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## DR. RALPH CRANDALL AT THE FISKE

On March 8, 2003, Dr. Ralph J. Crandall, executive director of the New England Historical Genealogical Society, spoke to a large group of researchers at the Fiske Library, Pioneer Hall.



Starting with the "Migration from New England to the Upper Midwest", Dr. Crandall discussed the "push/pull" factors during major migration periods (or "fevers") and spoke of the travel routes and transportation methods typically used.

One of the "push" factors Dr. Crandall spoke of was the winter of 1816... one of the worst in northeast history. That year the icy winter months extended into the spring and early summer; by July the worst was yet to come! In early August the area was hit by a frost so severe that it resulted in massive loss of crops. Facing possible starvation, many decided to move west into what is now the upper Midwest. The states of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine, which bore the brunt of the cold weather, suffered the greatest exodus.

Dr. Crandall's second presentation was "Migration to the West Coast". He discussed five major phases in the growth of the West Coast :

- 1790's - 1820's, casual, intermittent American contact
- 1830's - more frequent contacts. Missions established in the Willamette Valley
- 1840's - Expansionism rooted in the idea of

"manifest destiny"

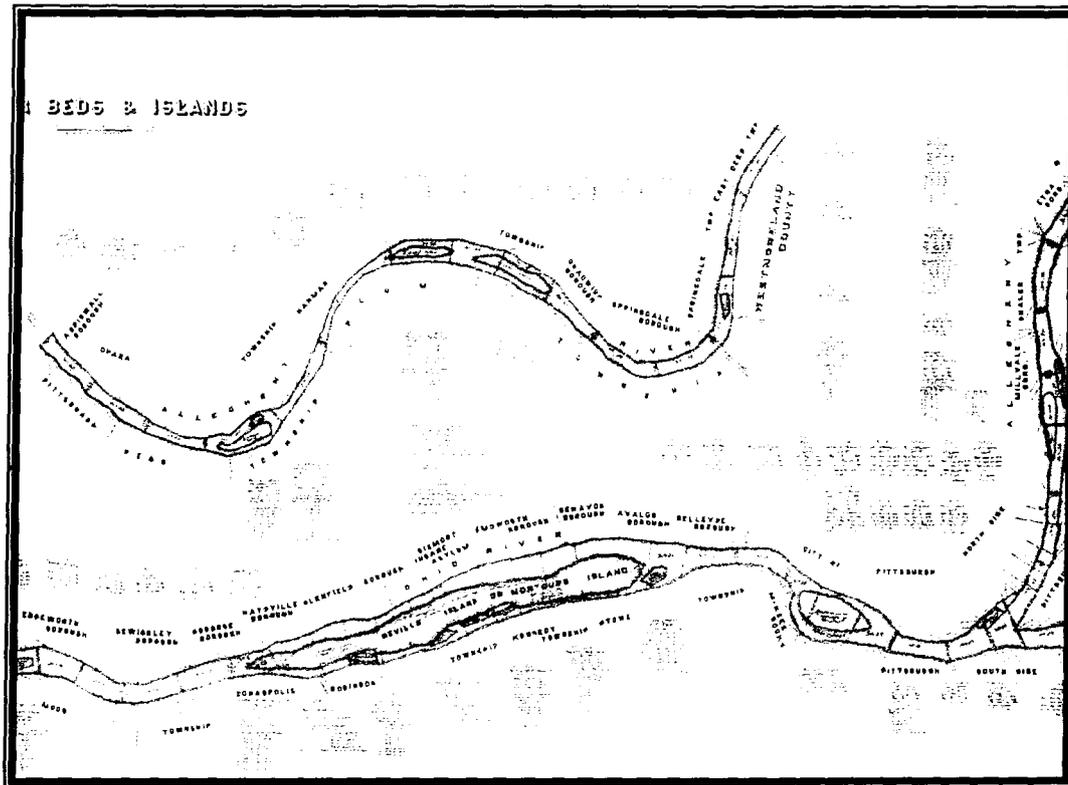
- 1850's - Gold Fever and Farm Fever!
- 1869 - Completion of the transcontinental railroad.

Dr. Crandall closed his seminar with a short and informative review of the resources available to NEHGS members, and a quick review of their website (which our very own David Brazier helped to set-up).

