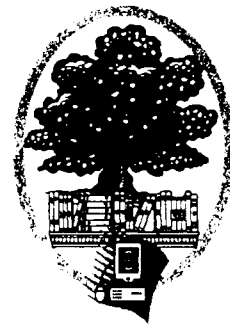


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GENEALOGICAL FOSTER CARE

Fiske Library continues to grow by two pathways:

- by planned purchases from our budget or from gifts from the Friends of Fiske organization, and by
- unsolicited donations of resource collections that range from a duplicate journal issue to boxes of researcher notes to extensive collections of books and journals relevant to our basic direction.

In this mode of acquisition, we find that some areas of our collection are not receiving enough attention.

I would like to extend an invitation to anyone with an interest in a specific county or township in our collection area to consider adoption of that county or township.

As the Fiske Foster Family of that township you could help us to identify appropriate research materials for that area, and help us to prioritize the mate-

rials that should be acquired for that region.

Should you would want to gift all, or some of those materials to the library, that would be greatly appreciated and publicly acknowledged.



The acquisition area for the library extends from the Atlantic seaboard westward to the states along the west bank of the Mississippi and the old Oregon Country, as well as eastern Canada and those European countries that provided immigrant streams to any of the states in our collection area.

In the more populated areas there might be more than one Fiske Foster Family at work to

strengthen the library resources.

As the year draws to a close, think about how you can help in the coming year. Adopt a county of your choice and help the Library.

Seasons greetings to you all.

Gary A. Zimmerman,
President

ON-LINE SEARCHABLE MILITARY DATABASES

At some point in your genealogical research you will find a need to access records about the military service or draft registration status of an ancestor. There is a growing number of resources available on the internet to assist you in this effort.

Joe Beine, a genealogist in Denver, maintains a website at <http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/military.html> that provides convenient links to some of these searchable resources. His site divides the list into "free databases" and "databases that require payment." Revolutionary War databases for Indiana, Maryland, Pennsylvania and a special Valley Forge Muster Roll site are identified, as well as a searchable collection of Revolutionary War letters, diaries and military orders for South Carolina.

Veterans of the War of 1812 can be found in an Illinois database, in an Ohio Roster of Ohio Soldiers, and in the pay rolls and muster rolls at the Library of Virginia. Each site limits their database to soldiers from that specific state.

The State of Illinois also maintains a roster of Illinois Veterans in the Mexican War. A broader collection of Mexican War veterans is maintained by the Descendants of Mexican War Veterans. Both of these resources can be reached from Beine's site.

Considerably more information is available on Civil War veterans. The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System has about 5 million Civil War soldiers identified. Many states have published rosters on line of their soldiers or of their pensioners.

Recently, an effort to publish World War I draft registration cards has made available quite a bit of information on persons who were born in the last quarter of the 19th Century. Many men registered who were never called for active duty. The listings on line are not complete, but as new state collections are published this will become a valuable resource.

In the Fiske Library, you can access ten separate military record databases that are offered by Ancestry.com, ranging from Revolutionary Muster Rolls to a Vietnam War casualty Index. (Just ask a library volunteer for access to these resources.)

Gary A. Zimmerman

THE FIRST AMERICAN WEST: THE OHIO RIVER VALLEY, 1750-1820

Many Fiske patrons have family lines that came through the Ohio Valley as migration across the Appalachians accelerated after the closing of the American Revolution. The opening of the Northwest Territory to permanent settlement and the creation of General Land Offices made this wilderness area available to many seeking a home with land for farming. While records naming specific persons in specific locations at a specific time may seem elusive, there is a considerable volume of historical material available about the settlement of this area.

The Library of Congress has assembled a collection of about 15,000 pages of documents and contemporary books that chronicle "the land, peoples, exploration and transformation of the trans-Appalachian West from the mid-eighteenth to the early nineteenth century." Using resources that are at the University of Chicago Library or at the Filson Historical Society in Louisville, Kentucky, the Library of Congress has created an on-line exhibit as part of their American Memory program. You can access this collection at <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award99/icuhtml/fawfome.html>

This is a great place to find "background" on where your family was going and what their surroundings were like as they arrived there. This will help you as a researcher "to place yourself" in their environment and to try to think as they were thinking as they made the decisions in their lives that would leave records

behind. It enhances your ability to find traces of them some 200 years later as you plan your research strategy.

