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Arthur Fiske died on 14 June 1996. Ten years have passed and yet his genealogical collection continues to grow and prosper. His personal focus on New England ancestry continues to guide a major part of the collection, but the remaining states east of the Mississippi now have much greater representation. The holdings of the Fiske library have more than doubled in the intervening decade. I think Arthur would be pleased that his legacy survives.

Arthur was a native of Whidbey Island. In the fall of 1952, he joined the Seattle Genealogical Society and soon became very immersed in the operations of that group. He edited

their Bulletin from 1956 to 1965. He served as their president from 1965 to 1968 and again from 1980 to 1983. In 1969, he began teaching genealogical research techniques to small classes in his home. In 1971, he started the Fiske Genealogical Center as a formal base for his growing personal collection of family history research materials. Two years later, he retired from his Boeing employment and began to travel. He accompanied tour groups as a professional genealogist-guide. Through the 1980's, the Fiske Center was based in a house on lower Queen Anne hill in Seattle. In the summer of 1992, he moved the entire collection to its present location in the lower level of Pioneer Hall. Arthur had the foresight to create a not-for-profit foundation, with a governing board of trustees, to oversee the operations of the Fiske Center. Upon his death, his entire genealogical resource collection passed to the Foundation.

The Fiske Center was successful because of the volunteers that surrounded Arthur, giving him supporting hands to carry forward the work of providing competent assistance to family history researchers. Many of those volunteers who were initially recruited by Arthur are still actively involved today. They have been joined by many new faces and that

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would have been pleasing to Arthur as well. The Arthur Fiske in the photo on the wall of the library would be proud of how many people have sat under his countenance and worked on their own family lines. He wanted people to learn how to do good research and how to make progress around their “roadblocks” and reach that sense of appreciation for their own forebears. That is still happening at the Fiske Library.

Thank you, Arthur, for the inspiration you have given to all of us. You still set the example for us.

Gary A Zimmerman

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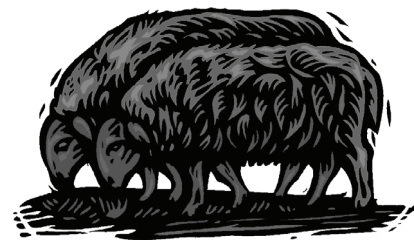
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HAVE YOU FOUND YOUR BLACK SHEEP?

Some people resist doing genealogical research because they fear that they might find a “black sheep” in their background. On the other hand, the rogue in one’s past can be the source of an amazing amount of information about a family and should not be overlooked by a family researcher.

If you are willing to take that leap and look for the black sheep, you might want to try Tyler Schulze’s website at <http://blacksheepancestors.com>. Here you will find a well-organized presentation of on-line resources connecting to prison records, court records, executions and biographies of outlaws and criminals. While the largest part of the site deals with the United States, Canada and the British Isles, there are links worldwide from this site. Many of the US links are to 1930 census records from specific prisons or mental asylums. The availability of records varies from state to state.

Tyler Schulze is the son of Lorine McGinnis Schulze who created The Olive Tree Genealogy website at <http://olivetreegenealogy.com>. This is another useful site with links to a wide range of databases. The Schulze’s are based in Ontario, Canada. Both black sheep ancestors and olive tree genealogy focus on free databases anywhere on the World Wide Web.



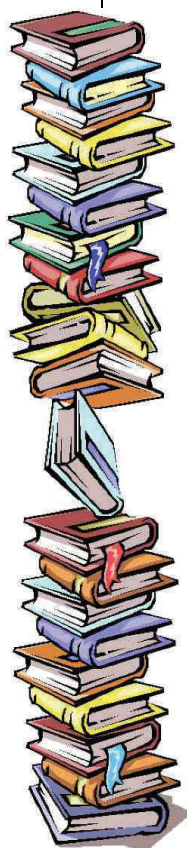
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NEW ENGLAND & NEW YORK

