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## WATCH OUT FOR THE WAVING LEAVES!

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

The green leaves have become a familiar feature of ancestral trees on the subscription services of ancestry.com but thoughtful reflection should be given before adding a suggested “hint” to your tree.

These computer-generated “hints” often are proposed on the basis of limited familiarity to your tree. If the hint has an original document attached to it, be sure to examine that document. Does the document really fit the facts that you have already accepted for your tree? If dates are given, be sure that the information is a reasonable fit for your tree.

A recent waving leaf suggested the marriage to a specific person on a tree I was working with. The name of the proposed bride seemed to be relevant to the tree, but the link would not work, since the proposed groom was only three years old. Just adding the leaf to the tree would have introduced a serious mis-connection.

Even if the proposed link is appropriate, you still want to look at the image of the actual document. Not all of the relevant information in a document is abstracted for inclusion in the search engine database. You may find even more useful information within the document that will be useful for your tree.

Many of the green leaves come from information in city directories, but always try to look at the relevant image of the page in the directory. The abstract may not have made it clear that the woman was a widow and the abstract picked up on the name of the deceased husband. The waving leaf wanted to add his name with the date of the directory. The husband actually had been deceased for twelve years!

If you have overseas entries in your family tree, you also need to be careful with the waving leaf suggestions. Six or seven leaves for a possible entry in one of my trees really only had one relevant suggestion. The person in my tree never left Germany, but most of the proposed entries were for American hints with a similar name and birth date.

There is always a benefit in looking at the proposed hints – but your due diligence will convert that hint into a valuable addition to your family information.

# EARLY MONMOUTH COUNTY NEW JERSEY RECORDS

Contributed by Carolyn Blount

Have any of you ever felt frustrated because of the lack of early NJ records? Without the 1790-1820 census, research there can be truly difficult! The New Jersey Monmouth County Archives has an amazing new site that provides scanned copies of old court records that provide real insight, in addition to lists of names, from those early years.

<http://co.monmouth.nj.us/page.aspx?ID=1990>

Some records are linked directly to the site, identified as Open Public Records Search or OPRS. One selects first the set of records from the right hand column to peruse, such as “Clerk of the Court Records,” and then “Court of Common Pleas” beginning in 1721, for example, and then “Loose Papers” for the oldest set.

A box comes up to search by name. It seems most efficient to search by surname, first as plaintiff, then separately as defendant. A list of the individual cases is presented with dates. Click the box by the case or cases of interest, and click “View Selected.” Be patient; on my older computer it took about 30 seconds. Then click “Get Image” and a set of clear scans will appear, sometimes as many as 25 to 30 pages.

They are continuing to add new data bases, Naturalizations from 1907-1991 the latest. Here is a list for those records already available from their web page: <http://co.monmouth.nj.us/page.aspx?ID=1990>

Birth of Slaves, 1804-1851  
Census Returns, 1875 (through OPRS)

Coroner Inquests, 1786-1915

Slave Manumissions, 1791-1844

Exempt Firemen, 1871-2014

Tavern Applications, 1736-1919

Illegitimate Children, 1734-1897

Insolvent Debtors, 1755-1898

Marriages, 1790-1890

Name Changes, 1887-1947

Naturalizations, 1804-1906

Naturalizations, 1907-1991

Overseers of the Poor, 1754-1911

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Some of these records must be ordered, rather than being directly linked.

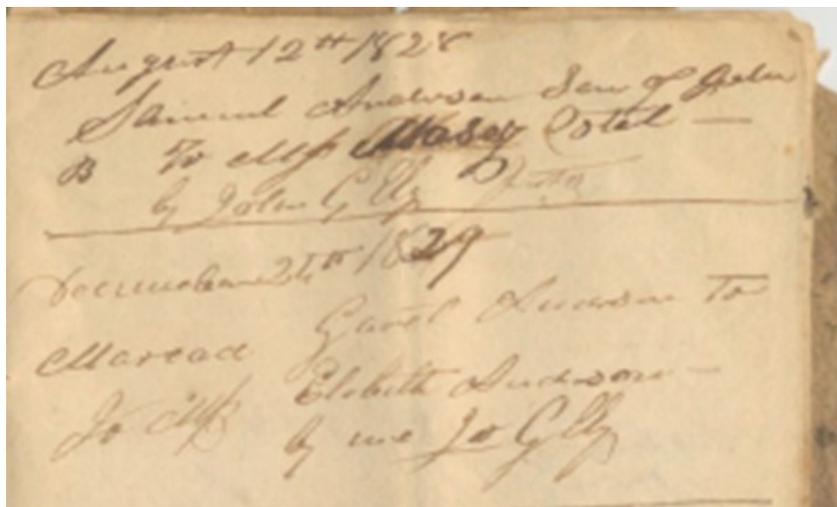
Click on the set of records that interests you. Search them by name; again it seems best to use only the surname, in my case, Anderson, and the list of records for that surname will appear.

