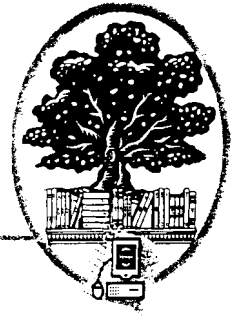


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ON-LINE CEMETERY DATABASE FOR ST. LOUIS

In colonial America, cemeteries were often placed along side the local church. As the westward migration moved into the Mississippi valley, the practice was continued.

As cities grew larger and larger, however, urban churches did not always have enough land to include cemetery space adjacent to the church or the small cemetery on the church grounds became fully occupied. That church would then have to find other burial locations for its parishioners.

Today's genealogist may have to do considerable research to correctly follow the succession of cemeteries for a given congregation.

Catholic cemeteries in St. Louis, Missouri, provide a good illustration of this and a newly published website at <http://www.stcathcem.com> offers a good orientation to the researcher. Fifteen cemeteries in the St. Louis area are included in a searchable database of interments, details on the history of each cemetery are provided and there are maps with finding aids for each cemetery. (The site also offers photo galleries for each cemetery which gives a "feel" for the environment of each burial ground.)

Mt. Olive Cemetery opened in 1823 and served St. Mary and Joseph Catholic Church in the French-speaking commu-

nity of Carondelet, but by 1839 the "old burying ground" was full and had to be closed. In 1849, a cholera epidemic hit St. Louis and the need for more burying space was increased. Part of a new cemetery, which had both Catholic and Protestant sections, was named Mt. Olive to perpetuate the name of the old cemetery. The genealogist must correlate the date of a death with the appropriate Mt. Olive cemetery location.

The original St. Peter and Paul parish was established in 1849 as a German immigrant parish. This was the ninth Catholic church in St. Louis and the third to provide services in German. Parishioners in this parish were buried in St. Vincent's cemetery until it was filled in 1864. A new cemetery, started at St. Peter and Paul, was designed to serve all of the parishes on the south side of the city. From 1864 to the present, more than 100,000 Catholics have been buried in St. Peter and Paul. The genealogist must know that for the first fifteen years of the parish of that name, however, the burials were over at St. Vincent's.

The Catholic Cemeteries website in St. Louis only opened in June, but it has been so successful that after a few weeks of operation, they had to upgrade their web servers to accommodate the internet traffic. (They had over 18,000 searches in the first

three weeks on line.) They are adding new burial information, pictures and additional historical information once a week.

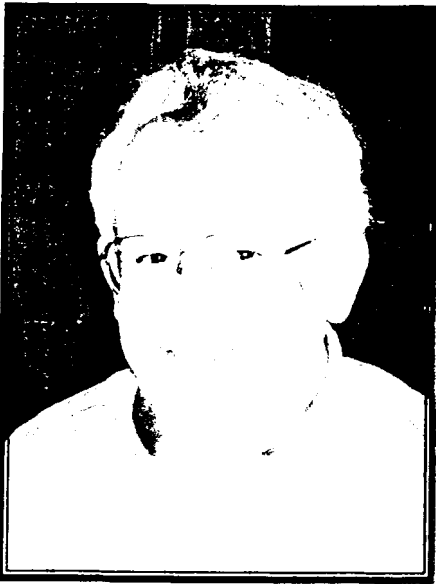
Even if you don't have any Missouri interments in your current research, you may find this site to be of interest and you may learn of some interesting stories in St. Louis history. Look for the details on the burial of Joseph Marconnot in Mt. Olive cemetery. He was a bachelor truck farmer from an old French family in Carondelet who died in December, 1924. Following instructions in his will, he was embalmed like King Tutankhamen, dressed in a tuxedo and laid to rest in a granite mausoleum with a plate glass door, so that all the world could come and view him dressed in his finest. His grave became a popular attraction. In fear that vandals would eventually break the plate glass, his heirs were finally asked by the cemetery to replace the glass with a stainless steel door. The mausoleum is still marked, but you can no longer peer in upon Joseph Marconnot dressed in his finest!

Gary A. Zimmerman



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LAST CHANCE? OR NEXT CHANCE?



