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# *Researching St. Louis Germans in the Civil War*

## OBJECTIVES

• Understand the history of the beginning of the Civil War in St. Louis and the impact of German immigrants

• Discover ways to identify and research German soldiers using a case study

## HISTORY

• Missouri settlers

• Missouri in 1860

• St. Louis Germans

• War begins

• Infantry Missouri Volunteers/Reserves or Home Guard

• The Camp Jackson Affair

• War in Missouri

• Importance of German participation

## FREDERICK SCHUERMANN: THE IMMIGRANT

• Name variations

• Census, marriage, etc.

• Civil War clue: Pension Index Card

## FREDERICK SCHUERMANN: THE SOLDIER

• Regiment information

• Online resources

   •Fold3

   •Missouri Digital Heritage Soldiers' Records: War of 1812 - World War I

   •National Park Service  Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Database

• Print materials

   •The Union Cause in St. Louis in 1861 (977.866 R762U) & online

   •Civil War Records by Kenneth Weant (R 973.7478 W36C)

   •Missouri Civil War Engagements 1861-1865 (R 973.73 B283M)

   •A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion (R 973.7 D996C) & online

   •Supplement to the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies (R 973.7 S959)

   •The Civil War in St. Louis: A Guided Tour (973.7 W787C)

• Other sources

   •Maps

   •Memoirs/letters/diaries

   •Unit histories

   •County histories

   •Grand Army of the Republic

## FREDERICK SCHUERMANN: AFTER THE WAR

• Death, obituary, etc.

• Widow's Pension

• FamilySearch

## H & G PASTPORTS ARTICLES

• July, 2019 "St. Louis Germans and the Civil War in Missouri"

• October, 2018  "Civil War Research Brings Ancestors to Life"

## LANDMARKS

• St. Louis Arsenal

• Lyon Park

• Frank Blair statue

• Franz Sigel statue

• Berthold Mansion

• Camp Jackson

## CONCLUSION

• Germans were an important part of the Civil War in St. Louis

• Great resources available to find out if your ancestor was involved

• Frederick Schuermann's story recap

• Good luck!



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