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FISKE LIBRARY SEEKING PRESIDENT



Gary Zimmerman, president of the Fiske Genealogical Library in Madison Park, Seattle, is preparing to step down from the role of president after more than 20 years, having led the organization into the computer age by overseeing the listing of over 13,000 books, journals and collections into WorldCat, the World's largest Union Catalog.

"I intend to continue the catalog effort and collection management. I will also be continuing as Historian for the Pioneer Association, so I will be in the building on a regular basis."

The Library Board is seeking a person, or a couple, highly interested in genealogy with some experience in leading a non-profit, 501(c)(3), who would enjoy the challenge of leading this financially solvent Library, comfortably housed in Pioneer Hall, into the future. The library has a dependable Board to support the transition and is currently staffed with a Director of Technology, a new Newsletter Editor, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Education and a coterie of dedicated volunteers.

Having a new President will provide additional staffing opportunities, and/or redistribute current responsibilities. Persons interested in helping with vice presidential, management, financial, educational, technological or other Library tasks are also encouraged to join this group of dedicated volunteer genealogists.

For these volunteer job descriptions, contact Mary Peters, Search Committee Chair, Fiske Library, 1644 43rd Avenue East, Seattle, WA, 98112-3222; 206 784-4803 or maryinballard@msn.com. The job descriptions for each position are suggestions only. We recognize that a new Board will distribute the duties so that volunteer strengths are used in the best possible way.

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Welcome New Volunteers



Peggy O'Farrell

"I began volunteering after coming to appreciate the generosity of all the other volunteers at the Fiske who teach, research, and share their knowledge and experiences year after year."

"I've been interested in genealogy for as long as I can remember. I've always enjoyed oral histories, family legends, and documentaries. My mother got me interested in genealogical research 40 years ago when she took it up herself. I want to further her work on our family history in her honor."

"My educational background is journalism/business and public administration (University of Oregon, B.S. '73 and M.S. '76) but I never worked as a journalist after college. I was a business communicator for all of my working career (SAFECO, Weyerhaeuser, Microsoft as a contractor)."





Bobbi Boyd

"My interest in the Fiske Library started when I was attending a workshop in Sand Point, and they mentioned the Pioneer Association. I had no idea of it's existence."

"I met Gary on my first visit. He gave me the grand tour and I knew then that I wanted to be a part of it. On that first visit, Gary showed me a series of Seattle Times articles that ran for a month in 1945. The series told the stories of three of my family members, all arriving in Seattle before 1890. In fact, eight of my family members were members of the Pioneer Association in the 1890's. It makes me feel closer to them to be where they were."

I then learned about the Wednesday classes on how to research family history. At every meeting, I have met amazing people who are so generous and willing to share information on research.

I knew I wanted to be more involved with this group of people. At one of the classes, Carolyn Blount asked for volunteers to be in the Fiske Library on one Saturday a month. I couldn't believe what I was hearing. This was my goal all along. I am thrilled to be associated with all the wonderful and generous people of the Fiske. On the few Saturdays I have been at the Fiske, I have met even more people, all sharing their stories. I am looking forward to many years with the Fiske, and the people who I now can call my friends."

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FISKE SUMMER LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

Newly acquired books are processed by cataloguing, entering the Fiske Library holding information into WorldCat, and affixing ownership barcodes to bound books (on the back cover and on the title page).

Once they are finally on the shelving in the library, they appear in our "Recent Acquisitions" list in the Newsletter. Library of Congress call numbers [in square brackets below] will quickly lead you to the material on the shelf at the Fiske Library.

If the LC number is followed by PAWA, the book must be retrieved from other library collections within the building. Ask a volunteer for assistance.

NEW ENGLAND

History of the First New Hampshire Regiment in the War of the Revolution and New Hampshire in the Battle of Bunker Hill [E262.N4 K42 1973]

Genealogies of Mayflower families: from the New England Historical and Genealogical Register 3 vols [F3 .G47 1985]

Family and Landscape: Deerfield (MA) households from 1671 [F74.D4 M37 1996]

MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES

History of Sussex County (NJ) with illustrations and biographical sketches of its prominent men and pioneers [F142.S9 S62 1981]

History of Warren County (NJ) with illustrations and biographical sketches of its prominent men and pioneers [F142.W2 S63 1981]

SOUTHERN STATES

Claiborne County, Mississippi – the promised land [F347.C5 H4 1976]

History of Newton County (MS) from 1834 to 1895 [F347.N48 B76 1964]

