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Genealogical Research Library

Newsletter

Fall Edition 2025

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Check out our upcoming programming!

We have exciting new content as well as in-person events for October, November, and December that you won't want to miss.

About the SAR Genealogical Research Library...

We are located in Downtown Louisville on historic Museum Row at 809 W Main Street. The library is open from Monday to Friday, 9:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. During our Saturday openings and events, the Library will be available for regular patron use from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. with activities and video offerings occurring from 11:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. Paid parking is available on Main Street as well as adjacent lots. For additional information about the library, please go to: <https://library.sar.org/>



Anchors of Heritage! Celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States Navy and Marine Corps

Saturday October 4th, 2025*

Event hours: 11:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.

Library hours: 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.

Join us at the SAR Genealogical Research Library in Louisville on Saturday, October 4th, 2025, during our regularly scheduled Saturday opening for special programming celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the United States Navy and Marine Corps. In addition to a new display of related artifacts from the collections of the NSSAR, there will be showings of short World War II era documentaries about life in the Navy and Marine Corps as well as a raffle drawing to win either a SAR Commemorative U.S. Navy 250th Challenge Coin OR a SAR Commemorative U.S. Marine Corps 250th Challenge Coin**.

**This event will be held in conjunction with SAR's Fall Leadership Weekend.*

*** You must be present to enter, but do not need to be present to win. Winners announced by email.*

Activities include:

- Write a postcard to a deployed Sailor or Marine
- Try on vintage-style sailor hats
- Knot-tying station (learn the square knot, bowline)
- "Raise a Sail" on a model revolutionary-era ships' mast
- Access military records and family history tools
- Print your ancestor's military service record (if available)
- View SAR archival materials
- Watch World War II short documentaries
- Learn about SAR and SAR membership
- Raffle drawing (must be present to enter)
- Enjoy light refreshments



Frontiersman and Founder: A Tribute to George Rogers Clark

Saturday, November 15th, 2025
Event hours: 11:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.
Library hours: 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.

Join us at the SAR Genealogical Research Library in Louisville on Saturday, November 15th, 2025, during our regularly scheduled Saturday opening for special programming celebrating the life of George Rogers Clark. Think you might have an ancestor who served with General Clark? Here's the place to learn more! Presented by NSSAR Headquarters staff member and Clark researcher Gina Possanza, the day will include an introductory discussion about the life of General Clark followed by an approximately 45 minute walking tour (weather permitting) of local George Rogers Clark historical sites near NSSAR Headquarters. Register in a raffle to win a specially selected book celebrating and memorializing the life of General Clark!

**You must be present to enter, but do not need to be present to win. Winners announced by email.*

Activities include:

- +Quill writing
- +Revolutionary War spy code challenge
- +Map the March to Vincennes
- +Receive a General Clark button!
- +45 minute walking tour (weather permitting)
- +Find your patriot roots with access to databases and library records
- +View SAR archival materials
- +Watch a short documentary about George Rogers Clark
- +Learn about SAR and SAR membership
- +Register for a raffle for a book about General Clark
- +Enjoy light refreshments



Christmas in the Colonies: A Revolutionary Celebration

Saturday, December 20th, 2025
Event hours: 11:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.
Library hours: 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.

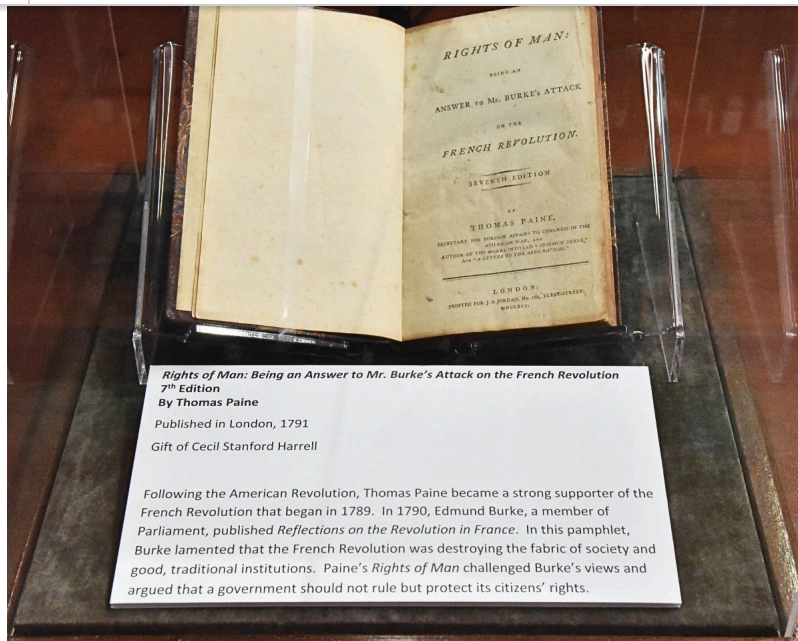
Join us at the SAR Genealogical Research Library in Louisville on Saturday, December 20th, 2025, during our regularly scheduled Saturday opening for special programming surrounding Christmas in the American Colonies. Attendees will be able to enjoy specially themed colonial Christmas refreshments, create take-home Colonial-era Christmas ornaments and register for a raffle to win a commemorative tea tin with teabags from Oliver Pluff & Co. of Charleston!* And as always, access to over 55,000 volumes relating to genealogy and the American Revolution, as well as affiliate-library subscriptions to on-line databases and genealogy research sites.