One of my ancestors purchased land at the General Land Office in Steubenville, Ohio in 1802 and settled in Green Township, Columbiana County. The American Memory collection has images of a book by Thomas Ashe that was published in 1808 describing the settlements in the upper Ohio valley and within just a few minutes, I was looking at map sketches of Steubenville and reading about early settlers of eastern Ohio. I did not find a specific reference to John Zimmerman or to his son, Joseph Zimmerman (who would soon lead company of volunteers from this area in the War of 1812), but I did get contemporary impressions of the neighborhood in which my ancestors were living their lives. The original book is digitized and easily read on your computer at home.

Gary A. Zimmerman

ONLINE PRIMARY SOURCES FOR SCOTLAND



This has been an exciting year for moving beyond indices in Scottish research. The Scottish Wills site – <http://www.scottishdocuments.com> – is one of the most exciting events. I have downloaded a few wills from this site and been very happy with the low cost, ease of use and quality. And having seen the originals, I can assure you the images are the genuine article. The images are from the court registers themselves.

Have you ever consulted the Statistical Account for Scotland? A survey was sent out to parish ministers throughout Scotland on two separate occasions requesting information on local agriculture, industries, conditions, and a host of other topics.

Both the First and Second compilation of local information has been scanned from the original volumes and placed online for free perusal, download or printout. <http://edina.ac.uk/StatAcc/>

This is a wonderful source for filling in the background of our ancestors' lives. They are especially useful because they span the Industrial Revolution. The first series gives a picture of Scotland in the 1790s and the second series was done in 1845.

The opening page of the website is a little confusing because of references to subscription and log-ins; ignore all these references and click on "Access the Statistical Account." The next page also carries references to the subscription service – an item for UK only. Ignore all but the tabs at the top of the page. If you know what area your family came from, go directly to the Parish List.

But wait! Before you begin your journey, you may want to click on some of the other items on the home page. The article "Scotland Accounted for.." will fill you in on what the survey was about and how it was conducted, and the article "Scotland, Statistics and Happiness" is of interest.

But the Statistical Account. - The Parish list page – <http://edina.ac.uk/cgi/StatAcc/StatAcc.cgi> – allows you to choose what series and what locality you wish to view. Just follow the instructions and you will soon be reading in fascinating accounts of your family's home. The digital images of the book are clear and you can click on printable versions to keep a copy of the original for your records. And it's FREE!

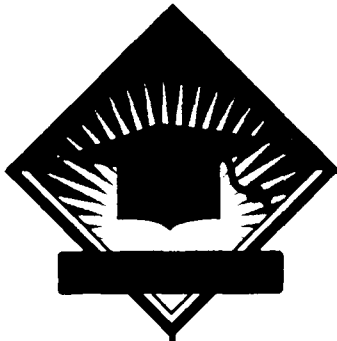
While I tend to avoid "for-a-fee" sites, I do recommend Ancestry.com's UK & Ireland database subscription. <http://www.ancestry.com> You don't "see" original images, but you can access the data from directories and other databases. Avoid using the general Search engines because Ancestry searches default to the whole kitchen sink. Instead, search by locality, click through the screens with the little maps to Scotland and then choose the database of most interest to you. Again, avoid the little search box on the left side of the screen. Within the specific database you can search by name – I do recommend a more general search within the database unless you get a lot of returns.

Especially useful is the UK & US Directories database near the bottom of the list. I am beginning to get excellent help in sorting through same names by being able to cross reference Directory, Parish & Probate data from Ancestry with LDS films of parish records, census records and now the Scottish Wills site.

Marge Jodoin



CONTINUING EDUCATION IN GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY



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.

- January 15 Loyalists in Massachusetts and Connecticut
- January 22 Preparing your Genealogy for Publication - the challenge of Indexing
by Moira E. Connor
- January 29 Exchanging Information on the Computer
- February 5 Image Processing - an overview of how to move photos, maps and diagrams from a file into your genealogy.
by Laura Wise
- February 12 Congregational Church Records
- February 19 On-line library catalogues and how to use them
- February 26 Field Trip to the University of Washington Library - including newspapers, MicroNews collection, Archives, Northwest Collection, local histories, military histories, biographic sources, bibliographies.
- March 5 Genealogical resources in Washington State - an overview
- March 12 Education Records - brief history of higher education in the US, and some less used educational sources
by Karl Kumm
- March 19 Problem Solving - students can bring examples of a genealogical problem in their research

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.