Click [“Select”](#) from the right side of the one you wish to see, and a form will appear, requesting your contacts. Complete the form and send. Within 24 hours you will receive an emailed scan of the original record!

For example, here is the first name from the Coroners list:

Last	First	Town	Date Year	Cause	Comments
Anderson	Abraham	Freehold	06 19 1823	drowning	son of Samuel

I found a marriage of Samuel, a son of my GGG grandfather John B. Anderson, before the family moved from New Jersey to Indiana in 1835.



But more surprising and exciting, I received some 30 pages of documents from the lawsuit by my GGGG grandfather, David Anderson, to be released from Debtor's Prison.

From them I learned that he had a brother named William who was in "Carolina"; that his parents

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had lived in Greenwich Village, NYC, before “visiting” New Jersey; that he had interest in two schooners, the Rolla and the China, and one of the witnesses said that he was “an alien.” A list of his debtors revealed a number of Scottish names of his associates, providing some credence to the family myth that he returned to Scotland after serving as Captain during the Revolutionary War.

I found a document from 1765 labeled Matthew Anderson, on the first page, but Matthias on the second. Because of the witness by Abraham [a brother to Matthew of the Dutch line] this debtor is probably Matthew.

To the Honorable bench of his Majesties Judges held at Freehold October term for the County of Monmouth,  
Greeting.

The humble petition of Mathias Anderson humbly sheweth that whereas his Excellency Governor Franklin and Council and General Assembly has in their wisdom lately made an act of the Relief of poor debted stressed prisoners for their relief in order that they may be better enabled to goo to labour to pay their several debts from their confinement which I have no other way pay and pursuant thereunto I humbly pray that you will take any stressed condition in consideration and grant one the benefit of said act and your compliance I will thankfully acknowledge and in duty bound shall and will ever pray.

Stephen A Mason

Also I do hereby freely and willingly affix a schedule of and singular of any poor little worth of lands goods & affects and chattels according to all best of my memory and understanding of debts, dues and demands whatsoever together with theare names hereafter affixed to thear several sums and all such goods as follows,  
Viz.

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Abraham Anderson	
John Fuller by mark	9.19.0
Moses Laoir	
James Gafton	10.10
Robt Monlgomose	
Matthias Anderson	

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# FALL 2015 EDUCATION

All classes are scheduled from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

2015	TOPIC	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION
Wednesday, September 16	More Than Just Databases	Mary Roddy	Pioneer Hall 1642 43rd Ave. E. Seattle, WA 98112
Wednesday, September 23	Georgia and the Land Lotteries	Gary Zimmerman	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday, September 30	The Genealogist's Toolkit	Karl Kumm	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday, October 7	Exploring the Fiske Genealogical Library & Pioneer Hall Collections	Gary Zimmerman	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday, October 14	Family Tree on FamilySearch - What, Why, How	Lou Daly	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday, October 21	Field Trip to Seattle Public Library Genealogy Department	John LaMont	Seattle Public Library Genealogy Dept.
Wednesday, October 28	Research in Alabama and Mississippi	Gary Zimmerman	Pioneer Hall
<b>Thursday,</b> November 5	DNA and Genealogy	Mary Kathryn Kozy	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday, November 11	DNA Discoveries: a Panel Discussion	Carolyn Blount, Larry Pike & Jo Bengtson- Sivley	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday, November 18	Robert Charles Anderson's "Elements of Genealogical Analysis"	Karen Sipe	Pioneer Hall

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 [www.fiskelibrary.org](http://www.fiskelibrary.org) for further information.

# Fall Class Focus

Contributed by Gretchen Furber

Fall is right around the corner, conjuring up that old “first day of school” excitement that you can still get a taste of with classes at the Fiske Library. The lineup this coming quarter includes some unique topics and excellent teachers.