MIDWEST

Early records of St. John the Baptist Catholic church, Johnsburg, McHenry County, Illinois v.1 1852-1868 [BX4603.J587 E2 1982]

Obituaries of Washington County (AR) v.1 1841-1892, v.2 1892-1902 [F417.W3 E27 1996]

History of Washington County, Arkansas [F417.W3 H57 1989]

Washington County, Arkansas Miscellaneous Record Book 1841-1879 [F417.W3 M294 1997]

Missouri Historical Review issues 2009-2013 [F461 .M59]

Missouri birth and death records v.1 [F465 .E32 1995]

Biographical and historical record of Jay and Blackford counties, Indiana [F532.J4 B6 1887]

Cemetery inscriptions of Randolph County, Indiana Vol I: Maxville/Woodlawn cemetery [F532.R3 W33 1982]

Cemetery inscriptions of Randolph County, Indiana Vol II: Green Twp, Monroe Twp, Stony Creek Twp and New Dayton cemetery in Franklin Twp [F532.R3 W33 1982]

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Sands of Time: 150 years around Chatsworth, Illinois [F549.C47 S76 1991]

Henry County, Illinois, cemetery inscriptions – Phenix Twp [F547.H2 C46 1989]

FAMILY GENEALOGIES

Princess Eleanor: being the genealogy (Paternal and Maternal) of Mary Eleanor Clawson Knaus [CS 71.C615 1991]

The Counts family of northwest Arkansas 1752-1988 [CS71.C855 1988]

History of the Doggett-Daggett family [CS71.D654 1973]

Supplement to the section entitled John Doggett-Daggett of Martha's Vineyard (from the 1894 edition of ... History of the Doggett-Daggett family) [CS71.D654 1974]

Genealogy of Ensign Thomas Fuller of Dedham (MA) and his descendants 1642-1895 [CS71.F968 1895]

Keeler family: Ralph Keeler of Norwalk (CT) and some of his descendants [CS71.K26 1985]

Four generations of the descendants of John Knight and Richard Knight (First Settlers of Newbury series) [CS71.K725 1986]

Descendants of John May of Roxbury (MA) 2nd Ed. [CS71.M467 1978]

Perkins Press (Vols 13-25) [CS71.P45]

Perkins Family Newsletter (vols 10-13 complete) [CS71.P45b]

The Rosenkrans family in Europe and America [CS71.R799 1900]

Descendants of John Spearman of Virginia [CS71.S7463 1997]

Solomon Tuttle of Old Mt Comfort and his descendants (AR) [CS71.T967 1961]

Solomon Tuttle revisited [CS71.T967 1989]

The Walls of Walltown – known descendants of James Wall of Anson County (NC) 2nd edition v.1 Generations 1-2; v.2 generations 3-7 [CS71.W215 1969]

Wrolstad family history [CS71.W953 1978]

John Paul Barringer (1721-1807) of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus, North Carolina [CT275.B4635 B37 1990]

Chronicle of the Yerkes family, with notes on the Leech and Rutter families [available on HathiTrust]

AMERICAN WEST

Pioneers in Petticoats – Yosemite's early women 1856 -1900 [F868.Y6 S25 1992]

Sebastopol's historic cemetery / a serendipitous directory of pioneers and citizens residing therein [F869.S595 M375 2000]

Lewis County (WA) Territorial marriages 1847-1889 [F897.L6 G33 1978]

Lewis County (WA) mortuary records 1895 through 1910 for Fissell-Brown, Newell-Hoering and Sticklin mortuaries [F897.L6 L5 1990]

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Lewis County (WA) birth register 1891-1906 [F897.L6 L5 2001]

Lewis County (WA) newspaper abstracts v.1 1884-1886; v.2 1887-1889; v.3 1890-1893 [F897.L6 M3]

1871 Lewis County (WA) census [F897.L6 P38 1979]

1940 Polk's Seattle City Directory [F899.S4 A18 v.54]

CANADA

Finding your Canadian ancestors (revised ed.) [CS82 .B68 2003]

Back to the land – a genealogical guide to finding farms on the Canadian prairies [CS88.P69 O24 2001]

Leduc Journal issues from 1990-2016 [CS90]

Songs upon the rivers / the buried history of the French-speaking Canadiens and Métis from the Great Lakes and the Mississippi across to the Pacific [F1027 .F69 2016]

EUROPEAN RESOURCES

The English Researcher (periodical issues 37-49) [CS410 .E56]

Manchester Genealogist (many issues 1990-2006) [CS436.M24 M35]

The Irish Ancestor (1970-1972) [CS480 .I7]