FAMILYSEARCH.ORG OFFERS ENHANCEMENTS

Index to entire US 1880 Census, 1881 Canadian Census, 1881 British Census:

In late October, the FamilySearch website brought on line the entire 1880 United States census, the British 1881 census and the Canadian 1881 census, together with an efficient search engine. From the home page at www.familysearch.org you would select the census entry from the menu on the left hand side of the page or you would go to the "search" option and then select the census entry. You will be able to search in all three databases at the same time, or you can narrow the search to a specific census for your search.

The databases are based on transcriptions of the original census records. To create the index of the 1880 US Census, volunteers from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints did the transcriptions and researchers at the Minnesota Population Center assisted in designing the process to standardize the names and localities and to organize the data for easier retrieval. It took 17 years to complete the work for the 50 million names in the 1880 US Census.

It took four years to complete a similar task with the 1881 Canadian census, with the help of the Institute of Canadian Studies at the University of Ottawa. There are about 4.3 million names in the Canadian census.

For the past year, patrons at the Fiske Library have enjoyed the use of the 1880 US Census on CD-Rom; now that same information is accessible at home through your web browser.

New Version of International Genealogical Index:

In late September, the LDS website offered an updated IGI, with the addition of names added since January 2000. In the future, the IGI on-line will be updated as new information is received. The Church also announced that there are no current plans to make further updates to the IGI on compact disc.

With this new version of the IGI, some individuals are linked to multiple events and displayed in families and pedigree charts. While on recent additions to the database are currently "linked" in this way, the number of IGI entries with this enhanced information is expected to grow significantly in the future.

The search process has been broadened as well. You can now search by given name, by surname, by a broader range of events, and carry the search over more regions. You must have at least a surname and a region or a given name and a region for the search engine to function properly. The search does not look for middle names.

If you try to limit your IGI research too much, you may miss some of the entries in the database. For example, you can add the spouse's name or you can add the parents' names, but never add both to the same query form. If you do, you may eliminate useful records about your primary search subject. Most records will give either the parent's name or the spouse's name, but not very many records will give both the spouse and the parents' names in the same document.

New Series of Study Guides:

In October, the Family History Library website also introduced the first in a new series of resource guides to assist your genealogical research. These may be purchased from Salt Lake City or downloaded as .pdf files and printed at home. The first guide in the new series is entitled "Finding Records of Your Ancestors, Part A: Denmark, 1834 to 1900," and is a 16-page pamphlet. Part B will be released shortly and will cover additional periods and offer more research strategies. An additional planned publication will help researchers read Danish records.

This new series is geared toward persons who are relatively new to genealogical research, but who have already collected the data from within their own family. The guide will help the new researcher to find the appropriate public records in a comfortable, easy-to-follow format. Much of the material cited will be available on microfilm from the Family History Library.

Gary A. Zimmerman



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(30 sessions) \$75.

HELEN WATERMAN, RECORDS SPECIALIST, EXTRAORDINAIRE



Fiske Library and other libraries throughout Seattle. Darlene Hamilton, genealogist at the Seattle Public Library, describes the collection as the Fiske Library's most valuable resource.

to Washington. Her Church line descends from Richard Warren of the Mayflower, while the Bodley's in KY came from Scotland in the mid 1700s, and her mother's family was Pennsylvania Dutch. She laughs that her family can enjoy sauerkraut, and tacos with apple strudel!

Helen is well trained for this monumental task! She was a medical records administrator in California, having

Helen published her research on the Waterman-Church ancestors in 1981. She used a different approach with the Aplin families, compiling a book on the entire surname in the USA between 1650 and 1900, using all the census indices and organizing individuals into families. This 14-year project was published on microfiche, but both projects were thus "frozen in time" and need updating.

Have any of you ever thought that the oak card files on the south wall of the Library had a familiar look? Perhaps you recognize them as the cabinets that you used at Suzzalo Library on the University of Washington campus, resurrected at the Fiske Library by the Winterscheid's.

