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Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

An August press release from FamilySearch.org, issued in advance of the Federation of Genealogical Societies annual meeting in Ft. Wayne, Indiana,

announced that the website has now surpassed the 100,000 mark in digitized books available for public use. This is a treasure trove of materials for your research efforts.

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When you go to https://familysearch.org select the "Search" option at the top of



the page and then look for the "Books" option at the top of the next page.

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That will open up the form for describing your search parameters. Enter a surname or a location and press enter to start the search. For example, entering the term "Winslow" returned over 5,000 hits.

On the right hand side of the results page is a short list of the materials identified in the collection. In this case, there are over 3700 books, over 1000 periodical or serials titles, and over 1100 "other materials." The results list itself began with six "books" and four "other" titles in the first ten entries. For each "result" there is a link entitled "details." A click on that link opens up a box that gives specific information about the holding in the collection. This includes the detailed title, the name of the author, a brief description of the work or a biographical sketch of the main person in the title of the work, the main language of the publication, and the provenance or "ownership" of the work that has been digitized, and "patronage usage instructions." For some entries, FamilySearch has only limited rights to access the work and you may be instructed to access the material at a Family History Center or at the library holding the original copy of the work.

If you click on the blue title of a work, it should open in the media reader incorporated into your browser. The presentation may vary with the media reader and the specific browser that you use.

VALUABLE Assistance

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

As you plan your end-of-year charitable contributions, please consider a gift to the Fiske Genealogical Foundation. As more family history research is done on the internet, fewer trips are needed for visiting a genealogical library. However, the cost of maintaining the reference collections does not diminish. Sending a contribution helps keep the lights on and the library shelves full. We currently have a prioritized list of books that need repair or re-binding as funding becomes available.

Your assistance can be tax deductible and you can enjoy the good feeling that keeps this kind of resource available when your research really needs to access hard-to-find resources. Call the library if you have questions. Thank you for your consideration.

SHARING YOUR TIME

Contributed by Joan Wilson

As a non-profit organization, The Fiske Genealogical Library has no employees. The volunteers who keep it running participate in all aspects of the services which our patrons come to expect, from housekeeping to library services to book maintenance and repair to planning and conducting classes to interviewing and assisting researchers who seek out The Fiske to publishing this newsletter.

If you are thinking of joining this amazing crew of genealogical researchers and dedicated preservationists, please contact the library or the editor at the information on page 10.

ONE SATURDAY Volunteer

Contributed by Joan Wilson

Larry Pike staffs the Fiske Library on one Saturday a month, lending his research expertise and personal records from Maine to Klickitat County, WA.

Pictured here in front of the John Sanders house in Salis-

bury, MA which dates from 1639, he reminisces:

"I grew up in New England on my grandfather's farm. For 225 years, many of my ancestors and relations lived within a few miles of that farm. I became interested in genealogy as a teenager and was able to collect information from numerous, mostly elderly, close and distant relatives who were still living at that time but have now been gone for many years. My ancestors were mostly farmers, generally not very wealthy, and did not hold positions of much significance. By and large they did not have estates at the time of their death that generated probate records.

What they did do was buy and sell many small parcels of land. The land transactions commonly involved relatives and/or close neighbors and allow the tracking of ancestors as they move not only from town to town but also from one state (or colony) to another. Near the end of an elderly farmer's life arrangements for the transfer of land to other family members were made through deeds which document the arrangement. An examination of land records can fill in gaps in other records and help flesh out your picture of your ancestors' lives."



STUDENT NAME INDEX TO 1900

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

Richard Parker Morgan is a bibliographer. He makes lists of books. He makes lists of names cited in his books. He has been doing this for over fifty years. In 1965, he published *A preliminary bibliography of South Carolina Imprints, 1731-1800.* It was a listing of published books from colonial and early American South Carolina.

1. 1st Presbyterian Church (Institution, Church, Presbyterian) Main W Side Near 4th, Cincinnati, Ohio (Institution) Cincinnati, Directory, *Cincinnati Directory, for the Years 1836--7*, (Cincinnati, 1836) Page 242.

 2. 2nd Presbyterian Church (Institution, Church, Presbyterian) 4th SE Corner and Race, Cincinnati, Ohio (Institution) (incinnati, Directory, Cincinnati Directory, for the Years 1836--7. (Cincinnati, 1836) Page 242.