Hemsedals Slekstshistorie 1693-1975 [CS918.H45 F52 1976]

Who's Who in late Medieval England [DA177 .H525 1991]

Devon Family Historian (nos. 85-120 1998-2006) [DA690.D49 D495]

Manors of Woodford and Boringdon (near Plymouth England) [DA690.P7 G88 1999]

They did not have horns / the Viking kings of Norway [DL576.S93 H6 1981]

Gamle Suldal: Gards- og AEttesoge [DL 596.S876 H63 1972]

Suldal Kultursoge: Gamle Suldal [DL576.S3 H6 1981]

Brandval-Boka v.2 Gardsvistorie [DL596.B7 M3 1968]

Erfjord Bygdebok [DL596.E73 V2 1959]

REFERENCE

From generation to generation: how to trace your Jewish genealogy and family history (revised edition) [CS21 .K87 1994]

The American Census Handbook [CS49 .K4 2001]

The German Researcher, 4th ed, revised and enlarged [CS614 .D4 1983]

Nicknames past and present, 2nd ed. [CS2377 .R664 1995]

Dictionary of English and Welsh surnames (with special American instances) [CS2505 .B3 1967]

Normandy before 1066 [DC611.N856 B37 1982]

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Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy v.1 North Carolina; v.2 Pennsylvania, New Jersey; v.3 New York; v.4 Virginia [E184.F89 H52 1969]

Medieval Welsh ancestors of certain Americans... with biographical and historical background [E184.W4 B695 2004]

Historical Atlas of the medieval world AD 600-1492 [G1034 .H39 2001]

New Online Delights

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps Online at the Library of Congress

The Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps Online Checklist provides a searchable database of the fire insurance maps published by the Sanborn Map Company. The Sanborn maps are arranged by state, then city and release data. Read "About this collection" for valuable insights on how to use the maps and their color coding information. Go to

https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/about-this-collection/

Main State Archives adds WPA Cemetery Plans to Digital Maine Website

Many Maine cemeteries have plans originally created courtesy of the Works Progress Administration, which reside at the Maine State Archives. Log onto the Digital Maine Library link www.digitalmaine.com. Enter "WPA Cemetery Plans" in the search box, and add a place name after. Click on the download option,.



COME ONE, COME ALL--JOIN FGF FRIENDS, TEACHERS, AND SUPPORTERS JUNE 21 FOR A POTLUCK LUNCH

After the class on Wednesday, June 21, everyone interested in the Fiske Genealogy Library is invited to a potluck lunch. Starting about 12:30 pm, it will be held by the pool at David Brazier's condo, weather permitting or, if not, at the Pioneer Hall. Spouses and partners are invited too. Bring a favorite dish to share. FGF is providing sodas, paper plates, napkins, and plastic utensils.

Do join us! Please R.S.V.P. to Carolyn Blount cblount@vendor.net or Mary Peters at maryinballard@msn.com that you plan to attend and what you might bring. We will try to make it so that we have a variety of choices on our menu, not just desserts. Of course, that might be really tasty!!!

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Explorations in Source Analysis and English Medieval Resources

Contributed by Marjorie Jodoin

Recently I've been doing some genealogical research on the Marston family of New Hampshire. I had a head start with existing published works. *The Marston Genealogy in Two Parts* by Nathan Washington Marston, Esq., 1888, traces the arrival of the family from 1634 in New England and provides descendancy to the late 1800s. For the family I am tracing, it is complemented by *History of Hampton, New Hampshire* written by Joseph Dow and published posthumously in 1893/94 in two volumes. (Online links: Vol. 1; Vol. 2). However, neither of these works had any clear idea of the immigrants' origins or relationship partly because ship and passenger information does not appear to be extant for the core group. An exception is the arrival of John Marston in Salem, Massachusetts on board *The Rose* in 1637. One other book, *Marston English Ancestry*, by Mary Lovering Holman, 1929 clears up a good of confusion by convincingly connecting Robert, William and John as members of one extended family from Ormeston St. Margaret, Norfolk, and tracing its English roots in Norfolk back to the 15th c.

One should review all sources for accuracy. Marston's book provided a fairly complete descendancy for Marston families in America, but its introductory sections raised questions. He points to a tradition of Yorkshire origins for the family (unsourced). "Marston" is said to derive from "Mars" and is attached to a line of warriors, one of whom is supposed to have come with William the Conqueror in 1066 and was granted lands in Yorkshire near Marston Moor. The Norman commander is not named. His descendants are said to have migrated throughout England marrying into nobility. Several coats-of-arms from various counties are described, but there are no connecting links or sources cited. The author admits he had little access to English records and largely relies on interviews with family members and local libraries which he does list. Later authors take these suggested lines of inquiry as fact.