Dr. Crandall's article on "New England's Migration Fever: The Expansion of America" in Ancestry Magazine (7/1/2000) is available at:  
<http://www.ancestry.com>.

Moira E. Connor

# HISTORIC PITTSBURGH PROJECT



Small section of a map from the *Warrantee Atlas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania*, compiled by Helen and Eden Harriss (Allegheny County Law Library, 1983).

A useful new resource for doing family history research in western Pennsylvania and especially in the greater Pittsburgh area has been created in a collaborative effort between the University of Pittsburgh and the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania.

The "Historic Pittsburgh Project" includes:

- a digital full-text collection of 476 books published prior to the early 1920's;
- a searchable database of the US Census schedules for Pittsburgh (1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880) and Allegheny City (1850, 1860 and 1870);
- a collection of historic maps of the area;
- a searchable collection of 289 finding aids that give details of the important archival collections on greater Pittsburgh history;
- a searchable chronology of Pittsburgh history, and
- an on-line catalog for the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania.

You can access this material from home using your web browser at:

<http://digital.library.pitt.edu/pittsburgh/>

The **Full-Text Collection** can be browsed in alphabetical order or searched by keyword or bibliographic information. (If you find a book that is relevant to your family, you can order a digital reproduction of the entire book from the University of Pittsburgh.) A "simple search" will look for a single word in every book of the collection and present a list of occurrences, with a single line showing the context of that word. You can then see a very clear image of the entire page on which that word appears. You can do a "proximity search" in which you select two words and ask that it find every occurrence in the collection where the two words appear with x characters of each other. You select the spacing from 10 to 120 characters, or use the default setting of within 40 characters. This kind of search will find entries for first and last names of a person in direct order and in alphabetical order by surname first. In the "browse"

## HISTORIC PITTSBURGH PROJECT...CONTINUED

search you are presented with an alphabetical list of all books in the on-line collection. When you select a book, you are presented with a list of "subjects" in that book, and then the table of contents. You select any chapter and you are taken to the first page of the chapter and then can leaf through the entire chapter image by image.

The **Census Collection** is limited to Pittsburgh and Allegheny City, but it has information that is not easily available presently at any other site on the internet. You can do a name search, a street search (Pittsburgh 1880 only at this point), or an "advanced search" in which you simultaneously look for first and/or last name, city of birth, occupation and sex. If you put in any name, you will get a list returned of all persons in a given census that fit that name. You then select if you want that person's full record, or if you want a list of the names of all members of the household. When you see the list of the entire family, you then look at the data for each individual person. The data is presented in very clear text from a database; you do not see the census page image.

The **Historic Pittsburgh Maps Collection** currently has 21 volumes with 937 plat maps that were published between 1872 and 1939 by the G. M. Hopkins Company. They cover the greater Pittsburgh area. (Reproductions of the maps are available for sale.) The most recent additions to this collection include a 1901 Atlas of Allegheny City. There also is a Warrantee Atlas of Allegheny County, which shows the original land grants received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania after William Penn and his descendants vested the land to the Legislature. The atlas clearly shows the name of the individual who received the grant, the date the land was warranted and surveyed, property information, patent information and often, the name the property was given by the original owner.

The "**Finding Aids**" Collection presently contains summaries of 269 different archival collections on greater Pittsburgh area history. The search engine allows you to put in a key word, find which of the finding aids deals with that topic, and then you can see the entire finding aid. You do not see the documents in the original collection here; just the details of what is in the col-

lection and how to contact the repository in which the collection is stored. However, there is a great deal of information in each finding aid, including a biographical section on the person or persons who originally collected the documents. Some of these are extensive genealogical summaries of family histories.

The **Chronology** section provides an easy to search database of over 3,000 events in Pittsburgh history dating from 1717. A search for "March 1759" produced the following result:

### 1759 **March 1**

The building of a permanent fort -- Fort Pitt -- had begun under the direction of a new commanding officer, General John Stanwix, and engineer Harry Gordon.

Finally, the Historic Pittsburgh project offers a detailed commentary on related web sites for research on western Pennsylvania history. This include the Senator John Heinz Regional History Center, where the **Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania** is housed, with its non-circulating collection of over 40,000 books, 500 maps and over 1 million photographs. The staff at the Heinz Regional History Center is able to assist in both genealogical and historical research. The Pennsylvania Department at the Carnegie Library in downtown Pittsburgh also has a great genealogical resource collection.



