



St. Louis Genealogical Society

German Special Interest Group 2025



The German Special Interest Group (G-SIG) provides a forum for those interested in their German ancestry to network, study, learn about genealogical methods, and preserve their history.

All meetings for 2025 will be hybrid. You can attend in-person at the StLGS office (address below) or via Zoom. (Online registration required) Meetings run from 1 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Central time)

G-SIG 2025 Meeting Schedule

Saturday, 25 January 2025

Unlocking Your German Roots: How a Professional Genealogist in Germany Can Help

With many records only accessible in German archives and often written in old scripts, a local expert can provide invaluable assistance. From understanding regional history to navigating complex archival systems, working with a professional saves time, money, and effort while increasing the likelihood of uncovering family stories. Learn how to find a reputable genealogist in Germany, what to expect during the process, and the qualifications to look for in a genealogist.

Featured Speaker: Andrea Bentschneider, professional German genealogist

Saturday, 15 March 2025

Refreshing Your German Research

Do you need to refocus your German research or are you just beginning? We now use more online records, but how can we make better use of these? Where should we look for additional records? Let's remember the basics so we can move forward successfully.

Featured Speaker: Carol Whitton, G-SIG leader and StLGS Projects Director

Saturday, 21 June 2025

Status Designation in German Church Records: A Mirror of Local Society

German church records contain detailed information about individuals' social statuses, such as citizen, inhabitant, neighbor, and more. But what exactly do these terms mean, and why was status so significant? Let's explore the importance of these designations and their implications for understanding historical context.

Featured Speaker: Ute Brandenburg, professional genealogist

Saturday, 20 September 2025 ***St. Louis Freie Gemeinde***

Explore the German *Freie Gemeinde*, or "freethinkers" in St. Louis. Learn their history, beliefs, activities, and where to find records if you have an ancestor who may have been a member.

Featured Speaker: Robin McDonough, research librarian, St. Louis County Library

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