There is an excellent family website Marston Manor which cites *The Origins of Some Anglo-Norman Families* by Lewis C. Loyd, 1951, p. 60 regarding a Norman, Humphry de Merestona, who gave land in Byfield, Northamptonshire to the Abbey of St. Evroul. But he does not appear in the Domesday Survey which William initiated in 1086. "Marston" is really geographic, not genetic, primarily deriving from the Anglo-Saxon for enclosures or settlements in marshlands; it pre-dates the Norman Conquest and is seen in at least 16 counties of England. Long Marston in Yorkshire, near Marston Moor, was an Anglo-Saxon manor given to Osbern D'Arches. He or his descendants may have taken on the name of "de Merestone" or "Marston". Yorkshire Marstons probably were of Norman descent as the Conqueror executed a "scorched earth" policy across Yorkshire due to their independence and resistence. The entire Anglo Saxon population, including livestock and crops, was obliterated. The family website noted above says DNA analysis so far shows several unrelated lines probably due to independent derivation. Another website provides a name distribution study which does show heaviest concentration in Yorkshire and a few central counties further south. But Marston's claim that the original immigrants to New Hampshire were from Yorkshire was a guess, not a fact.

Holman's book convincingly links the immigrants as members of an extended family from Ormesby St. Margaret in Norfolk. The pedigree was meticulously researched by J. Gardner Barlett of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society, head of the department on "erroneous pedigrees." He traces the one family line back to the mid 1400s, all in Norfolk; there are no links to other counties.

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In any case, this was the first genealogy I've worked on going back to the 15th c. In college I did a paper on Geoffrey Chaucer—the man and his actual 14th c. career rather than his life as a poet (Canterbury Tales). In that research I consulted books at the University of Washington which I thought might prove useful here. I was delighted to find that I could also consult some of these works online.

The obvious source for land distribution among the Norman conquerors is the Domesday Survey of 1086. One excellent source for this material are the Victoria County Histories (VCH). Most volumes offer a printed version in English of the survey and also natural, ecclesiastical and political history in some detail. Publication began at the turn of the century and is still in progress, so not all counties are available yet. I was able to download the The Victoria History of the County of Norfolk, by H. Arthur Doubleday & William Page, 1906, and The Victoria History of the Counties of England, Yorkshire, 1907, but that volume did not include the Domesday Survey. Yorkshire is one of the counties still in progress. However, I did find *Domesday Book for Yorkshire*, trans. by Robert H. Skaife, 1896, a reprint from the Yorkshire Archaeological Journal, on Google Books. The primary website on the county histories is https://www.victoriacountyhistory.ac.uk/counties but many of the older volumes are freely available online at Archive.org.

I do like to bring family trees to life with historic context. I googled a <u>chronology of English monarchs</u> to give a timeline for the family I was researching. The VCH for Norfolk indicated that all the locations mentioned in connection with the line I was researching had existed from before the Conquest. The volume also provided a detailed account of the religious houses and churches with which they were connected, and general political and ecclesiastical history. While I did not find Marstons mentioned, I was able to trace their locations, the lordships involved, and probable events to which the family would have been exposed. For instance: During the War of the Roses, the Duke of Norfolk would have mustered troops from the area for the Battle of Towton in 1461, the "bloodiest battle in English history." Beside website summaries of this event, I discovered some wonderful documentaries on YouTube: The Battle of Towton | Timeline -- A detailed video on the battle at: https://youtu.be/jvvhtIx2DRc and British History's Biggest Fibs with Lucy Worsley Episode 1 War of the Roses [HD] at: https://youtu.be/dvBlkhxDMEc Lucy also talks about Towton, but more importantly discusses how history was revised by the victorious Tudor dynasty.

The VCH noted that Norfolk during the War of the Roses was impacted more by a "wild west" mentality. With central government pre-occupied, local armed retinues raised havoc taking advantage of neighbors. A Norfolk family, the Pastons, left behind an invaluable cache of family letters illuminating the life and times, including complaints of the lawlessness. There are several websites dedicated to the Pastons, but one of the more readable books is available at Archive.org. The Paston letters: a selection illustrating English social life in the fifteenth century by M. D. Jones, 1922.

