saint Louis"

THE END!

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