- Madison Heritage (Madison, CT)
- Handy Tips to Your Genealogical Research in New England
- Handy Tips to Your Genealogical Research in New York
- Puritan Village
- Papers of New Haven Colony Historical Society, Vol. 4
- Record of the Reformed Dutch Church of New Prospect, New York
- History of the Churches & Ministers of Franklin co., MA
- History of the Town of Gardner, MA
- Society of Colonial Wars in MA
- First Church in Exeter, N.Y. (in notebook)
- Vital Records of Waltham, VT
- Mason, (N.H.) Bicentennial
- New England in your Blood
- History of Wallingford, CT
- Cousins and Littlejohn's Island (Maine)
- Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor (Loomis Family)
- Puritan in the Wilderness
- The Times of Their Lives (Plymouth Colony)

SOUTH

- Inhabitants of Harford Co., Maryland 1791-1800
- Chancery Books of Carroll Co., Maryland 1873-1889
- The Particular Assessment Lists for Baltimore and Carroll Counties
- Census of Grant Co., KY
- Weakley Co., TN
- History of Rockbridge Co., VA



- Tombstone Inscriptions of King George Co., VA
- Laying the Hoe - Century of Iron Manufacturing Stafford Co., VA
- Family Graveyards in Hanover Co., VA, Vol. 1 & 2
- Will Records of Montgomery Co., KY
 - Old Cemetery or the Presbyterian Burying Ground, Charlotte, NC
- Augusta Church, Augusta Co., VA
- The Wataugah Land Purchases (TN)
- History of Carrollton Manor (MD)

MIDWEST

- Minnesota Families
- Atlas of Rock County, Illinois 1905
- Land Records of Mason Co., MO
- History of Vigo and Parke Counties, Indiana
- Some Early Crawford Co., IL Marriages
- Gravestone Inscriptions of Scioto Co., Ohio
- Scotts Bluff National Monument, NE

WEST

- Mining on the North Fork Skokomish River
- Covered Wagon Women
- 100 Years of the "Waterland Community" (Des Moines, WA)
- St. Paul, Oregon 1830-1890
- Early Columbia Co. WA
- Seattle & Vicinity Telephone directory, March 1930
- To Seattle by Trolley
- Ghost Towns of the Northwest

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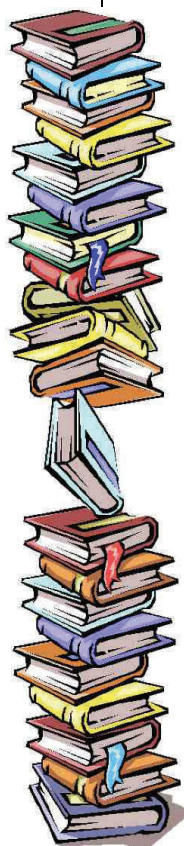
- University of Washington Tye, 1945

MID-ATLANTIC

- Township Map of Berks Co., PA
- Personal Name Index - Lancaster Co., PA
- 18th Century Records of the German Lutheran Church of Philadelphia (St. Michael's and Zion) - Vol. 4, Marriages & Confirmations, Vol. 5, Burials
- Hopewell Village (PA)
- Nazareth Hall (PA)
- Westward of ye Laurall Hills (PA)

GENEALOGIES

- Descendants of John Comins and his wife Mary
- Huyck, Howk, Houck in America
- Autobiography of a Pennsylvanian (Pennypacker)
- Pilgrim John Alden's Progress
- Descendants of Rev. James Fitch, Vol. 1, First 5 generations; Vol. 2 - Generations 6 & 7; Vol. 3 - Generations 8 - 10
- McVay, McVeigh, McVey Family Quarterlies
- Bosworth Genealogy (6 volumes)
- Life & Public Services of Thomas Welles
- Stone Family records
- Genealogy of John Marsh of Salem
- Tree of Life - Covert, Goodson, Dey, Barker, Triplett, etc.
- Descendants of the Revis, Reaves Family in America
- The Loucks Family of N.Y., Vol I & II
- Descendants of Henry and Sara (Slaughter) Louks/Loucks