At the Annual Conference of the Washington State Genealogical Society in Port Angeles this past June, Sacramento genealogist and German family history specialist, Shirley J. Riemer, gave the keynote address. She entitled her remarks, "Last Chance, Charlie."

She argued that fifty years from now it will be very difficult to do genealogical research in the way that it is done today. She predicted that by then birth certificates will carry only the mother's name and it will become very difficult to document who the actual father of a child might have been. With new lifestyles in our society, it will become increasingly difficult to know with whom someone was living at a given point in time. Fewer and fewer households go through the traditional formalities of marriage under state or church auspices. With the burgeoning technologies, information has become more abundant and its quality has become more suspect.

Riemer told her audience that they were living in the best of times, since the future will make the traditional ways of tracing family lines much more difficult. She concluded that this was your "last chance, Charlie."

I am not that pessimistic about family history research in the future. Research will be different, but it won't be impossible. There will be challenges to present techniques that will need to be faced, but if you compare today's options with what was readily available just 20 or 30 years ago, I would prefer today's advances and I look forward to the next generation of new options. There are so many ways to get at the old sources of information today, that research has actually been getting easier and easier. The ability to share information has never been higher. What we really need are better skills for assessment of the quality of the information that we are getting.

We have a new chance to track the past. We can learn to use new information sources, to apply new research skills, to create and use new criteria for evaluating data, and to be more accurate in our own use of citing sources and documenting the evidence that we assemble. As social mores change, we need to create new formats for recording and monitoring the facts that come out of those new social arrangements. The challenge to all of us is to keep looking for new entry points to useful information about our families. It's not really our last chance to do genealogy; it's just our next chance to do a better job!

Gary A. Zimmerman

FRIENDS OF FISKE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Fiske Library held a book sale on Saturday, July 13, 2002. Non-genealogical books from the Library's collection, as well as a wide variety of donated books, sold for a total of almost \$500. These earnings will go toward the purchase of new books and CD's for the Fiske Library.



The remaining books were donated to the Lopez Island Library, and those that they cannot use will be included in their book sale.

Dick and Carolyn Blount bought a number of pocket books that they took with them later that day to read on flights to Vilnius, Lithuania. Later, those same books were given to friends in Helsinki; the Fiske Book Sale provided enjoyment to friends around the world!

Carolyn Blount

GENEALOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY ONLINE DATABASE-UPDATE

The July issue of the Newsletter carried a story on the new Genealogy and Local History Online database being carried by local library systems (see Volume 9, No 4, pg 10). Patrons at the Fiske Library have found this to be a very helpful resource. In the last few weeks, the service has been further updated to begin carrying the census images from Heritage Quest. To date they have mounted the 1790, 1800, 1810 and 1870 census images.



When you perform a search, merely putting in a surname will be treated as a search for head of household only, and other people with the same surname do not show up on the search results list.. You must select the census year and the state that you want to search. "Zimmerman" in California in returns 38 hits, only three of which are in Sierra County. When you select the one you want to learn more about, you get that single line that has been used for the indexing and below it your get a very clear picture of the actual census page.

The graphics are good. My first try turned up my great grandfather Joseph Zimmerman's family in Downieville, six years before my grandfather was born into the family, and I can easily read that his oldest brother was born in February, 1870.

When you are finished with that entry, a single stroke takes you to the next entry of that same surname in that county. In this case, J. Zimmerman is the only person of that surname in the household that he was living with. This is John Zimmerman, living in the household in Downieville of D. M. and Nancy Kime. Nancy is the oldest sister of Joseph Zimmerman (of the other household in town) and John is a younger brother.

The front and back of each census page is presented on two adjacent screens and the context tells you the name you seek will be on either panel. It is very easy to use.

Remember, most of the library systems in western Washington now have this service and you can access it from home over the internet by using your own library card number as the entry password. If you don't have a library card, you can go into any library branch and get access from there with no password required.

Gary A. Zimmerman

FISKE LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday	10:00 am to 3:00 pm
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

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AT THE FISKE LIBRARY

The Fiske Library has a number of important collections of genealogical material.