Arthur Fiske's reference cards. Helen figures that she has two years to go before the task of alphabetizing, cross-referencing, sorting, labeling and distributing the extra space along the 512 drawers is complete. She notes that Arthur recognized variant spellings, all filed together, without cross-referencing. This caused complications for users and resulted in misfiling. Helen notes that there are at least 24 different ways to spell Lawrence. The drawers hold more than half a million cards of individuals referenced to specific books at the

worked in hospitals ranging from 50 beds to the 2000 bed Naval Hospital. She came to Seattle to head the department at the University of Washington Hospital before it actually opened.

Helen started working on her family's genealogy when someone asked if she was related to Canon Waterman of Fresno, and she thought it was terrible that she did not know. She describes her family as a typical American mix, with the Waterman's having migrated from England to Rhode Island, Vermont, Ohio, Missouri, and then

It appears that Helen's projects can keep her busy for the next ten years!

Helen Waterman, record specialist extraordinaire, has spent every Saturday for the past three years completing the filing of

Carolyn Blount



Holiday Hours

The Fiske Library will be closed from
December 24th, 2002 through January 5, 2003

FISKE LIBRARY—NEW BOOK, PUBLICATION AND CD ACQUISITIONS

Mid-Atlantic and Midwest:

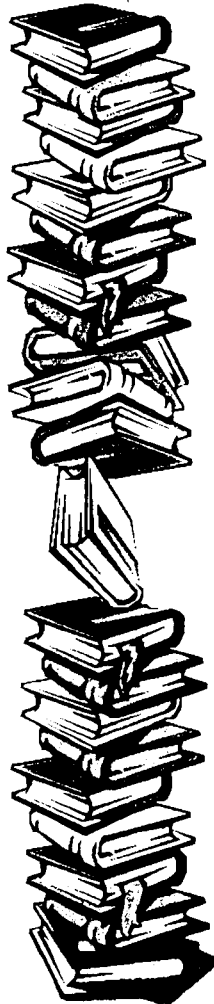
- Reference Guide for Gen. & Hist. Research in Illinois
- Montgomery Co., IN Land Records
- Early Landowners of Ripley Co., IN
- Gravestone Inscriptions of Scioto Co., Ohio
- First Ownership of Ohio Lands
- Some Blair Co. PA Cemeteries in Hollidaysburg
- Will Abstracts Northampton Co., PA
- Central PA, Marriages 1700-1896
- Blair Co. PA Cemeteries

New England:

- Barbour Collection of vital records for Connecticut for Wethersfield, Weston, Westport, Willington, Wilton, Winchester, Wolcott, Woodbridge, Woodbury, Woodstock, Windsor and Windham
- Old Records -Town of Fitchburgh, MA (3 vol.)
- Indian Deeds (Plymouth Co., MA)
- Birth Records of Biddeford, Maine
- The Island City -Moose Island, Maine
- NEHGS periodical for July and Fall 2002
- Family Names in New Hampshire Town Histories
- New York Pedigrees (notebook)
- New York Gen. & Biog. newsletter
- Upstate New York Researcher

Northwest and Pacific Region:

- Willamette Landings
- Historical Map of Yamhill Co., OR
- Index to Waddell Scrapbook of Obits. (Yamhill Co.)
- Oregon Pioneers, Vol. 4
- Sealth (Yearbook) 1904
- Days and Deeds in Oregon Country
- History of Tolt/Carnation (WA)
- History of Grays Harbor Co. (WA)
- Cemeteries of Island Co., Wash.
- Montesano Yesteryears (WA)
- Overlake (Golf Course, WA)
- Name of the Schoolhouse, WA)
- The Arrow (Garfield H.S. Yearbook 1927)
- Seattle First Free Methodist Church 1880-1890



- Denny's Knoll (History of UW)
- Ghost Towns of the Pacific Frontier
- Bancroft Collection -History of Pacific Coast

Southern Region:

- Township Atlas of Arkansas
- Kin Collecting (Arkansas Periodical)
- Calloway Co., KY Tax Lists
- Jackson Purchase Journal (KY)
- Kentucky Gen. & Biog, Vol. III
- Genealogies of Kentucky Families
- Marriages of Mecklenberg Co., NC 1783-1810
- Heads of Families in First census 1790, NC
- The Highland Scots of NC 1732-1776
- Destroyed County Records in SC 1785-1872
- The Bulletin (SC periodical)
- The Carolina Herald (SC)
- Southern Queries periodical
- 1840 Census of TN, Gibson Co.
- History of Overton Co., TN
- Settlers of Shelby Co., TN & adjoining counties
- TN Heroes of the Revolution
- Valley Leaves (TN periodical)
- Marriages of Campbell Co., VA 1782-1810
- Genealogies of Virginia Families, Vols. 1 -5
- Lancaster's from Virginia to Texas
- Handbook for Gen. Research in WV
- Ohio Co., WV Index, vol. 10 (court files)

Canada:

- Repertoire des Genealogie -Ste Julienne (Quebec) 1853-1986
- Repertoire des mariages -du comte (de) Frontenac
- Repertoire des mariages -Berthier-Eh-Hout (Vol I & II)
- L'ie de Montreal en 1731
- Manual d'archivistique (French Archives)
- New Brunswick Vital Records 1816-1823
- Guide to Ontario Land Registry Records

CONTINUED...NEW BOOK, PUBLICATION AND CD ACQUISITIONS

Denmark:

- Danish Gen. Research, Vol. I, Parish Registers
- Danish Gen. Research, Vol. II, Census records

England:

- Leeds Parish Registers (England)

Germany:

- If I Can, You Can Decipher German Records
- The Port of Hamburg

Scotland:

- Scottish Historical Soc. periodical
- Scottish Parish Records - CDs

Sweden:

- Tracing your Swedish Ancestry

Research Aids and General Interest:

- Was Your Grandfather a Railway man?
- Genealogists Companion and Sourcebook
- Discovering your Immigrant and Ethnic Ancestors
- How to Trace your Ancestors in Europe
- Pre-Federal Records in the National Archives
- The Amish and Their Neighbours
- 1890 Encyclopedia Britannica
- Pedigree Resource File (#14 & 15) CDs

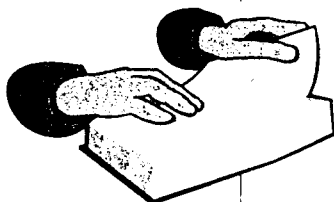
Periodicals:

- The American Genealogist - July 2002
- New York Gen. & Biog record - July 2002
- Archaeologia Cantiana (Kent, England)
- Saga of Southern Illinois
- Mayflower Quarterly
- Pennsylvania German Society
- Pennsylvania Gen. Magazine
- Mississippi Valley Historical Review
- Kentucky Ancestors
- Chronicles of St. Mary's (MD)
- Jacksoniana

- Journal of Am. Hist. Soc. of Germans from Russia
- North Irish Roots
- Point/Pointers (Italian)
- VanAken/VanAuken newsletter
- Potter Profiles

Genealogies:

- Mayflower Families, 5 gen., John Billington
- Bullock Family History
- The Bean Stalk
- The Beason Family Genealogy
- Castor Family of Pennsylvania
- Crane Queries
 - Alexander Duncan
 - Ancestry of Chamberlin Grant
 - Descendants of Thomas Goldthwaite
 - Houtenbrink, and Maria Lefort
 - Hinton Family History (England)
 - Hinton Family History, Vol. I & II
 - The Lancaster Genealogy
 - Lancaster Family Genealogy
- Potter Family publications - The Clan MacBean periodical
- Ancestors & Descendants of John Price, Harriet Marston, Ferdinand
- Mayflower Families, 5 gen., John Alden's dau, Elizabeth Alden Pabodie



We are very appreciative of about 50 books recently received from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Also contributions were received from:

Beverly Smith,
Gini Wisner,
Karen Bridgeman,
Donna Potter Phillips,
Karl Kumm,
Imy Peterson,
Mary Stevenson,
Jacki Cedarholm,
Helengrace Brown,
Carlidine Van Allen and
Euretta Shirley.

Each one of these gifts extends our holdings and is appreciated by all researchers at our library!

Mary Stevenson

NEW ENGLAND MIGRATION SEMINAR REGISTER NOW—SEATS ARE LIMITED!

