

St. Louis Genealogical Society's
54th Annual Family History Conference!

A Genealogical Journey Through Missouri History

Saturday, 18 April 2026

Maryland Heights Community Center
2300 McKelvey Road
Maryland Heights, Missouri 63043



**Featuring the Missouri State Archives—
John Dougan and Christina Miller**

Missouri State Archivist

Reference Services Director

Plus . . .

Andrew Hahn, Ilene Murray, and Carol Whitton

Registration Booklet



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Program

9:00 a.m.	Doors open for pickup of registration materials. Exhibitor area opens.	
9:45 a.m.	Announcements	
Millennium (Main) Room		
10:00–11:00 a.m.	54A: Migrating West to Missouri Carol Whitton	
11:00–11:15 a.m.	Break and Exhibitor Browsing	
11:15–12:15 p.m.	54B: Moving Through—Moving On John Dougan	
12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m.	Lunch and Exhibitor Browsing	
	Millennium (Main) Room	Infinity Room (Upstairs)
1:15–2:15 p.m.	54C Using County Court Record Books and Associated Records for Genealogy Christina Miller	54D Research Like a Pro Ilene Murray
2:15–2:30 p.m.	Break and Exhibitor Browsing—Exhibitors close at 2:30!	
2:30–3:30 p.m.	54E Mapping St. Louis: A History of the Gateway City in Rare Maps Andrew Hahn	54F Introduction to the Missouri State Archives Christina Miller

Biographical information on all the speakers is available online at <https://stlgs.org/>.

Program Sessions

See the previous page for exact times and rooms for each session.

54A *Migrating West to Missouri*

Carol Whitton

The geography of the terrain our ancestors traveled as they migrated to the west greatly affected their progress. Learn about the routes they followed from eastern U.S. colonies, trekking on trails that became early roads, floating on rivers, canals, and the Great Lakes. Discover techniques and sources for locating an ancestor as they migrated.

54B *Moving Through—Moving On*

John Dougan

As the Gateway to the West and a gateway from the East, Missouri's rivers, trails, railroads and roads funneled ancestors to, through, and from Missouri. Knowing details about these paths will aid your research and often give clues to many of the unknown whys in our research

54C *Using County Court Record Books and Associated Records for Genealogy*

Christina Miller

County Court Records are the official proceedings/minutes of the county court (now county commission). While much of the content appears to be the mundane actions taken on all county business, their orders and payments also document a wide variety of government assistance, all of which can add details to your family story, even documenting residence in non-census years.

54D *Research Like a Pro!*

Ilene Murray

Whether you have been working on your family history for one year or thirty, sometimes it is good to take a long, hard look at what you have. Pick up some pointers on analyzing basic records, looking carefully at genealogy websites, and reviewing basic research techniques.

54E *Mapping St. Louis: A History of the Gateway City in Rare Maps*

Andrew Hahn

Maps were just as important in the past as they are today. They not only helped you navigate the world, but they also guided future plans and dreams. Maps help us chart the growth of the city from its founding in the 1760s to the present day.

54F *Introduction to the Missouri State Archives*

Christina Miller

As the official repository for state government records, the Missouri State Archives holds an abundance of genealogical resources. This session will provide you with an overview of the records available for research at the archives, as well as provide information on how to do distance research at the archives by using online databases or submitting a research request.

General Information:

Food: For those who want to eat out, restaurants are available within a short distance from the facility. You may also bring your own lunch, if you prefer. The Maryland Heights Community Center has a **NO-GLASS CONTAINER** policy. Coffee and tea will be available free throughout the day, and doughnuts will be available for sale.

Handicap Accessibility: The facility is handicapped accessible; elevators are available for those who need them.

Parking: Parking is free. **However, if you need handicapped parking, consider arriving early.**

Cancellation Policy: *Because all registrants will receive access to the digital recordings, there will be no refunds. If you are unable to attend in person, you can still view the lectures and download the PDF of the syllabus.*

Registration: The registration table in the Exhibitor Area adjoining the Millennium Room will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on the conference day. Participants should stop at the table to pick up all registration materials.

Exhibits: StLGS and some local repositories will have displays and genealogical products to examine and purchase. Cash, check, and credit cards (Visa, MasterCard & Discover) are accepted.

The **Exhibitor Area** is a perfect place to discover books and other genealogical products. Take time to browse, buy, and chat with others. **Please note: this area will close at the start of the 2:30 p.m. session.**

Smoking: Maryland Heights Community Center is a smoke-free facility.

Photographs: Photographs of lecturers as they speak **or of their slides** is prohibited; however, StLGS volunteers will be taking photos for publicity. If you do not wish to be photographed, please inform the photographer.

FHC Registration 2026

Registration is also available on our website <https://stlgs.org>.

Use a separate form for each person.

Please **print or type** your name as you would like it to appear on your name tag.

I plan to attend (Choose ONE): ☐ In person ☐ Via Zoom

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Email (Required for access to the recordings):

Conference Fees:

On or before 4 April 2026 (Lunch not included):

- StLGS members \$65.00 \$ _____
- Non-members \$75.00 \$ _____

5 April 2026 and after (Lunch **not** included):

- StLGS members \$75.00 \$ _____
- Non-members \$85.00 \$ _____

(Walk-ins on Conference Day will pay \$85.00 regardless of membership.)

Additional and optional for in-person attendees:

- Lunch (Please make your choices below.) \$15.00 \$ _____

St. Louis Genealogical Society Membership:

- Individual ☐ New ☐ Renew \$40.00 \$ _____
- Family ☐ New ☐ Renew \$45.00 \$ _____
- Youth (age 25 or less) ☐ New ☐ Renew \$25.00 \$ _____
- Friend of the Society ☐ New ☐ Renew \$100.00 \$ _____
- Life Member \$600.00 \$ _____
- Donation to StLGS (tax-deductible) \$ _____
- Total** \$ _____

Form of Payment:

☐ Check/Money Order (Payable to St. Louis Genealogical Society)

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date (Month/Year) _____

3-Digit Security Code (last 3 numbers on back of card, **REQUIRED**) _____

Lunch Planning

Purchased lunches will be supplied by McAllister's Deli. If you are buying lunch, please select **one** from the first line, and then let us know if you need anything on line two.

- Sandwich **or** salad: ☐ Ham ☐ Turkey ☐ Roast beef ☐ Salad
- Do you need: ☐ Gluten free? ☐ Dairy free? ☐ Vegetarian?

Additional Information

There is limited handicapped parking for those with valid disabled placards or plates; space is NOT guaranteed.

☐ Do you have other special needs? Please specify: _____

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