British History Online draws from a vast collection of original documentation and histories, especially between 1300-1800. A good deal of the material is free, but a subscription is required for full access. It's always worth googling to see if the item is available elsewhere. However, here I found a title history for some of the Marston locations in Norfolk, including an indication that Marstons might have been tenants of the Paston

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family at one point. Again, I found a relevant YouTube documentary — The Pastons - Timelines.tv History of Britain B06: https://youtu.be/6tT6W0JGJVw — suggesting it was the Black Death in the 1300s that allowed the Paston family to rise from obscurity to wealth and high status. While the Norfolk Marstons were basically yeomen throughout, there was evidence for increasing wealth and land holdings through the

15th-16th c. that might be based on the same factors.

Another wonderful source are the court Rolls for which printed Calendars (abstracts) exist. These are not just about aristocrats, but can detail interactions with humbler folk. The Calendars are printed in regnal years, so knowing which monarch coincided with the family timeline is important. They can be a bit tedious to go through, but they are indexed and it just requires a methodical reading of the indexes looking both for names and locations (can be manor, village or county). While I was thrilled to find Close Rolls, Patent Rolls etc. online, I could not find an systematic catalog until I came upon SOME NOTES ON MEDIEVAL ENGLISH GENEALOGY: http://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/index.html

This site has links to all kinds of medieval resources including the various court rolls mentioned above. Look under "Sources: Public Records: Chancery Rolls"

http://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/sources/rolls.shtml

The Rolls and other material are also available on British History Online, but may come under their subscription section.

Do check the Fiske Catalog for what's available here in English medieval genealogy; the catalog entry will also direct you to World Cat and local library availability. The University of Washington

Welcome New Volunteers



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Michelle Lyons

"I have been doing genealogy seriously since about 2000. I am an active member of South King County Genealogical Society and serve as their

membership chair. I believe Fiske Library is one of the best genealogical resources here in the Puget Sound Area and have always been impressed on the excellent job your team does. After talking to Gary when he came to give a presentation at SKCGS, I learned of your challenges to get volunteers. All societies-- and non-profits struggle with this problem, I know, but I decided I could be of help to Fiske and it seemed to be a good fit for me. Plus I would benefit by becoming better acquainted with the Library. I live in Kent & it is a challenge to get to Fiske, but with a commitment, I am motivated to meet the challenge. "

Library has much of this material available. http://www.lib.washington.edu

Finally, should you find youself dealing with original manuscripts difficult to decipher, here's a great website that allows you to practice reading/transcribing old handwriting: Practice Makes Perfect:

https://standrewsrarebooks.wordpress.com/2017/05/1 2/practice-makes-perfect-new-tools-for-reading-old-handwriting/

The Fiske also has materials on reading old handwriting.

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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Have you discovered a particularly useful resource in your research, or broken through a brick wall? Would you be interested in submitting an article for the newsletter? Articles can be 1-2 pages long and may be subject to gentle editorial comment.

Is there a class you'd like to see offered or is there a research issue on which you are stuck? Your editor would like to feature a semi-regular column with your input.

Our newsletter is published in September, December, April and June. Deadlines are the 20th of the month preceding publication.

Please send queries or submissions to editor@fiskelibrary.org.

2017 EDUCATION

No classes are scheduled for July and August. Classes will resume in September.

Classes sponsored by the Fiske Genealogical Foundation are open to all. Most classes are held in the street-level room of Pioneer Hall, located in Seattle's Madison Park neighborhood. Tuition for all classes is \$5 individually. Annual passes to the Fiske Library are \$50, and can be enhanced to \$85/ year, which includes all three quarters of Wednesday classes (30 classes), plus full use of the library and a subscription to the quarterly newsletter.

Please call the Fiske Genealogical Library at 206-328-2716 or visit https://fiskelibrary.org for further information.

OUR APPRECIATION FOR BOOK DONATIONS

We appreciate the contributions by the following supporters of the Fiske Library. Since the last newsletter, donations have been catalogued and added to the collections on the shelves. There often is a lag between the date of the actual donation and the completion of the cataloguing, book repair, and placement in the active collection. Each of these titles may be located through the WorldCat catalog, available from the home page of the Fiske Library website.

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Saturday	10:00 am to 3:00 pm
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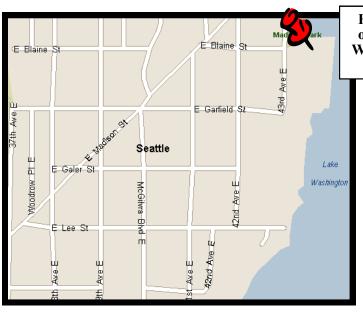
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- Turn right and follow E Blaine Street to the end of the street.
- The Washington Pioneer Hall faces onto 43rd Ave. E.
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