Although each collection is unique, the researchers were all skilled genealogists and gathered valuable information and source material. These collections are a wonderful addition to the Fiske library, we hope you find them useful.



Round Valley, Idaho, home of the Bacon family. This photograph is part of the Bacon-Clark collection.

Helengrace Brown

Helengrace Brown gave her entire collection to Fiske library when she moved into a retirement home recently. Her maiden name was Lancaster, and her area of interest was Maine. You will find her collection in notebooks among the genealogies, and her books on the Maine shelf.

Bacon-Clark

The Bacon-Clark collection came to Fiske via friends who thought it needed a "home". This collection covers some families beginning in New England and gradually moving west. The material is in 24 white 3-ring binders labeled with the family names, and is in the genealogy section of the library. The charts of both Bacon and Clark are located within the first notebook for you to access.

Paul Gibbs

Paul's family background is from New England and you will find an indexed list of his material in the main catalog, and files in a labeled drawer.

Patt Hanson

Recently the private genealogical collection of Patt Hanson was donated to the library. Patt was a student of Arthur Fiske's for many years. She remembers one vital clue that Arthur suggested to her; her maiden name is Daniels and he suggested that it might have been O'Daniels, which she found to be correct!

This collection covers ancestors from the New England states, several southern states, plus England, Ireland and Wales. She says one of the most interesting things she found during her years of research was that a great-grandfather died just a few days after his discharge from Civil War service.

Patt's ancestors are listed in the Fiske Library main catalog. You might want to check this listing to see if you have a genealogical connection. Her files are stored in the large file cabinet, easily accessible, and her books have been put out on the shelves.

This donation not only included a number of books and notebooks, but also a microfiche/film reader. The Fiske library is very appreciative of Patt's generosity.

Brian Young

Brian's papers are very detailed, covering some southern states. The indexed collection is in the library catalog for you to check for a possible connection. The files are located in a drawer so labeled.

We hope you have the opportunity to check these private collections to see if you can find a mutual ancestor!

Mary Stevenson



The next **Friends of the Fiske Genealogical Foundation** meeting will be held
October 9, 2002 at 12:15 pm at the Fiske Library.



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VOLUNTEER, BETTY KAY ANDERSON

Betty Kay became instantly hooked on genealogy while visiting a family cemetery in Orford, New Hampshire, in May of 1988. She had gone east to attend her daughter's graduation, and had only visited the cemetery due to her mother's urging!

A friend of Betty Kay's, Patt Hanson, took her to the Seattle Public Library and showed her how to do genealogy. Using the library copies of the Massachusetts Vital Records and County Histories, in one long day of research, she found family connections all the way back to colonial New England. Patt then introduced Betty Kay to Arthur Fiske, and she enrolled in his Beginners Class that fall.

Later, Betty Kay managed Arthur's research tours. She has taken a group to Salt Lake City every year since 1990, plus an additional research destination every other year. These tours have included Washington, DC, England, New England, the Midwest, and this fall, the Eastern Seaboard. If you are interested in participating in any of Betty Kay's research tours, check the Fiske Library web page, www.fiskelibrary.org.

Betty Kay has taught in several classes at the Elma Family History Library after she was overheard helpfully answering patron's questions. When family re-

searchers from Shelton also began attending, the class mushroomed to 200 people! Over the past five years, Betty Kay has been running a study group of between 6 and 30 people at the Shelton LDS. This program is free because Betty Kay says she is still a student herself.



As one of the founding members of the Friends of the Fiske Library, and current President, Betty Kay continues to promote various ways of assisting the library. The Friends have held a number of auctions, rummage and book sales. Income from these events goes towards purchase of books and CDs.

On a more social note, Betty Kay and her husband host the annual Fiske Library summer picnic at their home on Hood Canal. Not only is the location and food wonderful, but the company is great—those attending can talk "genealogy" for hours.

Betty Kay's genealogical interests include New England, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, England, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Germany (the latter tending to be a nightmare).

Betty Kay's enthusiastic, ongoing contribution to the Fiske Library is much appreciated by all!

