

St. Louis Genealogical Society's  
52nd Annual Family History Conference!

# Successfully Navigating Websites for Your Genealogy

**Saturday, 4 May 2024**

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



## Featuring

**David Rencher**, AG<sup>®</sup>, CG<sup>®</sup>, FUGA, FIGRS

Chief Genealogical Officer for *FamilySearch*

**PLUS**

**Four** experienced regional speakers

**AND**

Local exhibitors

## Registration Booklet



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# Program

9:30 a.m.	Doors open for pickup of registration materials. Exhibitor area opens.	
9:50 a.m.	Announcements	
	<b>Millennium (Main) Room</b>	<b>Infinity (2nd Floor) Room</b>
10:00–11:00 a.m.	<b>52A</b> <b>What's New at <i>FamilySearch</i> and the FamilySearch Library?</b>  David Rencher	<b>52B</b> <b>Genealogy and Local History Research at Your New St. Louis County Library Clark Family Branch</b>  Brent Trout
11:00–11:15 a.m.	<b>Break and Exhibitor Browsing</b>	
11:15–12:15 p.m.	<b>52C</b> <b>Using the <i>FamilySearch</i> Catalog and the <i>FamilySearch</i> Library Catalog</b>  David Rencher	<b>52D</b> <b>Researching Family and Local History in the State Historical Society of Missouri's Digital Collections</b>  Heather Richmond
12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m.	<b>Lunch and Exhibitor Browsing</b>	
1:15–2:15 p.m.	<b>52E</b> <b>Worldwide Record Gathering at <i>FamilySearch</i></b>  David Rencher	<b>52F</b> <b>Use the News: Research with the Missouri Digital Newspaper Project</b>  Katelyn "Katie" Ziegler
2:15–2:30 p.m.	<b>Break and Exhibitor Browsing—Exhibitors close at 2:30!</b>	
2:30–3:30 p.m.	<b>52G</b> <b>Using Irish Internet Resources</b>  David Rencher	<b>52H</b> <b>Hidden Treasures on the St. Louis Genealogical Society Website</b>  Jim Ross

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.

## **52A *What's New at FamilySearch and the FamilySearch Library?*** David Rencher

This session will update you on the continued improvements to the *FamilySearch* website and the FamilySearch Library. Plan to be surprised when you return to the FamilySearch Library!

## **52B *Genealogy and Local History Research at Your New St. Louis County Library Clark Family Branch*** Brent Trout

The St. Louis County Library's History & Genealogy Department is scheduled to reopen very soon. Department Manager Brent Trout will provide insights into the revamped facilities, expanded resources, enhanced services, and diverse offerings in the new Clark Family branch.

## **52C *Using the FamilySearch Catalog and the FamilySearch Library Catalog***

David Rencher

*FamilySearch* is developing a new catalog, and in the interim, there are two versions of it. This talk will detail how to use both versions of the catalog to find what you need.

## **52D *Researching Family and Local History in the State Historical Society of Missouri's Digital Collections***

Heather Richmond

The State Historical Society of Missouri's robust digitization program provides online access to photographs, maps, letters, and manuscripts. Senior archivist Heather Richmond will offer tips on navigating the website, including advanced searching, browsing, and printing options.

## **52E *Worldwide Record Gathering at FamilySearch***

David Rencher

*FamilySearch* continues to gather records worldwide. Understanding the strategies and limitations of gathering these records will help you plan your research and help fill in the gaps in records you seek.

## **52F *Use the News: Research with the Missouri Digital Newspaper Project***

Katelyn "Katie" Ziegler

The State Historical Society of Missouri has been digitizing select Missouri newspapers since 2008. Newspaper librarian Katie Ziegler will discuss how to access and make the most of this free database, which currently consists of more than 11.6 million pages.

## **52G *Using Irish Internet Resources***

David Rencher

The internet has created an explosion in Irish genealogical research. This talk introduces the host of established internet sites and some of the newest ones for conducting Irish research.

## **52H *Hidden Treasures on the St. Louis Genealogical Society Website*** Jim Ross

With more than 1,600 pages, about seven million searchable names, one-of-a-kind interactive maps, and many additional resources, the StLGS website is a must-visit for those researching St. Louis ancestors. Take a tour of the site with one of the webmasters to see the highlights.

## 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 Millennium Room will be open from 9:30 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 2024

Registration for 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):  
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### Conference Fees:

On or before 16 April 2024 (Lunch not included):

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

17 April 2024 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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