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March 2016 Newsletter

March Program

Steve Claggett with the Washington Historical Society will be coming to share about his new books, *The Germans: Their Arrival, Settlement, and Contributions* and *Followers of Duden: The Lives of Friedrich Muench, Paul Follenius and Frederick Steines*. Steve presented at our April 2014 meeting on another book, *Ralph*, and we are looking forward to another great presentation. For more information on these books and the Washington Historical Society, go to www.washmohistorical.org/books.

March Program

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

7:00 p.m.

WHS Meeting Hall

18750 Highway 100

Wildwood, MO 63069

Upcoming Programs

April 19 at 7:00 p.m. – Elizabeth Terry (who visited the Society in March 2015 to present about her book *Oysters to Angus*), John Wright, and Patrick McCarthy will discuss their new book, *Ethnic St. Louis*.

May 28 at 7:00 p.m. – This **Saturday program at Babler State Park Visitor Center** will feature historic communities near the park, including Monarch, Centaur, Kelpe, and Orrville.

*Happy Daylight Saving Time (March 13), St. Patrick's Day (March 17),
First Day of Spring (March 20), and Easter (March 27)!*

**St. Louis Regional
Historical Societies
Bi-Annual Meeting**

April 17, 2016 1pm-3:30pm
Please Join us at:

*The Shrine of St. Ferdinand
1 Rue St Francois,
Florissant, MO 63031*

**Please RSVP at
schs.webmanager@gmail.com or 314-918-1617**

Light refreshments will be served as we discuss and share ideas for collaboration and resource sharing

The first hour of the program will be open for touring the historic site and meeting with fellow attendees.

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Guten Tag!

Join your fellow German genealogists at an all-day genealogy seminar, German Genealogy Research: Beyond the Basics. The seminar will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016, in the Auditorium at the St. Louis Public Library Central Branch in downtown St. Louis. Our guest speaker will be the noted speaker and author, Dr. Roger Minert, Ph.D, A.G. The day will start with the opening of registration at 8:30 am, and the first program starting at 9:00 am. There will be four programs offered during the day:

- Cemeteries in Central Europe
- Deciphering Handwriting in German Documents
- Communicating with Agencies and Individuals in Europe
- German Census Records

It will be a fun day of learning about German genealogy.

For those of you who have heard Dr. Minert speak, we are sure you will be the first to register for this special genealogy day. For those who have not heard him speak, we suggest you visit his website:

www.rogerpminert.com. He will be selling his books. Personal checks accepted.

To learn more about other St. Louis German cultural organizations, representatives will be on hand to provide information about their organizations.

The seminar is FREE and open to the public. Advanced registration is required. Space is limited. Lunches can be pre-ordered from Urban Eats Café located on the Atrium level in Central Library at go.urbaneatscafe.com/Box-Lunch.html. You may also make other personal choices for how to have lunch.

To register, call Central Library's Genealogy Room at 314-539-0385 or see the Calendar of Events: www.slpl.org/events/calendar.asp.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who have joined or renewed their membership to the Society! We really appreciate your support and help in preserving the history of our area. We are waiting on our treasurer to send us a complete membership list, which we hope to publish in a future newsletter. Again, thank you for your support and please join us for meetings and other upcoming events if you are available!



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Peek Into Our Past

The *Watchman* county newspaper published news from towns in our area in the late 1800s. Enjoy this month's "Peek Into Our Past."

3/9/1888 – The weather is changeable and variable to a most astonishing degree, the thermometer being way up in the sixties Wednesday and Thursday of last week, and the little froggies pipeing in the ponds, and to-day at freezing point and snowing. Wheat, however, notwithstanding the severe freezes and thaws, looks quite promising in this vicinity. It is said not to look quite so well south of here on Manchester road, owing presumably to the causes above stated, and the greater exposure to the northwest winds, as that locality is high and hilly, which gives the cold winds a fair sweep over their north slope and along their summits.

3/13/1891 – The celebration of the eighth anniversary of D. N. Keeler Post, G. A. R., which took place on the 8th inst., at Melrose, was a grand success. The attendance was large; speech-making and singing and a fine lunch were the special features.

3/6/1896 – Mr. Thos. Schaeffer, while on his way home from the raffle at Bellefontaine, at Hoch's hall, fell asleep. Likewise, all his three or four girls fell asleep. When he reached Gumbo Station he should have turned west, but his horses turned and went up Gravel Hill. I guess the team had been in the habit of going that way, and thought it was right. About two or three miles on the wrong road he met his brother, who waked them up and asked "Where go ye?" He helped them to turn around, and by good driving and all staying awake they got home in time for dinner.

WHS Membership Information

WHS memberships are due on a calendar-year basis and run through December 31, 2016. Thanks for your support!

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