

Finding Grandma? Researching the women in your family

St. Louis Genealogical Society Class 2022

Research Strategies:

- Work from the present to the past, one generation at a time
- Create a timeline for each woman recording dates, location & sources for each life event
- Search records for specific events in specific locations
- Critically view family trees and family histories and their sources of information
- Consider autosomal and mitochondrial DNA testing

Records of others that name women

- Family & County Histories
- Deeds and Land Records
 - Dower Rights
- Revolutionary War & Civil War Pensions
- Wills & Probates; Guardianships
- Obituaries

Records created about women

- Church & Vital Records
- Legal Records
- Census & mortality Schedules
- Insanity Court Cases & Mental Institutions
- Social Security Applications
- Wills & Probates; Guardianships
- Obituaries & Cemeteries

Records created by women

- Letters, Diaries & Journals
- Family Bibles
- Family Stories & Histories

Immigration & Migration

- Passenger Lists
- Naturalization

Favorite Online Research Sources

Genealogical & Historical Societies & Libraries

- St. Louis Missouri Historical Society: <https://mohistory.org/library>
- St. Louis Genealogical Society: <https://stlgs.org/>
- St. Louis County Library, History & Genealogy Department: <https://www.slcl.org/genealogy>
- Allen County Library: <https://acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy>
- Midwest Genealogy Center (Mid-Continent Library): <https://acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy>

Local, State & National Archives

- Missouri Digital Heritage: <https://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/>
- Illinois State Archives: <https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/home.html>

Cemeteries

- Find a Grave: <https://www.findagrave.com/>
- Billion graves: <https://billiongraves.com/>

Published Family Histories

- World catalog: <https://www.worldcat.org/>
- Hathi Trust Digital Library: <https://www.hathitrust.org/>
- Heritage Quest (through St. Louis County Library)

Newspapers

- Library of Congress: <https://www.loc.gov/>
- Newspapers: <https://www.newspapers.com/>
- Genealogy Bank: <https://www.genealogybank.com/>
- Newspaper Archive: <https://newspaperarchive.com/>

Family Search: <https://www.familysearch.org/>

Daughters of the American Revolution Genealogical Research System:
https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/default.cfm?tab_id=0

Southern Campaigns Revolutionary War Pension Statements & Rosters:
<https://revwarapps.org/>

Researching Your Patriot Ancestor: <http://www.learnwebskills.com/patriot/>
Fold3: <https://www.fold3.com/>

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services: <https://www.uscis.gov/>

DNA Testing

- Ancestry: <https://www.ancestry.com/>
- Family Tree DNA: <https://www.familytreedna.com/>
- 23 & Me: <https://www.23andme.com/>
- GEDmatch: <https://www.gedmatch.com/>

Judy Russell: <https://www.legalgenealogist.com/>