Even if you don't have a Pittsburgh family in your line of research, you may benefit from a visit to this website. It will give you a lot of "insight" in how to find resources in your target areas. This is a good "learning" site.

Gary A. Zimmerman

## NEW RESOURCE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

If you are tracing families in western Massachusetts, you will want to consider a new resource that is now underway at the Franklin County Publication Archive Index. The archive currently contains over 13,000 articles, dated between 1870 and 1873, from the Greenfield Courier & Gazette. The articles are indexed by topic and are searchable by keyword.

The ultimate goal of the archive is to index all articles from Franklin County publications from available source materials from 1792 to 1927. The first installments on this index were prepared by a librarian at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Barbara Stewart, while she was on a five-month sabbatical.

Articles with genealogical information are thoroughly covered in the index. You may access this from computer work stations at the Fiske Library or from your own desk at <http://fcpai.umassp.edu>

Even if you don't find a name of interest in the archive, check out the list of subject headings and learn more about life in the 1870's in Franklin County - it is a good learning aid for getting a feel for this part of New England after the Civil War.

The mother of A. A. Rankin of Greenfield fell from the top of the chamber stairs to the floor below and the 88-year old woman was seriously injured. The report of her accident appeared on January 10, 1870. Eighteen months later, her grandson, J. Henry Rankin, died at the age of 20 from injuries suffered while jumping in play at school. Normal genealogical searches might be hard pressed to find notice of either of these "accidents" but this kind of family story appears easily while researching the fine index being published by the Franklin County workers. Take a look at it!

Gary A. Zimmerman

## USING THE TERR. CENSUS, WA STATE DEATH INDEX & FISKE CO. RECORDS TO IDENTIFY ANCESTORS

Or Who is "Grandma McKinney"? Within the past couple of months I have found a number of collateral pioneer family members, and have cleared up a couple of family myths and mysteries by the use of the Territorial Census records and the Washington State Death Index, by comparing that information to records from Washington counties, all while at the Fiske Library!

The Territorial Census was taken every couple of years during the 1870's and 1880's so can provide an ongoing record of where ones ancestor was located. While they are only alphabetized by the first letter of the last name, and smaller towns are not always clearly indicated, it is very possible to go through the reels which are clearly identified by year and find the individuals you may be seeking. Page numbers are not always indicated, so one may wish to identify the location of the individual by line 10, on page beginning with ..... in the source description. Armed with an approximate death date, it is even easier to obtain the actual death date using the Russell code which appears at the beginning of each annual reel of the State Death Index in the Fiske Library. Each consonant is identified by a number, so finding the correct name is fairly easy.

Here is how one problem was solved: I knew my great-great-grandfather, Jesse Ward, married three times; his third wife, Exeline, marrying again, also her third marriage, after Jesse died. Her third husband was a John McKinney or John McKinley, and she lived in Spokane (family lore). No luck in the death index without a date, but I found her in the Territorial Census, living first in Seattle, and later in Spokane living with a daughter, Ada Ellis. Next I found Ada's husband's bio in a Spokane County book in our PNW collection and this led to finding his mother-in-law's burial record, listed only as "Grandma McKinney". As reported by Mr. Ellis, she died 26 August 1895, Moran Prairie, Spokane. Without the census work, I would never have recognized her as Exeline Cason Baltimore Ward McKinney!

Blount

Carolyn

## BUSTLE IN THE BASEMENT



Gary Zimmerman Addresses the attendees of the March 8th seminar on New England migration patterns.

The last few months have seen a lot of activity in the lower level of Pioneer Hall. The Fiske Folk have been busy.

- The 2003 Fiske Salt Lake City expedition, with 37 people in the tour, returned with a couple of boxes of new books for the library.
- People who responded to my suggestion in the last edition of this column that we needed “foster parents” for specific communities of genealogical interest, came through with specific suggestions for relevant new reference materials that would enhance our collection in certain counties or in certain states and with specific donations of books to expand our holdings in their “adopted” area. It is not too late to become a foster parent yourself!
- The Seminar Day presented by Ralph Crandall, director of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, drew over 80 participants on March 8th. Many of the attendees were visiting the library for the first time and we were glad to have them browse the collection. A number of them have already returned to the library a second and third time to continue their research.