Beginning and intermediate-level genealogists will profit from hearing Mary Kircher Roddy present “More Than Just Databases” (Sept. 16). She’ll teach us how to access the wealth of expert knowledge and instruction lurking in those huge online repositories *Ancestry.com*, *AmericanAncestors.org*, and *FamilySearch.org*. Also of great usefulness will be Dr. Karl Kumm’s “The Genealogist’s Toolkit” (Sept. 30), in which he’ll explore seventeen major tools genealogists rely on to advance their research.

Gary Zimmerman’s two survey talks will focus on the American South: how historic lotteries in Georgia impacted land records there (Sept. 23), and searching for your ancestors in Alabama and Mississippi (Oct. 28). Gary will also be taking us on an in-depth tour (Oct. 7) of the Fiske Library collection and the four smaller, under-utilized collections that reside upstairs in Pioneer Hall.

It’s been a long time since we took a field trip to the Seattle Public Library’s genealogy department and the collection has been growing. John LaMont, their genealogy librarian, will be hosting us there on October 21. With her first-hand experience developing her own families’ trees on *FamilySearch.org*, Lou Daly will provide expert answers (Oct. 14) to all our questions about this great Wiki-based platform for sharing genealogical data.

DNA is a big area of current interest, too, so there will be two sequential classes on the topic. The first class (Thurs, Nov. 5) will have Mary Kathryn Kozy covering the basic science of DNA and how it applies to genealogy; the second (Wed., Nov. 11) will be a panel discussion by three Fiske regulars -- Carolyn Blount, Larry Pike, and Jo Bengston-Sivley -- all of whom have had success with DNA in their own research.

And last (but not least), we have Karen Sipe coming in on Nov. 18 to present on the brilliant research approach laid out by Robert Charles Anderson, Director of the Great Migration Study Project, in his 2014 book, “Elements of Genealogical Analysis.”

Please join us for any or all of these classes!

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# FISKE LIBRARY FALL ACQUISITIONS

Newly acquired books are processed by cataloging, entering the Fiske Library holding information into WorldCat, 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

National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims Lineage Books volumes 3 to 7 [E186.99.S5 N38]

Mayflower Increasing, 2nd Edition [F63 .R68 1995]

## NEW YORK AND MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES

The British Invasion of Maryland 1812-1815 [E359.5.M2 M3 1977]

Genealogical Resources in the New York metropolitan area [F128.25 N523 1989]

Reminiscences of old Gloucester or incidents in the history of the counties of Gloucester, Atlantic and Camden, New Jersey [F142.G5 M6 1968]

Cumberland County History (Pennsylvania) [F157.C8 C86]

Cumberland County Marriages 1761-1817 (PA) [F157.C8 P450 1983]

## ATLANTIC SOUTH

Shenandoah valley pioneers and their descendants – a history of Frederick County, Virginia [F232.S5 C37 1995]

Images of America: Caswell County (North Carolina) [F262.C26 C367 2009]

Images of America: Cumberland County (North Carolina) [F262.C9 P69 1999]

Heritage of Stokes County (NC) [F262.S8 H47 1981]

Stokes County (North Carolina) [F262.S8 T83 2004]

Heritage of Surry County (NC) v.2 [F262.S9 H47 1983 v.2]

Winston-Salem – a history (NC) [F264.W8 T87 1994]

## LOWER MIDWEST

Kentucky place names [F449 .R46 1987]

## UPPER MIDWEST

Index of the service men in Franklin County, Illinois, Wars 1832-1898 [D570.85.I31 F733 Index 1975]

Cemetery inscriptions of Scioto County [OH] v. 12 – Washington Township [F497.S3 B57x 1983]

Birth and death records of Highland County [OH] 1856-1857 [F497.H6 B57x 1983]

Cemeteries of Highland County, Ohio [F497.H6 C45 1988x]

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Record of military service in the Recorder's Office, Highland County [OH] [F497.H6 R43 1980]

Boone County [IN] early marriage records 1831-1848 [F532.B6 R53 1977]

History of Clay County, Illinois v.1 [F547.C55 H5 1884, 1969r]

Grand Ledge Remembered (Michigan) [F574.G677 G72 1976]

Roy Johnson's Red River Valley [F612.R27 J65x 1982]

## AMERICAN WEST

The Gate City: a history of Omaha [F674.O557 L37 1997]

Thousands of Idaho surnames – abstracted from rejected Federal Land Applications – Vol. 1 Coeur d'Alene Land Office [F745 .T47 1980]