As part of the Ohio bicentennial celebrations commemorating the state's history from 1803 to 2003, he began tabulating materials published in Ohio before 1850. This effort has become known as the Morgan Bibliography of Ohio Imprints 1796-1850. It lists over 10,000 books, pamphlets and broadsides that were printed during that time period. Many of the entries may have been only single pages or posters. You can find it at http://www.morganohiolibrary.com/.

Out of this effort grew a database of names, both of corporations and of individuals, that appear in these documents. The Ohio Name Index is available online at <u>morgan.mwa.org/ohionames/index.php</u>.

Morgan became interested in the holdings of the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, Massachusetts. That library had a considerable number of published catalogs from schools and universities during the early part of the 19th Century. Morgan's Ohio Name Index had drawn heavily from the school annuals and catalogs in Ohio. The collaboration with the Antiquarian Society collections has led to another index, the Student Name Index to 1900, with over 250,000 entries of students, faculty and trustees listed in school publications. You will find it at <u>morgan.mwa.org/studentnames/</u>. In each of these online indexes, you can search for a specific individual or for all entries for a given surname. The results returned will show the names in the database along with the position or occupation, the field of study if a student, and the city of residence. In the upper right hand corner of the results page is a link to view or to hide the citations from which these facts have been drawn. For example, the search for Arthur Walter Emerson returns the fact the he was a student at an academy, majoring in the English Department, and he is from Orland, Maine. When you view the citation, the same line of information is returned with an additional line below it showing that the 1854 Catalog from Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, lists him on page 17. The citation line is linked to the catalog at the American Antiquarian Society and brings up source information and call numbers for the source of the information that you have recovered in your search. The same student may appear in several consecutive catalogs; the faculty and trustees may appear in catalogs over many years.

Morgan also has a separate webpage of Ohio City Directories 1819-1850 with representative directories from Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, Dayton and Steubenville.

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NEW SATURDAY CLASSES!!

Fall 2013	Торіс	Instructor	Location	Tuition
Saturday October 12	Starting Your Genealogical Search (Part 1)	Lou Daly	Pioneer Hall 1642 43rd Ave E. Seattle 98112	\$5
Saturday October 26	Starting Your Genealogical Search (Part 2)	Lou Daly	Fiske Library 1644 43rd Ave E. Seattle 98112	\$5
Saturday November 9	DNA and Genealogy Research	Herbert McDaniel	Pioneer Hall 1642 43rd Ave E. Seattle 98112	\$5

FALL 2013 TRIMESTER NARRATIVE

Contributed by Karl Kumm

The Fall 2013 trimester at the Fiske will focus on developing your skills in the analysis of your genealogical data. Eric Stroschein will work extensively with these skills in three classes. A student of Thomas Jones, he is now working with him to mentor Jones' students in his online course. A professional genealogist, Eric is currently the President of the Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

Mary Peters will lead a discussion on Indirect Proof. A member of DAR, Mary has helped many Fiske visitors to become members of the DAR. She will be supported by Lou Daly and Karen Sipe who will provide examples.

There will also be a panel on how to organize your genealogy. John Wise and Claire Smith will be panel members. John has taught for SeniorNet, is very knowledgeable about computers and genealogy, is active in the Eastside Genealogical Society, and has taught extensively. Claire is President of the Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society and a graduate of the UW program.

Carolyn Blount will show you how to squeeze the most out of the family photo albums that so many of us collect. At the last Fiske board meeting, she told a wonderful story about a family picture. Do come hear Carolyn.

Finally, Karen Sipe will show us that the process of writing can help us clarify our thinking and sharpen our analysis of family genealogy. The fifth element of the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS) is a written statement and a narrative of support.

Some class members over the years have asked for classes on DNA and Genealogy. Herbert McDaniel is the leader of the SGS special interest group on DNA. He will teach two classes during the fall trimester and also a Saturday class on November 9th.



DUE TO CONSTRUCTION IN FISKE LIBRARY, Classes are held from 10:00 am to 12 Noon in Pioneer Hall at 1642 43rd Avenue E. in Seattle (above the Fiske Library) and

Classes noted in bold are held on Thursday.

Tuition is \$5 per class or \$35 per quarter. An annual library pass with educational privileges is \$85.