Carolyn Blount

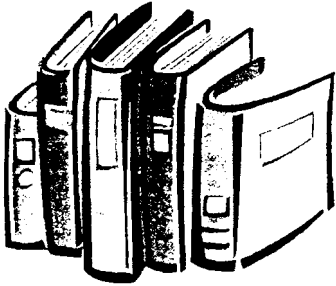
SPECIAL THANKS

To **Mary and Frank Peters** for all their work at the Library setting up new bookcases and re-shelving hundreds of books!

To **all** those who donated time and/or books to the recent book sale, it was a great success!

To **Karl Kumm** for his donation of a new scanner for the library. A great new tool!

Thank you all so much for your help and support!



FISKE LIBRARY—NEW ACQUISITIONS

Reference Material - Census

- A Key to the 1880 US Federal Census
- Making Sense of the Census
- Elizabeth Shown Mills seminar

Reference Guides

- Beyond Pedigrees, Organizing & Enhancing your work
- Discovering your Jewish Ancestors
- Genealogy On Line
- Guide to Local & Family History at the Newberry Library
- Handy Book for Genealogists (2002)
- South King Co., seminar on "Life Writing"
- Tracing Family Trees in 11 states
- What to do with your roots now that you've dug them up?

Reference Material - Immigration

- American Immigration
- Complete Book of Emigrants 1607-1776 (CD)
- Ellis Island -Gateway to America
- List of Emigrants from England to America 1718-1759
- Passenger & Immigration Lists, NY, 1820-1850 (CD)

Reference Material - General

- Concise Genealogical Dictionary
- French Dictionary
- Genealogical & Local History books in print
- Genealogical Calendar 1753- 2000
- Genealogical Research Directory 1991
- Library of Congress
- Manual for Writers of term papers, Theses & Dissertations
- National Gen. Society Library book list
- Religions in America
- United Brethren Pilgrimage
- US County History Catalog
- War of 1812 Genealogy by Schweitzer
- Ancestry Service, vol. 1 -7
- Ancestry's Guide to Research

New England

- A volume relating to the Early History of Boston, containing Aspinwall Notarial Records 1644-1651

- Epitaphs from Copp's Hill Burial Ground, Boston
- Gen. & Personal Memoirs relating to the families of Boston and Eastern Massachusetts, Vol. 1-4
- Apprentices of Connecticut 1637-1900
- Records of the Particular Court of CT 1639-1663
- Cemetery Inscriptions in Herman, Maine
- Early Homes of New York & Mid-Atlantic
- Early Homes of Rhode Island
- Glimpses of Saybrook in Colonial days
- Scituate 1636-1936
- Colonial Architecture in New England
- Early Homes of New England
- Good Wives (New England Women)
- New England Ancestors, Summer 2002
- The American Genealogist, Summer 2002

Northwest

- 1959 Annual of Lewis & Clark College
- Chinook -Washington State, 1947
- DSHS Death Index 1916-1979 (12 rolls), WA
- Kuay -Queen Anne High School 1909 (WA)
- Legislative Manuals (Washington) 1889-90 and 1893-94
- Pioneer Days on Puget Sound (WA)
- State Board of Control annual report 1912
- The Bulletin
- The Strenuous Life -Roosevelt High School 1941
- Washington Territorial Assessment rolls (3 rolls)
- Washington Territorial Census (20 rolls)
- Wheels West (Donner Party)

Southern States

- Arkansas Newspaper Abstracts 1819-1845
- Index to Arkansas Gen. Land office 1820-1907, Vol. 2
- 1800 Census of Oglethorpe Co., GA
- Georgia Genealogical Magazine (P)
- Georgia Marriages 1811-1820
- Land Lottery list of Oglethorpe Co., GA 1804 and Hancock Co., 1806
- The Georgians, Gen. of Pioneer Settlers
- Obituaries of Knox Co., Galesburg, IL, Vol. I
- Green Co., Kentucky Review
- Kentucky Ancestors Register of the KY Historical Society
- Kentucky County Maps
- Kentucky Explorer, 2 vols.
- Kentucky Historical Soc. Annual reports for 1993 & 1995