- William Sabin and his Descendants
- Discovering Chandler Lines
- Vina (Weirick)
- James Innes and his brothers
 - Descendants of Rev John Robinson, Pastor of the Pilgrims, Vol. 1
- Genealogy of Robert Smith
 - Royal Lineage of the Hamllins

ENGLAND AND IRELAND

- Essex
- Story of the Shire
- Book of English Villages
- Dowd's History of Limerick
- Book of British Towns
- Honourable Society of Grays' Inn
- Warblington Church
- Families of County Limerick, Ireland
- Voices of Morebath
- Handbook of Irish Genealogy

OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES

- Index to the 1871 Census of Ontario for these areas: Essex (Kent), Haldemend (Norfolk), Leeds (Grenville), Ontario County, Ottawa (Carleton), Northumberland, Perth County, Peterborough (Victoria) Renfrew and the North, Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell and Waterloo.
- Aal Bygde Soge, Books 1, 2, and 3. (Norway)
- Genealogical Gazetteer of Scotland
- Spanish record Extraction
- Guide to German Parish Registers
- Germany and Austria Map
- Baden-Wurttemberg Map

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- Handy Tips on How to Use U.S. Census Records
- Handy Tips on Immigration, Emigration and Naturalization
- History of the Orphan Brigade
- Planning a Genealogical Trip to the Vancouver Area
- Canadian Genealogical Resources
- Brasses and Brass Rubbing
- NEHGS Circulating Library Catalog update
- Hartford Times Genealogy Column Answers to Queries
- Secretary Handbook & ABC book (Handwriting)

This list does not include recent periodicals which have also been added to the collection.

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Mary Stevenson, Librarian

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Wednesday	Noon to 8:00 pm
Thursday	3:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Friday	Reserved for research groups (greater than 8 persons) from outside the greater Seattle Area. Contact the Library to make reservations.
Saturday	10:00 am to 3:00 pm
2nd Sunday of Each Month	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

HERITAGE QUEST OFFERS CENSUS HELP

If you use Heritage Quest Online to view images of US Census pages, you have a new tool at your disposal. Whenever you get a "census results" page, you will find a question mark on the left hand side of the page and text like "Help with the Federal census?" or "Why didn't I find someone in the Census?" If you click on the text of that question, your browser will open up a complete copy of William Dollarhide's 1999 book, "The Census Book: A Genealogist's Guide to Federal Census facts, schedules and indexes."

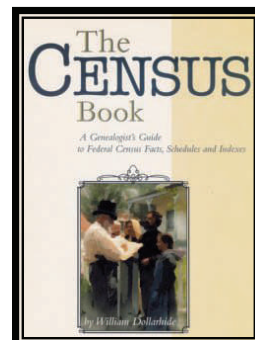
With an Adobe Acrobat reader, you can read every page of this authoritative text, and download any single page or every page to your own desktop. Dollarhide is an acknowledged authority on the details of the United States census from 1790 to the present. His book shares many of those details with the reader. Dollarhide also has a fine reputation as a mapmaker and his maps of the United States in each decennial year are clear, crisp and very informative.

The book has five main sections:

- I. Historical U.S. Censuses;
- II. Published Statewide Censuses and Indexes, 1790-1930;
- III. Countywide Census Indexes;
- IV. Non-population Census Schedules; and
- V. Census Forms, 1790-1930.

This book has been a best-seller to genealogists and now it is readily available to you. Page through it and see how it can be of assistance to your own research. You may find that this will trigger your interest in an earlier Dollarhide publication, "Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Census, 1790-1920," which was published by Genealogical Publishing in 1987, with 393 maps showing each census year and all county boundary changes. "Each map shows both the old boundaries and the modern boundaries for each state and census year, so a comparison can be made," Dollarhide writes. The Map Guide was co-authored by William Thorndale.

Dollarhide is a Seattle native and for eight years he was associated with Western Washington University in Bellingham, but he currently resides in Salt Lake City and is a writer with the Heritage Quest Company. He has authored seven books and given hundreds of presentations to genealogical societies. Many of his books are available in the Fiske collection - just search for "Dollarhide" on the shelf list at <http://www.fiskelibrary.org/ShelfList/reference.htm>.