FALL 2013 CLASSES: Analyzing Genealogical Data

Fall 2013	Topic	Instructor
Wednesday September 18	Fundamentals of Genealogical Methodology	Eric Stroschein
Wednesday September 25	How to Organize Your Genealogy	Moderator: Karl Kumm Panel: Clair Smith John Wise
Thursday October 3	Introduction to DNA Research Note: Different Day	Herbert McDaniel
Wednesday October 9	Analysis and Dating of Photographs	Carolyn Blount
Wednesday October 16	Writing Up Proof using Indirect Evidence	Panel: Mary Peters Carolyn Blount Linda Fogarty Karen Sipe
Wednesday October 23	Intermediate Class on Methodology of Genealogical Analysis	Eric Stroschein
Wednesday October 30	The Research Cycle	Karl Kumm
Thursday November 7	DNA Research—The Science Note: Different Day	Herbert McDaniel
Wednesday November 13	A Case Study in Genealogical Methodology	Eric Stroschein
Wednesday November 20	Writing as a step in Problem Analysis	Karen Sipe Karl Kumm

FISKE LIBRARY JULY & AUGUST ACQUISITIONS

Newly acquired books are processed by cataloging, 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.

AMERICAN REGIONAL HISTORY

- Olde Long Meddowe [MA] [F74.L8 L66 1979]
- Records of ye Towne Meetings of Lyn pt 2 1701-1717 [F74.L98 L96]
- Index to Known Cemetery Listings in Vermont, 3rd Edition [F48.N53 1995 Blue notebook for Windham County, VT]
- Letters to the Editor: two hundred years in the life of an American town (Bloomsburg PA) [F159.B64 L47 1998]
- The State of Jones [MS] [F347.J6 J465 2009]

AMERICAN GENEALOGIES

- Descendants of Thomas Hayward [CS71.H427 2000]
- Genealogy of the family of Moore of England, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire and Iowa [CS71.M82 1996]
- Descendants of William Tubbs of Duxbury [MA] [excerpt filed in More Families Notebooks]
- Five Families from Hartford County CT (Wilsons from New England series) [CS71.W75 1988a vol. R)

MILITARY HISTORY

- Colonial Wars of North America, 1512-1763—an encyclopedia [E46.5 .C65 1996]
- The Officer's Guide [WWII] [U133 .048 1942b]
- New York in the American Revolution: a source guide for genealogists and historians [Z1238 .G78 2012]

REVIEW OF TWO RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Contributed by Mary Peters

NEW YORK IN THE AMERICAN REVOLU-

TION: a source guide for genealogists and historians by Eric G. Grundset for the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution donated by the Mercer Girls Chapter, NSDAR.

If you are looking for a guide to assist you in finding a New York patriot in the Revolutionary War, this is the book you need to use. This information is arranged by subjects and geographical areas. NSDAR's publication *Is that Service Right*? is a starting point for NY researchers, but this volume has many more sources. Many sources in the bibliographies have a notation that the book is an acceptable source for NSDAR applications or that it cannot be used as a source. This information is very helpful to Chapter Registrars.

Chapter One suggests strategies for research which is difficult because the State Capitol Fire in Albany in 1911 destroyed many records. There are many regional centers and the state's system of county, town, and village historians have a variety of records. A researcher will not find "it all" at one research center. It lists "General New York Research Guides" and "Special New York Research Considerations: Names."

Chapter Five, General Histories of the American Revolution in New York State, lists five and a half pages of sources. Other chapters include subjects such as General Revolutionary War Sources; Government of NY Colony and State in the Revolutionary Period; New York Finances and Taxation during the Revolutionary Era; Land Records; Military Records; Spies; Regions, Counties, and Localities in NY State and the American Revolution; bibliographies for each county; Distinctive Groups such as African Americans, Canadians, Dutch, Freemasons, etc.; Lineage Societies; and prominent New Yorkers.

The Addendum includes additional sources found since publication. There are 18 period maps which are small and require a magnifying glass to see specifics on them. The index is comprehensive. In addition to the printed index, a .pdf file is available for a specific search if a reader is unable to find what they are looking for in the index.

An example: One of my ancestors lived in Claverack during the Revolution, but I have not been able to find any proof of that statement. This book lists "Claverack District 1779 Tax Records" which are unpublished originals at the NY State Archives and gives the microfilm number. Also, it lists two other books by Arthur C. M. Kelly regarding these tax records.

COLONIAL WARS OF NORTH AMERICA 1512-

1763: an encyclopedia edited by Alan Gallay (1996) and donated to Fiske Library by the Daughters of Colonial Wars, Washington State Chapter.

From early times in the history of North America, people have been engaged in wars, battles, and skirmishes. Many of our ancestors were involved in such activities, but how to find out if there was one near where your ancestor lived? This book should help you identify locations and definitions of terms from A to Z.

First off, "Abatis" is defined. It is an obstacle around a defensive position. I have never heard that word before, but now I know. Each battle, town, state, county, or definition is written by a different author, and a short list of references included at the end of the article.