Nevada Towns and Tales – Vol 1 North: Reno-Elko-Carson City; Vol 2 South: Tonopah – Las Vegas-Ely [F841 .N48 1981]

Centennial snapshots: historic places around King County from the first 25 years of statehood [F897.K4 L46x 1991]

Pioneer Days on Puget Sound, by Arthur A Denny [F897.P9 D4 1965]

Barkerville, Williams Creek, Cariboo (BC) – a gold rush experience [F1089.5.B25 W75 1998]

## PUBLISHED AMERICAN GENEALOGIES

Matau family history and related lineages [CS71.M4264 2002]

The Andrew Schwartz family 1744-1985 [CS71.S3985 1985b]

Rombauer memoirs [CT214 .R66 2000]

## EUROPE

Genealogical and heraldic history of the commoners of Great Britain and Ireland 4 vols [CS425 .B78 1996]

Topographical dictionary of England 4 volumes in 2 [DA640 .L49 1996]

The Scottish Highlanders [DA880.H6 M27 1992]

Palatinate Place Name indexes: identifying place names using alphabetical and reverse alphabetical indexes [DD801.P43 M56 2000]

Book of British topography [Z2023 .A54 1970]

## REFERENCE WORKS

The Knights of England [CR4809 .S5 2011]

Organization and management of genealogical associations and repositories 2 vols. [CS2 .O7]

Family Tree Problem Solver / tried-and-true tactics for tracing elusive ancestors [CS14 .R67 2011]

Genealogical Directory and Handbook, by Arthur D Fiske [CS16 .F47 1966]

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# GENEALOGY RESEARCH TIPS, NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Contributed by Claire Gebben

In 1787, Congress enacted the Northwest Ordinance to establish the Northwest Territory (present-day Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and northeastern Minnesota). A year later, Congress passed a resolution setting aside 4,000 square miles of the Northwest Territory to give “free land in the public domain to officers and soldiers who continued to serve during the Revolutionary War or, if they were killed, to their representatives or heirs. ... Private or noncommissioned officer would be entitled to 100 acres of bounty land, an ensign to 150 acres, a lieutenant to 200 acres, a captain to 300 acres, a major to 400 acres, a lieutenant colonel to 450 acres, a colonel to 500 acres, a brigadier general to 850 acres, and a major general to 1,100 acres.” For the most part, revolutionary war veterans received bounty land in present-day Ohio.

Slavery was outlawed in the Northwest Territory. The Ordinance included a provision that the territory could eventually be divided into no more than five states. Once a particular region had a population of 60,000 or more, it could apply for statehood.

“In 1792, the Connecticut legislature granted 500,000 acres of the western portion of New Connecticut [northeastern Ohio] to those of her citizens whose property had been burned by the British during the war. These lands were called the ‘Fire Lands.’” East of here to the Pennsylvania border became known as the “Western Reserve.” But the frontier wilderness still was home to native peoples, who pushed back as settlers moved into

their land and hunting grounds. Indian skirmishes kept the settlements from growing, until 1795, when the Wyandotte, Shawnee, Delaware and other tribes of Ohio ceded a large chunk of land along the Ohio River and northeast to Lake Erie in the Treaty of Greenville. Immediately thereafter, Cleveland was one of the first cities to be surveyed and founded (although the land west of the Cuyahoga River would officially remain in Indian possession until the Fort Industry Treaty of 1805).

In the first years of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Ohio reached its mandated 60,000 settlers, via the bounty claims of revolutionary war veterans and their families, as well as people migrating west from Connecticut, and in 1803 achieved statehood. With the building of the Ohio and Erie Canals, which opened in 1825, significant populations of Irish and Germans arrived, such that by the 1870s, Cleveland was approximately one-third English, one-third Irish, and one-third German. In the 1880s, a huge influx of Italian, Czech, Polish, and Hungarian immigrants came to Cleveland, followed by Romanians, Greeks and Lithuanians, then Latvians and Russians, and so on. A web site called “Cleveland and its Neighborhoods: History, Genealogy, and Other Peripheral Subjects pertaining to Cleveland, Ohio” (<https://sites.google.com/site/clevelandanditsneighborhoods/home/>) gives an excellent background to the ethnicity of the waves of immigrants and the neighborhoods each group settled. It’s put together by “genealogy gal” Laura Hine. Ms. Hine has also compiled a sister site: “Frequently Asked Questions for Genealogy Research in Cuyahoga County” (<https://sites.google.com/site/faqcuyahogactyresearch/home/>), which provides tips