- The security system in the Pioneer Hall has been upgraded and the library is now covered by an electronic access monitoring system that gives added protection to our growing collection of books and electronic equipment.
- A new edition of the shelf list has been prepared by Mary Peters and is now in use in the library.
- David Brazier has installed a new wireless network in the library that allows anyone with a laptop computer and an appropriate plug-in card to access the internet from any desk in the study area. This is a very helpful new resource.
- New donations of collections, and acquisitions of new books, continue to flow in. Mary Stevenson and her assistants are continually processing new titles for the shelves. Do come in and browse. That missing piece of your research may just have arrived at the Fiske.

My impression of all of these “activities” of the last three months is one of a lot of “bustle in the basement!” Come join in the fun.

Gary A Zimmerman  
President , Fiske Genealogical Foundation

# CONTINUING EDUCATION IN GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY



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## SPRING SESSION 2003

All classes will be held from 10:00 am to 12 Noon in the Library at 1644 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue E. 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.

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|-------|----|--|--------------------|
| April | 09 | Preparing to visit the Family Record Center in London and the Public Record Office in Kew  | by Karl Kumm       |
| April | 16 | Hessian Soldiers in the American Revolution and their Descendants  |                    |
| April | 23 | Family research in the Jackson Purchase of western Kentucky  |                    |
| April | 30 | Help With Your Genealogical Dilemmas   |                    |
|       |    | Bring a short written discussion of a dilemma you face in your research and the class will collaboratively offer suggestions on how they have resolved similar problems. |                    |
| May   | 07 | Irish Genealogical Resources   |                    |
| May   | 14 | Boston Research - from the end of the Revolutionary War to 1850  |                    |
| May   | 21 | Field Trip to National Archives Regional Branch - resources beyond the Census Microfilm  | by Patty MacNamee  |
| May   | 28 | Introduction to digital scanners - an Overview   | by John Wise       |
| June  | 04 | From Shoe Box to First Draft: How to Organize Your Family History Book, Part I   | by Moira E. Connor |
| June  | 11 | From Shoe Box to First Draft: How to Organize Your Family History Book, Part II  | by Moira E. Connor |

## 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 for their handouts at cost. To ensure that sufficient handouts are printed in advance, please call the library and let them know the dates of the sessions you wish to attend. The instructor is Mary Peters

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## SPRING EDUCATION SESSIONS - OVERVIEW



Karl Kumm at the recent New England migration seminar.

We look forward to an exciting series of genealogy classes at the Fiske this spring. During the winter semester, Moira E. Connor gave a session on "indexing your genealogical study". The lecture was extremely interesting, and all of us who attended were fascinated to learn about the issues raised in indexing. Continuing this theme of preparing a family history book, Moira will present two sessions on "how to" organize those shoe boxes of research, and turn their contents into a readable and interesting family history.

Have you ever wondered what is stored in those large warehouses at Sand Point at the National Archives? Pattie MacNamee will give us a guided tour to some seven miles of government records stored there. We will get a peak at the photograph collection from forest homesteads, extensive files on Chinese immigrants and records of seamen who applied for ALB tickets, pilot's license, chief engineer papers and lifeboat tickets from the Coast Guard. There are engineering

drawings for the Grand Coulee dam. Hearings on marine disasters and log books of merchant ships fill other boxes. Their Territorial and Federal Court records go back almost a century and a half.

John Wise will introduce us to the use of scanners in genealogical research. This session is sure to help overcome yet another computer phobia!

Gary will do a number of sessions on genealogical research and history. His knowledge of the subject matter and his passion of delivery always result in sessions that are extremely informative and interesting. We are also planning a session on genealogical dilemmas. So think about those difficult situations where you don't quite know how to present the information you have found.

Are you planning a genealogical trip to England, or do you need to write to England for a few records to confirm other's research? Karl Kumm will introduce you to the resources in Seattle that will make your trip more rewarding.

So remember to mark your calendar for each of the Wednesday morning classes of interest to you. It's shaping up to be a great Spring education series!