I tried looking for Claverack, NY and found nothing, so I tried Hampton, NH. I found that during Queen Anne's War there were raids on coastal towns in Maine and New Hampshire. If one wants more information, there are references to look up.

READING HANDWRITTEN RECORDS

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

The Learning Center at <u>www.familysearch.org/learningcenter/</u> is a valuable resource for any aspect of your current research. It can be especially helpful if you are struggling with handwritten documents from the "old country" of your ancestors. In simple slides and video lectures you can get a better understanding of records in many languages and from many different historical periods.

The Learning Center home page opens with a long list of places across the globe for which genealogical instructional materials are available online, and at the center top of the page is a search box for entering a specific topic of interest. If you enter the search string <reading handwritten records> (and you only enter the three words inside of the brackets < > but not the brackets) you will get some 250 results. Most are presentations in English, but not all of them.

If you insert a term for a particular language in that search string, like <reading French handwritten records> you get three online lessons with about 80 minutes total of instruction on how to read records in French script. Lesson 1 presents the French alphabet, lesson 2 deals with key words and phrases that appear in genealogical records, and lesson 3 is a detailed presentation on reading French records.

If you go to the column on the left of the home page for the Learning Center, you find there are nine lessons for French genealogy: the three that we have already looked at, plus two more on Beginning French genealogy, and self-paced primer of interactive slides on French Research complete the French roster. You work this last one at your own pace. Now that you have mastered those classes presented in English, trying following the two classes in the French language, entitled "understanding the writing of our ancestors."

Go back to the left-hand panel and select the number following the name of a specific country. For example, next to France you will see the numeral 9 in parentheses. Click on that and you find the left hand column divides into several sections re-sorting the lessons related to French genealogy in Beginner and Intermediate levels of instruction, into a multi-topic list according to subject matter, and into the language of presentation. This format is repeated for other languages.

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Take particular note of the eleven classes in German genealogy (only five of them are in German), or the Scandinavian options, where there is a one-hour class on Scandinavian research in general and several lessons on how to decipher the Goth scripts used in the Scandinavian records. The Polish records are treated in a similar fashion.

The classes in English genealogy (as in England) are even more extensive. The United Kingdom classes cover some of the same material and even use the same lectures, but there are many other topics there as well.

Teach yourself, then come give a lecture at the Fiske Library!

MASTERING GENEALOGICAL 100,000 DIGITAL HISTORIES, PROOF—BOOK REVIEW CONT'D.

Contributed by Karl Kumm

Thomas W. Jones is one of the most popular teachers at national genealogical conferences and institutes. His new book *Mastering Genealogical Proof* has been eagerly anticipated by his students. There are three aspects of his book that stand out for me. He is precise in his definitions. He is both brief and clear. He provides exercise, models and graphics that make his writing extraordinarily clear.

Precise definitions occur throughout the text. In the Glossary, for example, he defines "indirect evidence" as "two or more information items that answer a research question." The research question is: "When was John Kinder born?" He cites as information items the common law principle that a Grantor be twenty-one and the deed dated 1 June 1790. The answer is that John Kinder was born before 1 June 1790. These two sources support this indirect evidence that gives us a partial answer to the research question.

The text is brief, but written with meticulous care. Of the 178 pages in this manual, seventy pages are text, and the rest includes exercises, a glossary, answers to the exercises, and the reprint of two articles from the *NGS Quarterly*.

In Chapter Four, pages 38 and 41, he explains the basic concepts of documentation. Five questions must be answered. Who is the author? What is the title? Where was it published? When was it published? Finally, Where is it [located]? Pages 39 and 40 are figures that illustrate and apply the concepts. Thomas Jones shows us that however complex the answers to these questions may get, the basic principles are simple.

Any genealogist who wants to better understand the professional standard being set for proof should acquire this book. It belongs on your genealogy reference shelf.

Thomas W. Jones. *Mastering Genealogical Proof.* Arlington, Virginia: National Genealogical Society, 2013. Available online at <u>www.ngsgenealogy.org</u>.

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As an example, look at the work titled "Historical outline of Winslow and Olive Hovey Farr." This is a 52-page typewritten manuscript researched and written by a family historian in Mission Viejo, California in 1981 and submitted to the Family History Library. The media viewer in your browser opens up a clean, crisp copy of the entire work. You can scroll down through the entire book and read each page in your browser or you can download the book to your desktop.