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## ACQUISITIONS

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Trace your roots with DNA – using genetic tests to explore your family tree [CS21 .S58 2004]

Magna Charta sureties, 1215, Fifth edition (updates our 3rd edition) [CS55 .W45 1999]

German immigration to America in the Nineteenth Century: a genealogist's guide [E184.G3 W42 1985]

Family names of Huguenot refugees to America [E184.H9 L3 1963]

The Order of the founders and patriots of America register, lineages of associates, 1896-1993 4 vols. [E186.6 .A63 1994]

From Ulster to America – the Scotch-Irish heritage of American English [PE3102.S36 M66 2006]

### MAPS

Illustrated atlas of the Nineteenth Century world (Antique maps of the 19th C.) [G1021 .T235 1989]

Maps of Indiana Counties in 1876 [G1400 .A5 1968]

Making of Canada – National Geographic map series [G3401.S1 N3]

British Columbia, Ontario, The North

Making of America – National Geographic map series [G3701.S1 .N3]

Southwest, Deep South, Hawaii, Alaska, Far West, Northern Approaches, Central Plains, Ohio Valley, Northern Plains, Great Lakes, Tidewater and Environs

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## RESEARCH TIPS,

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and go-to links for: Births, Deaths, Suburbs that maintain their own Birth and Death Certificates, Obituaries, Funeral Homes, Marriages, Cemeteries, Catholic Church records, Useful Cuyahoga County Websites, Other Cuyahoga County Genealogy Collections, Property Deeds – Recorder's Office, Cuyahoga County Auditor, Courts in Cuyahoga County, Cuyahoga County Probate Court Estate Case Files – Index and Images, Cuyahoga County Naturalization Records, Census, City Directories, Maps and Atlases, Military, Newspapers, Schools, Taxes and Voter Information. Cuyahoga County, with its largest city of Cleveland, was an early center of immigrant arrivals to Ohio. Another entry point to Ohio was located at the Upper Ohio River Valley, in and around Columbiana County, through wagon roads passing through Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Wheeling, West Virginia. In addition to the Columbiana genealogical archives, on a recent visit I discovered the Tri- State Genealogical & Historical Society, which covers Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and is staffed by volunteers available to help people trace their family history (<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wvtsghs/>).

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Claire Gebben is the author of *The Last of the Blacksmiths* (Coffeetown Press, 2014), an historical novel based on the true story of a 19<sup>th</sup> century German blacksmith who immigrates to Cleveland to pursue the American dream.



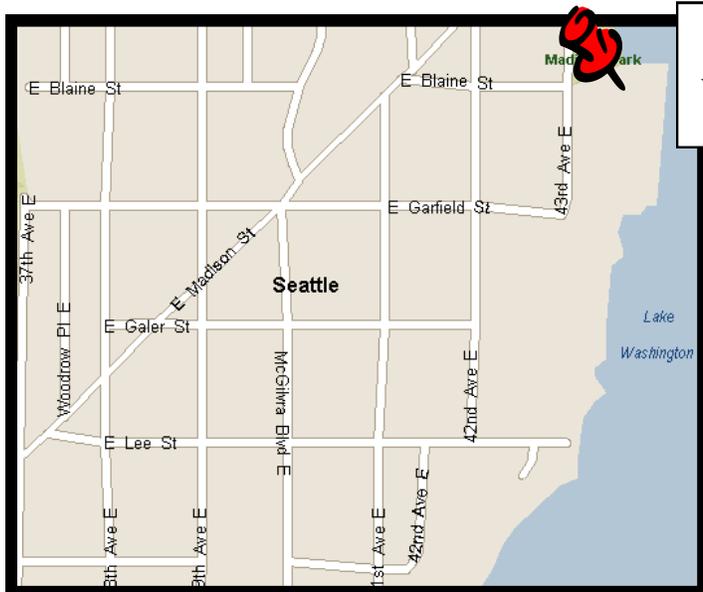


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- Drive east on E Madison Street to the third crosswalk after reduced speed zone of 25mph. The crosswalk has a yellow blinking light. A one-way street sign is on your right.
- Turn right and follow E Blaine Street to the end of the street.
- The Washington Pioneer Hall faces onto 43rd Ave. E. The Fiske Genealogical Library is located on the lower level of the building.