**You must be present to enter, but do not need to be present to win. Winners announced by email.*

Activities include:

- Orange pomanders with cloves
- Tin punch lantern designs on foil
- Handmade paper ornaments and garlands
- Find your patriot roots with access to databases and library records
- View SAR archival materials
- Watch a short documentary about Christmas at Tryon Palace in North Carolina
- Learn about SAR and SAR membership
- Register for raffle for a commemorative tea tin with teabags
- Enjoy light holiday themed refreshments

*Now on display at the SAR Library,
a 1791 London publishing of the seventh edition of
Thomas Paine's Rights of Man.*



Gift of Compatriot Stan Harrell, Florida Society SAR



Welcome to our new Librarian General (2025-2026),
Compatriot James E. Osbourn, Missouri Society SAR



James E. Osbourn has been a life-long volunteer starting as a youth in 4-H club. He has continuously been both an employee and performed volunteer work for his club, community, and country. He served as a Peace Corps Volunteer after college, founding President of the Olathe Public Schools Foundation, inaugural President of his children's high school PTO, Scoutmaster of his hometown Boy Scout Troop, and he still volunteers for the St Louis Public Library by teaching English as a Second Language classes. His training as an Educator has always been his "mode of operation" for all of his career in Technology and Investment Management through his working years. The SAR gives him yet another opportunity to volunteer his time. His background as a teacher of Languages means he knows what value a Library can offer the world. He became interested in the SAR because he loves genealogy research.



The SAR Genealogical Research Library is proud to partner with the **America250Kentucky** Sestercentennial Committee!

As the United States celebrates 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, the Kentucky Historical Society and statewide partners are exploring the state's history from the nation's founding to today. By exploring state and local history during the 250th, we can explore how our past—and the ideals of the American Revolution—can help us understand who we are today as we consider what it means to be an American.

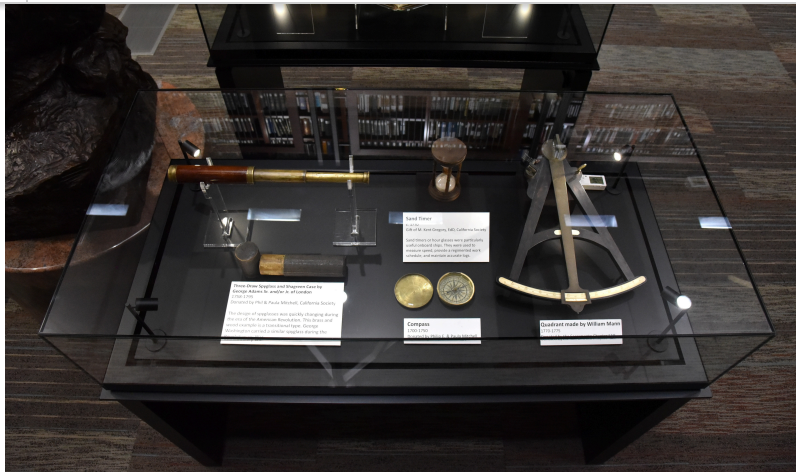
For additional information, please click on the links below:

[SAR 250th](#)

[Kentucky 250th](#)

[America 250th](#)

New displays!
From the SAR Collection, Selected 18th Century Naval Artifacts



Left to right: Three-draw spyglass with shagreen case (1785–1795) donated by Phil & Paula Mitchell, California Society
 Sand Timer (c. 1770) donated by M. Kent Gregory, Ed.D., California Society
 Compass (1700–1750), donated by Phil & Paula Mitchell, California Society
 Quadrant (1770–1775) donated by Sacramento Chapter, California Society



From the SAR Institutional Archive, 1901 Congress Memorabilia





To view the Scrapbook in its' entirety, please click [HERE](#) to access a PDF file.



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The Library Preservation Station: your destination for preservation of family history items!

- Consult with staff archivists to properly store and/or digitize your family documents and heirlooms
- After digitization, access needed enclosures or supplies to protect your family treasures

Thanks to all our (anonymous) donors!

Have you recently made a donation of a book to the SAR Genealogical Research Library from our Amazon Wishlist but haven't received an acknowledgement letter? Please let us know! Many times the Library receives much appreciated gifts that arrive without us knowing who are benefactor is. If you are thinking about making a donation from our Amazon Wishlist, please make sure to include a gift notification so that we can properly thank you!

The SAR Genealogical Research Library will be closed on the following dates:

Monday, November 11, 2025 - Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 27, 2025 - Thanksgiving

Friday, November 28, 2025 - Thanksgiving

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 - Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 25, 2025 - Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 - New Year's Eve

Thursday, January 1, 2026 - New Year's Day



If you're ever in the Louisville area, please stop in to see us!

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday:

9:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

3rd Saturday of every month (subject to change, please call: 502-589-1776, or email: library@sar.org):

9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Admission: FREE for SAR, spouses of SAR, DAR, C.A.R., SR members and Friends of the SAR Library (FOL) members

General public: \$5 per day

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