If you download the book to your own desktop and then read the .pdf file in your Adobe reader you can do an every word search and quickly cover the entire manuscript. (For some of the books in the collection, the .pdf file is already set up for an every word search; for others, you need to have it on your own desktop.)

At the top of the search page you will find an Advanced Search option. In this format, you can limit your search to words that appear in only the title, the name of the author, the subject, or in the entire body of the text.

The genealogical periodicals that are in this collection are also a useful resource. With the advanced search for example, you can hone in on *The Report* published by the Ohio Genealogical Society, select a specific volume and then search for a specific surname and quickly go to every hit in a given year of that journal. The database currently has 20 years of the Report in digital format.

The collection of digital materials is the result of a collaboration of several large genealogy libraries working with the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the Clayton Library in Houston and the Mid-Continent Public Library in Independence, Missouri have all contributed digital copies of many of their holdings. The database continues to grow. You can find the official press release of August 5th from FamilySearch at <u>htts://familysearch.org/node/2304</u>.

FISKE LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	10:00 am to 3:00 pm		
Wednesday	12:00 noon to 6:00 pm		
Thursday	1:00 pm to 6:00 pm		
Friday	Reserved for research groups (greater than 8 persons) from outside th greater Seattle Area. Contact the Library to make reservations.		
Saturday	10:00 am to 3:00 pm		
Sunday	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month		

OUR APPRECIATION FOR BOOK DONATIONS

We appreciate the contributions by the following supporters of the Fiske Library. Since the last newsletter, the following donated titles 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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NEW ENGLAND RESOURCES AT HATHITRUST

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

A recent article in the Spring 2013 issue of this newsletter introduced the value of the HathiTrust for genealogical research. (See page 11 <u>http://www.fiskelibrary.org/NewsLetter/2013spring_newsletter.pdf</u>.) The HathiTrust site at <u>www.hathitrust.org</u> has a very useful collection of New England resources that are available in full view mode.

If you enter the name of a town, such as Amesbury, you get a list of records from this Massachusetts community that includes the published vital records to the end of 1849, a history of Amesbury, and a chronological record of the principle events that have occurred in Amesbury. Each book opens in .pdf format and is easily searched for a specific name or place.

Amesbury also is mentioned in a series of published family genealogies that are available in full view mode. In some cases, that town is not mentioned in the title in the catalog, but does show up when the resource is opened and the town is found by a word search. For example, there are genealogies for the Lancaster family or for the Currier family with the town name in the title, but there are other books that don't have an obvious connection to Amesbury.

Essex County regiment. A directory of the commissioned and non-commissioned officers and privates, of each company, attached to the Fourteenth Regiment Heavy Artillery, Massachusetts Volunteers, for example, appears in the list and when you search for Amesbury, you find there are five pages in the book with a total of 49 Amesbury residents identified by name, age, occupation and residence who were in this Civil War regiment.

On the Sabbath following the arrival of the regiment in Washington, orders reached Col. Greene at a very late hour in the day to move his regiment to Meridian Heights. Immediately the regiment was put in motion, and amid a storm seldom equalled in severity, and rendered memorable by the vivid lamp-light sketches of an artist who delineated for "Harper's Weekly" the dripping warriors as they literally *wooled* up Pennsylvania Avenue, and were escorted to their new quarters by Col. Greene, himself on foot. Arriving at their destination late at night, the regiment bivouaced upon the wet ground, shelterless and supperless.

The same search also returned *Historical sketches of the town of Warner, New Hampshire.* This short book of 29 pages has seven pages with a reference to Amesbury, Massachusetts. As early as 1735, the government of Massachusetts Bay had granted land to petitioners from Amesbury and Salisbury to form a town that later became the town of Warner in New Hampshire. Specific residents of Amesbury are mentioned by name and by the role they played in the allocation of land in the new settlement.

New England resources seem to be well covered in the HathiTrust collections. There are titles for every state in the northeast.

Remember that the trust holds many books that are still in copyright and these are only accessible to users at member institutions. However, the details of such a publication are given and it is easy to use that information in a WorldCat search to see if a copy of the publication can be obtained through interlibrary loan from another institution.

Because the HathiTrust gets digital books from many of its member libraries, you will find the search results may have duplicated titles in the list. In some cases the quality of the digital pages varies by the source of preparing the books for inclusion in the archive. Near the bottom of the page early in each book you will find the source of the digital copy - a book owned by a specific institution may have been prepared in digital format by Google or by the Internet Archive. The condition of old books also may have an impact on the quality of the digital copy, so if you can't read the copy in one book it may be worth looking for the same title that was submitted by another holding library.



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