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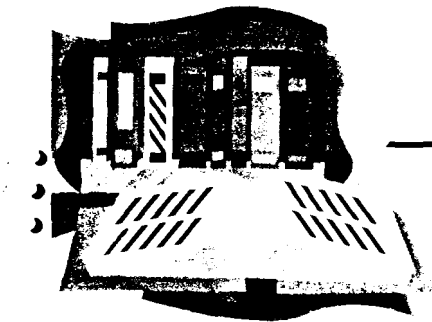
- Shane Manuscript Collection (KY & OH)
- Bienville Parish LA Cemetery records Vol. 1
- Biog. & Historical Memoirs of Bossier Parish, LA
- Biog. & Historical memoirs of Claiborne Parish, LA
- Biographies & Historical Memoirs Natchitoches Parish, LA
- Bossier Parish LA marriage records, 1843-1900
- Cemetery Inscriptions of Claiborne Parish, LA Vol. 1-4
- Cemetery Inscriptions of Webster Parish, LA, Vol. 1
- Claiborne Parish Trails, LA (P)
- Clippings from Claiborne parish LA newspapers
- First Land buyers in Bossier-Claiborne Parishes, LA up to the Civil War
- Guide to printed sources for Gen. & Historical research in LA parishes
- Index, Claiborne Parish, LA, Marriage records, 1840-1910
- Jackson Parish, LA, Marriage records 1880-1912
- Lincoln Parish, LA, Marriage records 1873-1901
- Tombstone Inscriptions of NW LA cemeteries, Vol. 2
- Webster Parish, LA marriage records 1871-1901
- Marriages & Deaths from Mississippi Newspapers
- Mississippi Genealogical Exchange (P)
- Mississippi Memories (P)
- Mississippi Records (P)
- Harnett Co., Heritage, NC
- Journal of Gen. Soc. of Rowan Co., NC
- Martin Co., Heritage, NC
- Onslow Co., Heritage, NC
- Some Colonial & Revolutionary Families of NC.
- History of Franklin Co., Ohio
- 1800 Census of Pendleton Dist. SC
- 1860 Mortality census of Upper South Carolina Vol. I
- Abstracts of Pickens District, SC Deed Book 1834-1838
- Citizens & Immigrants, SC 1768
- Jury Lists of SC 1778-1779
- Pendleton Dist & Anderson Co., SC, Wills Estates & Legal records
- Pendleton Dist., SC, Deeds 1790-1806
- Pickens District, SC, 1840 census
- SC Memorials, Vol. 2, 1731-1776
- South Carolina Genealogies, Vol. 1, A-Col.
- South Carolina Jury Lists 1718-1783
- Records & Resources in TN
- White Co., TN County Court minutes 1819.1820
- White Co., TN deed abstracts 1801.1820
- Johnson Co., Texas, Marriage records, Vol. 1, 1854-1883 and Vol. 2, 1883-1894
- 1787 Census (Tax Lists) for 23 Virginia counties
- Description of the Country Virginia Cartographers & their maps 1607-1881
- Frederick Findings (VA/WV) (P)
- Master Index Virginia Surveys & Grants
- Virginia in the 1600's & 1700's (P)
- Virginia Northern Neck Land Grants, Vol. 3, 1775-1800
- Virginia/West Virginia, Gen. Data from Rev. War Pension & Bounty Land records
- Berkley Journal, History of Little Georgetown, WV
- West Virginia Estate Settlements
- History of Old Pendleton District with Genealogies of Leading Families
- History of the Lower Shenandoah Valley
- Montgomery Co., Tax lists 1788, A, B, C.
- Southern Baileys (P)
- Southern Gen. Index (P)
- Southern Queries (P)
- Tax Lists for 1783 Greenbriar Co.
- Tax lists for 1799 Loudoun Co.
- Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina & Arkansas county maps

Other States

- Early Macoupin Co., IL Births & marriages
- Illinois Atlas & Gazetteer
- St. Clair Co., IL marriages 1791-1845
- Index of PA Colonial Record series
- Index to Landowners & Joiners in Early Land Survey Westmoreland Co., PA 1769-1905
- Westmoreland in 1773
- Macoupin Co., Searcher (P)
- Macoupin Connection (P)
- Scots on the Chesapeake 1607-1830
- Scripps College, Claremont, Alumni