SHELF LIST ON-LINE IS NOW CURRENT AND COMPLETE

The shelf-list of Fiske library holdings is now complete and easily accessed on line at www.fiskelibrary.org/ShelfList/bibint.htm Mary Peters recently completed the re-formatting of the shelf-list files and will now up-date the shelf-list on a continuing basis as new materials are entered into the collection. Try it! You'll like it!

ROCHESTER NEW YORK CITY DIRECTORIES ONLINE

The Monroe County Library System, based in Rochester, is publishing cover-to-cover images of all Rochester City Directories from 1827 to 1930. So far, all of the directories from 1827 to 1899 are available for reading. You can find them at www.libraryweb.org and then clicking on the blue button at the top left corner of the library's homepage.

The first directory was published in 1827, the second in 1834, and the third in 1838. During the 1840's and 1850's, a directory was published roughly every two years. There were seven issued in the 1860's and then annually thereafter.

You can read the directories in .PDF format with Adobe Acrobat Reader. You can download an entire directory or you can just select a portion of the volume, say only surnames of householders from D-H. All of the directories list adult male inhabitants of the city of Rochester and women running a business (such as a tavern or boarding house). The directory tells where a person lived and what they did for a living. In the earliest issues, the people are listed by ward, so all of the F surnames in Ward 1 and followed by all of the F surnames in Ward 2. There is a key in the directory that tells which streets are in which ward for that year. Both ward boundaries and city limits changed over time.

Some of the directories published before the Civil War had African American surnames listed in a separate listing in the volume. Directories beginning

in 1916 placed the wife's name in parentheses next to her husband. Sometimes, adult children were listed at the family address in the later volumes. Death dates appeared in the volume in the year following the death of a resident.

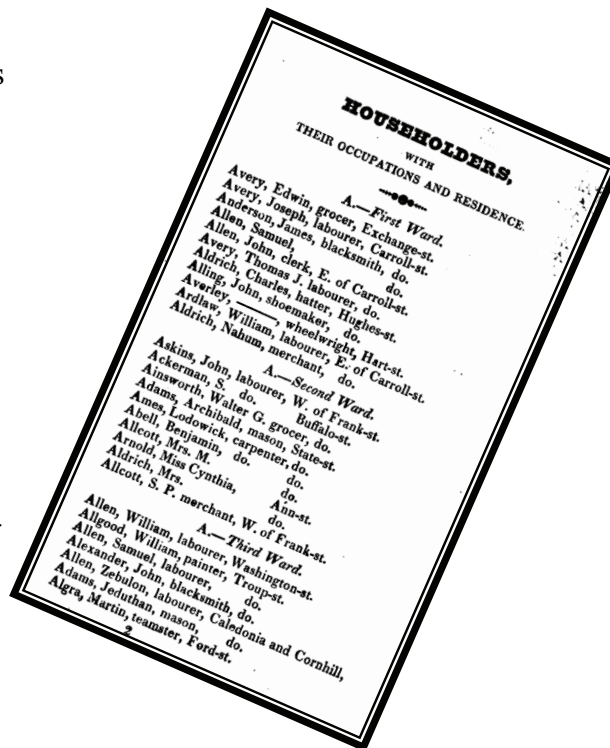
The statistics section of the 1834 Directory notes that the town, with a population of 12,289 in May 1834, had "four Presbyterian, one German Lutheran, two Episcopal, one Methodist, two Roman Catholic, two Baptist, one Friend's and one Orthodox Friends' Meeting Houses."

In another section, it is reported that Rochester had ten newspapers being published that year: two dailies, four weeklies, three semi-monthlies and one at un-stated intervals. There is a lot more history here than just a list of households. Anyone who had ancestry in up-state New York might find the supplementary portions of these directories relevant to contemporary conditions in their own town even if it isn't specifically Rochester or Monroe County.