Karl Kumm, Director of Education

## FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

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Ginny Wisner was responsible for the wonderful snacks and beverages at Dr. Crandall's seminar. She also brought this fabulous cookie basket for the table centerpiece.

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## ANN OWENS OUR NEW FISKE TREASURE(R)



Ann Owens, new Treasurer of the Fiske Library and member of the Board introduces herself:

*"I grew up near Ithaca, New York, on a farm that has been in my father's family since just after the Revolutionary War.*

*There was always a lot of pride in that heritage of having descended from General John Cantine who claimed that land after a surveying trip he did with John Sullivan after the war.*

*It was only when I became an adult that I discovered that he really wasn't a general, but was a colonel in the New York State Militia.*

*Separating fact from myth has remained a strong*

*interest in my research. I have been fascinated with family history all my life.*

*This fascination became an obsession after taking the three quarter long certification program in Genealogy and Family History with Sarah Little at the U.W. I finished the course in June, 1998 and have steadily been uncovering stories of my family, mostly from New York and New England and also my husband's family from Ireland, New England and the South.*

*My training was in the field of elementary education, graduating from State University of New York at Geneseo in 1960.*

*I taught 3rd grade for 2 years in the same school district where I had attended a little 2 room school in Brooktondale, New York.*

*I joined the Peace Corps in 1962 and spent 2 years teaching English in Makelle, Ethiopia.*

*When I returned home in 1964 I began a Master's program at Columbia University in New York City and then ventured out here to Seattle to teach 4th grade.*

*The man I had loved since I was age 16 had moved out here with the Public Health Service and I finally convinced him to marry me in 1965. We have been married for 37 years and have 2 fine sons.*

*I have had, and continue to have, a very full and fascinating life and don't even mind all the jokes about my desire to plan all vacations around whether or not there is a family cemetery or historical society in the area. Being the treasurer and volunteer on Wednesday afternoons at Fiske is an honor and I am delighted to have the opportunity to give back a little."*

Carolyn Blount & Ann Owens

# FISKE LIBRARY—NEW BOOK, PUBLICATION AND CD ACQUISITIONS

## Alaska

- The Opening of Alaska

## Florida

- Florida - Land of Romance
- Red Hill of Florida- 1528-1863

## Georgia

- Clay Co., GA., Marriage Records

## Idaho

- Immigrant Trails of Southern Idaho

## Illinois

- Central Ill. Gen. Quarterly
- Illiana Genealogist

## Iowa

- Biographical Records of Clinton Co., IA
- German Settlers of Iowa

## Kentucky

- Lines & Bylines (periodical)

## Maine

- Centennial History of Waterville, Maine
- Clamdiggers and Downeast Country Stores: Eastern Maine's Vanishing Culture
- Maritime History of Maine
- Old Eliot (Maine) - 3 Vols.\

## Maryland

- Society of Colonial Wars in Maryland

## Massachusetts

- Historical Sketch of Copps Hill
- Topsfield Hist. Society, Vol. II, Historical Collection

## Mississippi

- Old Mississippi

## Montana

- Montana's Flathead Country

## New York

- History of Massena, NY
- New York State Probate Records
- New York State Towns, Villages & Cities
- Records of cemetery east of Summit, NY

## North Carolina

- Marriages of early Edgecombe Co., NC

## Ohio

- German Dunkers - Hancock Co. Cemetery Inscriptions, OH
- The Tallow Light (Wash. Co., publication)

## Oregon

- 100 years in Newhalem , OR
- Oregon Ghost Towns

## Pennsylvania

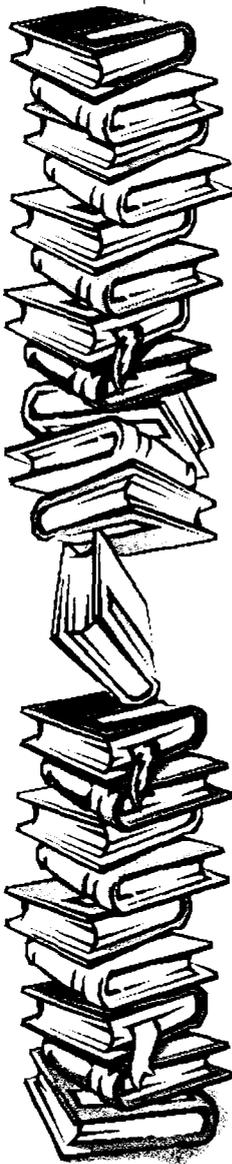
- Record of Pastor Goering in York, PA. and Hagerstown, MD
- 2 Vols. History & Biog. annals of Berks Co., PA
- Abstract of Tombstone Inscriptions in S.E. Bucks Co., PA,
- Blooming Grove, Lycoming Co., PA
- Butler Co., PA area key
- Everyman Index of Clearfield Co., PA
- Green Co., PA area key
- Jefferson Co. PA area key
- Tioga, Annals of a Valley, PA
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, PA, Vol. II