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British Isles - England

- Domesday, a search for the roots of England
- English Gen. Research -seminar by Robin Bush
- Stokenchurch in perspective (Oxfordshire)

British Isles - General

- Glamorgan Family Historical society (P)
- Mr. Vessey of England
- Pre-1841 Census & Population Listings
- Scot-Irish Family research made simple

British Isles - Ireland

- Gen. alphabetical index to town lands & towns, parishes & baronies of Ireland
- Ireland -A concise History
- Irish Families (P)
- Irish Family Research made simple
- Irish Genealogy -a record finder
- Irish Names & Surnames
- Seminar on Ireland research by Donna Hotaling

British Isles - Scotland

- Scotland - A concise History

Canada, British Columbia

- History of the O'Keefe Ranch

Sweden

- Beginner's Guide to Swedish Gen. Research
- Gen. Guidebook & Atlas of Sweden
- Genealogical Guidebook and Atlas of Sweden
- Sweden Panorama
- Swedes, From Thence They Came
- Tracing your Swedish Ancestry

Family Histories

- Alderfers of America
- The Astors
- Bailey Trails (P)
- Early Bailey Marriages, Book 1
- The Early Churchills
- The Dimick Family

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- Some Francis History
- Gilbert Galley (P)
- The Holcombes
- Fanny Kelly, captive of Sioux Indians
- Larsson (Larson) and Olesen (Olson)
- Carolyn Lockhart (Cody, Wyoming)
- Cotton Mather
- Neikirk, Newkirk, ...and Related Families, Vol. 2
- The Shipman Family in America
- The Spencers of the Great Migration, Vol. 1

Note: Publications have a "(P)" included in the item description.

Donations the past few weeks have been received from Moira Connor, Marge Jodoin, Mary Peters, Barbara Teichroew, Jackie Cedarholm, Bill Eberle, Betty Sheerhan, Gini Wisner, and Patt Hanson. The Friends of the library donated the Washington archival films. We thank each one of you. Your interest in the library is a vital part of our continued growth.

Mary Stevenson

ACCESS TO HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS

The Library has added Historical Newspapers to our Ancestry.com subscription. Go to any of our computers and access <http://www.ancestry.com>.

On the main page, scroll to Historical Newspapers and click in for the Newspaper Search page. I recommend putting in your ancestor's name and state to begin. More detail may result in a "no matches" message. Less detail may overwhelm you. At the moment, only certain papers in a few states are available including New York, Indiana, Georgia, and Ohio. On the search page, there is a list of available papers. You can pick and choose a specific paper to search.

It is gratifying to see a list of entries with paper and dates. The name of the person is highlighted for you to click on and see the image, however; Ancestry's servers are having trouble keeping up with the internet traffic. If you click on a name/entry and get a "this page is not available," it is not your fault or ours. The servers are busy. You will at least have an index of articles to look for once access is resumed.

Marge Jodoin



CONTINUING EDUCATION IN GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY FALL SESSION 2002

September	18	"End of Life" Courthouse Records
September	25	Early Migration Patterns Within New England by Moira E. Connor
October	2	Cemetery Research
October	9	Recent Acquisitions of the Fiske Library
October	16	Time Lines, Calendars and Calculations
October	23	Field Trip to Seattle Public Library
October	30	The Counties of England and Wales
November	6	What's Been Done Before? by Mary Peters
November	13	Mennonite, Anabaptist and Related Denominations
November	20	Evidence: Evaluation and Citation
November	27	NO CLASS – Thanksgiving Week
December	4	Writing an Easily-Read Family History by Karl Kumm

All classes will be held from 10:00 am to 12 Noon in the Library at 1644 43rd Avenue East in Seattle (in the Madison Park neighborhood). Tuition is \$5 per class or \$30 per quarter. An annual library membership with educational privileges is \$75. All sessions are led by Gary A. Zimmerman, unless otherwise indicated.