These directories are easy to read, moving from one directory to the next is fast and there is a wealth of information available.

If you have family who passed through this part of New York and lingered in Rochester, you will want to scan these directories. Note, however, that the directory canvas ended at the city limits and did not include people living in the outskirts of town.

Gary A. Zimmerman



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY ILLINOIS MAKES ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS EASY

The Urbana Free Library and the Champaign County government have been collaborating on improving public access to historical documents from the county. The Free Library is the designated repository for all non-current county records. The library staff has created a Local History Online Database at <http://urbanafreelibrary.org/archives.htm> and offer a research service for at-a-distance researchers to get copies of significant documents.

The database indexes probate cases from 1833-1914 and chancery court cases from 1834-1862 and 1921-1969. Death registers or certificates from 1878 to 1912 and from 1986-1997 are now in the database. A search will also find births from 1878-1900 and marriage licenses from 1893-1908. Because the database covers 19 newspapers in Champaign County, there are over 80,000 obituaries and death notices from 1899 to the present.

The Urbana Free Library has extensive vertical files on specific families with a tie to the county. Over 6000 of those surnames are included in the Index database, as well as family names from 148 published

print resources.

It is easy to order copies of obituaries and other records, using forms that can be download in .html or in .PDF format. There is a basic \$10.00 fee for the retrieval of the document and then a per page fee for each copy to be made.

There is a second database on this website: the Urbana Municipal Documents Index, which covers nearly 500,000 entries from over 63,000 municipal records from 1855 to 2001.

If you have family ties to central Illinois, you might want to check out these resources.

Gary A. Zimmerman

ANNUAL FISKE SALT LAKE CITY GENEALOGY RESEARCH TRIP JANUARY 16-26, 2007

The dates for the Fiske Genealogical Library's annual research trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City have already been established for 2007. The group will leave on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, and will return ten days later, on Friday, January 26.

The Church of the Latter Day Saints has purchased the hotel the group has used in the past, and rates will increase. Per person rates, double occupancy will be about \$40.00-\$50.00 higher for the 2007 trip than previously. Call the Fiske Library, 206 328-2716, or Betty Kay Anderson, 360 898-2537, or e-mail bettykay@hctc.com for more information.

NEWEST FISKE VOLUNTEER



The newest volunteer at the Fiske Library is Kathryn Hall Allahyari. You will recognize her on Thursday evenings or some Monday afternoons by her friendly smile and her dimples! Kathryn has been working on her family history for about ten years. Because her family remained so long in New England, she notes that it was not so difficult to trace it back, but now she is getting a small camper, and is eager to go to the locations herself, proving the connections through original documents.

Her most interesting find was her great grandfather who died when her mother was 17. Her mother thought he was a Civil war hero, but just before her mother's 80th birthday, Kathryn found that he had been court-martialed. He and four others had stood up against their Captain who was hazing one of their division who was seriously ill. The Captain had them court-martialed; they lost pay and had 6 months of hard labor in

Nashville. They asked for pardon, which was granted, and that letter may have been signed by Abraham Lincoln. Thus, he was a "hero" after all.

Kathryn worked in a library as a Girl Scout page from age 13-16, and at age 16 earned 35¢ an hour at the library in Ogden Utah, doing bookbinding and reading to the children. She put herself through college at Georgetown University and at Northeast Oklahoma A & M where she was a reference Librarian and Children's Librarian.

Kathryn ended up with degrees in English. She and her husband lived for 7 years in Iran, and lived in England before moving to Mercer Island. She taught English at the University of Washington from 1981 until her retirement. They have three married children and thoroughly enjoy their grandchildren.

Kathryn has chosen the Fiske Library as one place to "give back" for all her blessings. She is working with Mary Peters and David Brazier, cataloguing the Fiske collection.

Carolyn Blount

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- Ease to your right and follow East Blaine Street to the end of the street.
- The Washington Pioneer Hall faces onto 43rd Ave. East. The Fiske Genealogical Library is located on the lower level of the building.