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The Jefferson County Library Special Collection at the Northwest Branch supports two major areas: Genealogy and Local History. The extensive genealogy collection supports genealogical research in Missouri as well as other states. Materials available include genealogy books, maps, CDs, microfilm, and photographs of Jefferson County and its people.

The Northwest Branch is located at the corner of Highway 30 & State Rd PP in High Ridge. The mailing address is 5680 State Road PP, High Ridge, MO 63049.

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## Websites

### **Pennsylvania State Archives**

<http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/landrec.htm>

The Pennsylvania State Archives has included over 250,000 images of land records on their website. These images include, the Warrant Registers from 1684 – ca. 1957; Patent Indexes, 1684 - 1957 and much more.

### **Tennessee State Library and Archives**

<http://state.tn.us/tsla/history/index.htm>

The Tennessee State Library and Archives provides online indexes and finding aids, including a Statewide Index to Tennessee Death Records, 1914-1921; The Nashville Obituaries and Death Notices for 1913; and the Davidson County Death Records 1900-1913.

## **Archives Announces Initial Release of Military Personnel Files**

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has announced it will open for the first time all of the individual Official Military Personnel files (OMPFs) of Army, Army Air Corps, Army Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Military Personnel who served and were discharged, retired or died while in the service, prior to 1946.

Collectively, these files comprise more than six million records. This is the second step in the progressive opening of the entire paper and microfiche OMPF collection of over 57 million individual files. Additional military personnel records will be made available to the public each year through 2067 until the entire collection is opened.

To view an original record, individuals may visit the NPRC Archival Research Room in St. Louis, MO. Research room hours are 10 am to 4 pm Central Time Tuesday through Friday. Visitors are strongly encouraged to call ahead (314-801-0850) to make reservations. The National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records (NPRC-MPR) is the repository of millions of military personnel, health, and medical records of discharged and deceased veterans of all services during the 20<sup>th</sup> century (Records prior to WWI are in Washington, DC) NPRC (MPR) also stores medical treatment records of retirees from all services, as well as records for dependent and other persons treated at naval medical facilities.

~ Press Release of the NARA Public Affairs Office, 10/2007



## **New Additions to the Special Collection**

### **General**

GR 929.1 DAUGHTER

*DAR Patriotic Index Centennial Edition, Part I, II, III*

GR 016.9415 RYAN

*Irish Records: Sources for Family and Local History* by James G. Ryan

GR 027.6709 LIBRARY

*The Library: A Guide to the LDS Family History Library*

GR 973.0431 WELLAUER

*German Immigration to America in the Nineteenth Century: A Genealogist's Guide* by Maralyn A. Wellauer

GR 929.374 SPEAR

*Search for the Passengers of the Mary & John 1630, Vol. 17* by Burton W. Spear

GR 929.4094 MINERT

*Spelling Variations in German Names* by Roger P. Minert

GR 016.943 WELLAUER

*Record Keeping and Archives in West Germany* by Maralyn A. Wellauer

**St. Louis City**

GR 977.865 COSTANTI

*Sidestreets St. Louis* by M. M. Costantin

GR 977.866 QUIGLEY

*St. Louis, A Fond Look Back* by Martin Quigley

GR 977.865 PARKIN

*The Revolution in the Environs of St. Louis* by Robert E. Parkin

GR 977.866 RADLOFF

*Your Ancestor a River Captain?* By Herman Radloff, et al

GR 069.9 FLAVIN

*Mounds to Mansions: Historical Sites of the St. Louis region* by Frances I. Flavin

GR 977.866 KAMPHOEF

*Lafayette Comes Back* by Ruth Kamphoefner

GR 977.8092 PORTRAIT

*Prominent St. Louisans*

**St. Louis County, MO**

GR 977.865 IN

*In Retrospect II: Webster Groves, Missouri*



**Upcoming Genealogy Presentations**

**November**

**Writing to the Courthouse-** The Jefferson County Library System is pleased to present their first OPAL meeting for our patrons. OPAL is an effort by libraries to provide web-based programs to library users by holding live events in online rooms where participants can interact via voice-over-IP, text chatting, etc. At this time, the event will take place simultaneously at the Northwest Branch, Arnold and Windsor branches. The class will be conducted on Wednesday, **November 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.** The same program will be repeated on **November 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:00p.m.** In the presentation, one will discover what type of genealogical information can be found in a courthouse and how to

effectively write to distant institutions to obtain key documents on your ancestors. Space is limited. So registration is required. Contact the branch you wish to attend to register. Arnold phone number is 636-296-2204; Northwest 636-677-8186; and Windsor is 636-461-1914.

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