

OUR STORY

Cape Girardeau County is home to several research facilities with collected materials to help researchers discover our rich cultural and historical heritage.

Together, these facilities are the Genealogy Trail.

Cape Girardeau Heritage Museum

538 Independence St., Cape Girardeau
(573) 334-0405

Open 10 AM to 4 PM Thursday through Saturday. Located in the 1908 firehouse, the museum features regional history exhibits and dioramas. Interactive and personal presentations add to the experience.

Kellerman Foundation

102 N. Main St., Cape Girardeau
(573) 334-0097

Heritage Hall features rotating displays of artwork and culturally relevant exhibits. Collections include those of Frank Nickell, regional historian for more than 50 years, the Oliver Law Firm, Hinchey Brothers photography, and work by painter Charles Rhinehart, among many others.

Oliver House Museum - Jackson

224 E. Adams St., Jackson
jacksonpast@gmail.com

Admission: Adults \$5 - Children \$1 -
Children under 3 years old FREE

The early home of R.B. and Marie Oliver, "Missouri's Betsy Ross," the Oliver House Museum is a living history museum dedicated to life in the early 1800s. Open for tours the first Sunday of each month from noon to 4 PM, and at holidays.

CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY GENEALOGY TRAIL

RESEARCH FACILITY
INFORMATION



Photo by Tom White

Cape Girardeau County Archive Center

112 E. Washington St., Jackson MO
(573) 204-2332

The county's government records repository and home to collections of the Cape Girardeau County Genealogical Society and Jackson Heritage Association.** ✨

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Research Room

1732 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau
Phone

Home to an extensive collection of genealogical resources, this facility is associated with the Mormon Church, and can request materials from their storied archives.

Cape Girardeau County History Center and Research Annex

Museum: 102 S. High St., Jackson MO
Research Annex: 110 S. High St.
(573) 204-4240

Museum and research annex dedicated to county history. Collections include small manuscripts, photos, collections showcasing the history of several of the county's prominent families, and many more. ✨

Rotating museum exhibits on the county's rich history are available for public viewing.

✨ **Free access to ancestry.com.**
****Features microfilm collection and reader.**

Special Collections and Archives at Kent Library

929 Normal Avenue, Cape Girardeau
Kent Library, 3rd floor
(573) 651-2245
semoarchives@semo.edu
Devoted especially to the history of Southeast Missouri State University and the surrounding region, this facility's collections include books published by the university or its faculty, yearbooks, city directories, the Little River Drainage District, and many more.** ✨

Cape Girardeau Public Library Genealogy Room

711 N. Clark St., Cape Girardeau
(573) 334-5279
This genealogy room features a library of family history books and regional history, as well as guides to begin your genealogy journey. Yearbooks from area schools and city directories are also available.** ✨

State Historical Society of Missouri

929 Normal Avenue, Cape Girardeau
Kent Library, 3rd floor
(573) 651-2689
Collected photos, family papers, and collections relevant to Southeast Missouri are available to researchers. Familysearch.com affiliate. Access to newspapers.com.
Microfilm is available through SHSMO's loan system.** ✨