Fiske Genealogical Foundation Is Pleased to Present

Dr. Ralph J. Crandall

Executive Director of the

New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)

Saturday, March 8, 2003

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

1644 43rd Avenue East,

Seattle, WA 98112

Seminar Topics

- **Migration from New England to the Upper Midwest**
- **Migration from New England to the West Coast, &**
- **NEHGS Resources Available for Off-Site Access**

General Public is Welcome to Attend

Please see our website for a registration form, or, just send your check to the Fiske Genealogical Foundation and add a note stating that it is for the March 8th Seminar.

\$ 30 Non-Members \$20 Members

Attendees will receive a coupon for one day of free research at the Fiske Library, a \$5 value. If you register by February 8th, 2003, receive coupons for three days free research, a \$15 value!

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DR. RALPH CRANDALL COMES TO FISKE!



We are happy to announce that Dr. Crandall will be our guest speaker at our seminar on March 8, 2003.

"Ralph J. Crandall is the Executive Director of the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

A native of Connecticut, Ralph joined the NEHGS staff in 1974 as editor of The New England Historical and Genealogical Register. In 1982 he was appointed Executive Director of the Society and has served in that capacity since, with the exception of one year spent with his family in Thailand.

Ralph received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees in History at the University of Southern California. He is a member of the American Antiquarian Society, the Boston Athenaeum, the Massachusetts Historical Society, Pilgrim Society, the Society of Colonial Wars, the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, and the St. Botolph Club.

He is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, past Recording Secretary of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, former Director of the Bay State Historical League, and formerly served on the Advisory Committee of the Boston Public Library.

In addition to his many years as editor of the Register, Ralph has published articles in a variety of publications, including Ancestry, Library Trends, and Family Chronicle. He is the author of the now-classic guidebook *Shaking Your Family Tree* (revised, 2001); editor of *Genealogical Research in New England* (1986); co-editor of *Generations and Change* (1985); and the contributor of "Family Types: Social Structure and Mobility in Early America: Charlestown, Massachusetts" in *Changing Images in America* (1979).

His genealogical interests include the Crandall and Watrous families, and patterns of geographical and social mobility in early New England.

Ralph and his wife Linda live in Harvard, Massachusetts, and have three daughters and two grandchildren."

"Ralph received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees in History at the University of Southern California."

From the NEHGS Web Site

FISKE LIBRARY HOURS

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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

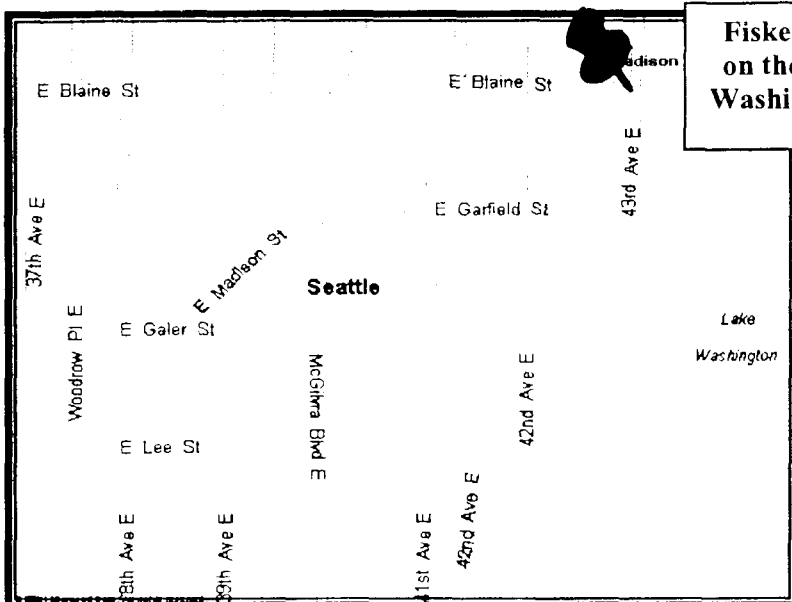


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- Ease to your right and follow East Blaine Street to the end of the street.
- The Washington Pioneer Hall faces onto 43rd Ave. East. The Fiske Genealogical Library is located on the lower level of the building.