BEGINNING GENEALOGY SESSIONS

Drop-in sessions for beginners on the basics of getting started in family history research will be offered on the fourth Wednesday evening of each month, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, in the Library. There is no tuition, but participants will be asked to pay at cost for their handouts. The instructor is Mary Peters, Director of Education.

SOCIAL STATISTICS SCHEDULES IN US CENSUS

One source of information for the genealogist trying to locate cemeteries from the late 19th Century is to be found in the Social Statistics Schedules included with the decennial United States Census for the years from 1850 through 1880.

These schedules listed (among other topics) cemetery facilities within city boundaries and included maps with the locations of the cemeteries marked. Contemporary names and addresses for each cemetery were given and when a cemetery was no longer functioning, the reason for its closure was given.

These special census schedules were part of a group of non-population schedules that were taken to assist the federal government in making policy decisions. They included the Mortality Schedules that were taken periodically from 1850 to 1885, the Veterans' Schedules from 1840 to 1890, the Slave Schedules from 1850 to 1860, the Agriculture Schedules from 1840 to 1910, the Manufacturers schedules from 1810 to 1880 (although most of these are not readily available), and the Social Statistics schedules.

The 1880 Special Schedules were published by the Government Printing Office and are available at the University of Washington in the Government Publications section in the basement of Suzzallo Library.

The schedules from other years are stored in a variety of repositories. Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking, in "The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy," (revised edition, 1997) have a table of some of these repositories in their chapter on census records. Their list can be expanded by doing a google.com search on "social statistics schedules" to include other state library collections.

The information on cemeteries is just one of a host of topics covered in the social statistics schedules. You will also find lists of libraries (with addresses, numbers of books, and type of ownership), newspapers and periodicals (with circulation, point of view with respect to politics or social issues), colleges and schools (with details on number of students, number of teachers, and sources of funding) and churches (sorted by denomination). In some cases these statistics are aggregated to the state level, but when given at the city and county level they can be of great assistance to your research efforts.

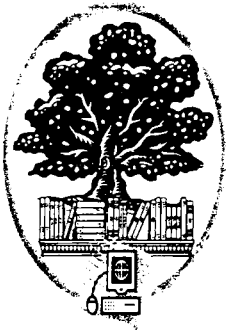
The national summaries for each decennial census, which are available on line from the University of Michigan in their Making of America series, do not contain the local specifics such as name and place of individual cemeteries. These usually are found at repositories in each state.

Gary A. Zimmerman

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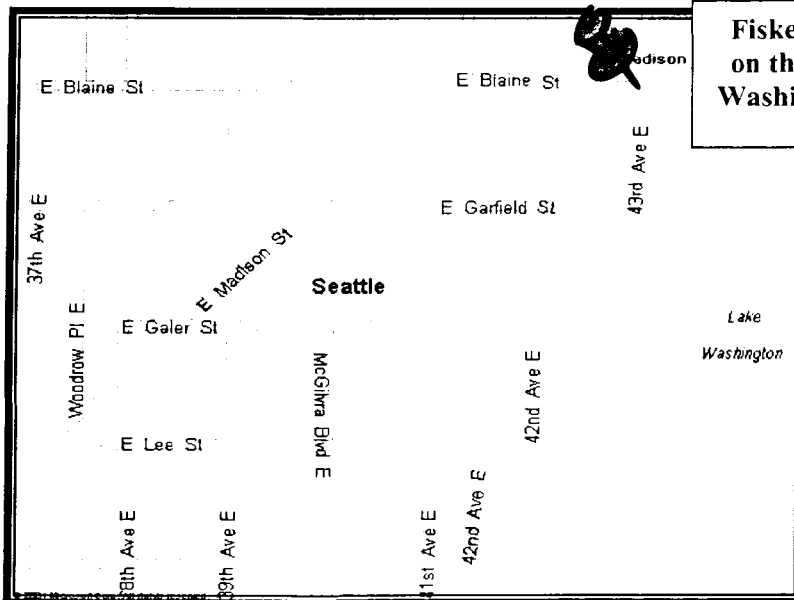


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