## South Carolina

- The New South, Greenville, SC

## Tennessee

- An Encyclopedia of E. Tennessee



## CONTINUED...NEW BOOK, PUBLICATION AND CD ACQUISITIONS

### Virginia

- Abstracts of Bedford Co., VA Will Book #2
- Goochland Co., VA. Wills and Deeds, Books 1 & 3
- Pendleton Co., VA
- Virginia Genealogy, Sources & Resources
- Virginia Marriages

### Washington State

- A Little History of Independence Valley, Washington
- Ballard Census of 1890
- Divided Destiny (Japanese Americans in Seattle)
- Inventory of the County Archives of WA., (Lewis Co.)
- Kitsap County History
- Lincolnia (Lincoln High School 1909)
- Seattle's International District
- West Seattle Census of 1907

### Wisconsin

- Wisconsin Helper

### Canada and Britain

- Fraser Canyon
- The best of Victoria Yesterday and Today
- British Digest

### Genealogies

- Amidon Family
- Ancestral Histories of Scott Bullett & Dorothy Stimson
- Ancestry of Charles Claugue, Jr.
- Brainerd, Brainard
- Bromwell Genealogy
- Bronson & Box families
- Carter Genealogy
- Clement Briggs of Plymouth
- Descendants of John & Mary Palmer
- Gen. of Booth Family
- John Hayes of Dover
- Kemper Family
- Lunt Family
- Major John Lillie of Boston
- Robert Clements Gen.
- Shearer-Akers Family
- Shepard Family History
- Streeter Genealogy

- The John McAlling Family
- The Smith Family
- Times & Lives of Some Coffelts in America
- Travels of J. H. Wilbur
- VanBunschoten/VanBenshotin Family

### General Interest and Miscellaneous

- Atlantic Bridge to Germany, Vol. III & IV
- Bald Knobbers (Ozarks)
- Burke's Colonial Gentry, Vol. I
- Chinese American Patriots
- Confederate Navy
- Conversations with Pioneer Women
- Ghost Towns of the Pacific Frontier
- Ghost Towns of the West
- Historical Directory of the Reformed Church in America
- Inventory of the town Archives of New Hampton:
- New England Historical & Gen. Register, Jan. 2003 & March 2003
- Greenlaw Dictionary of N.E., Vol. I, A - J
- London Church Books re German Immigration of 1709
- Mecklenburg Gen. Handbook - Atlantic Bridge, Vol. 6
- Survey of American Church Records
- Tenn-Ton Country
- The Great War (WW I)

*We are appreciative of the generosity of Ellen Hernandez for her contribution of many of these volumes. We are also most appreciative of the Friends of Fiske Library and the library also for providing funds for the purchase of books while in Salt Lake City. In addition, we received one more box of surplus books from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. So the library resources have greatly expanded in the past few months. Come in and see for yourself!*

Mary Stevenson

## Auction Scheduled for Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003



*"...bid on a week at a condominium on Maui, a week at a beach home on Lopez Island..."*

Calling all Friends of the Fiske Library and their friends, and their friends...the more the merrier. Get out your rabbits feet, four leaf clovers and other good luck charms so you can be the winning bidder on your favorite items at this year's Silent Auction. This is a great opportunity to spend time with other researchers and to have some fun!

Friends of the Fiske Genealogical Foundation are holding their annual fund raising event to benefit the Foundation. Our last Silent Auction raised almost \$1,500, with most of the funds going towards new book and publication acquisitions. Some of the items already donated for this year's auction include:

- a week at a condominium on Maui,
- a week at a beach home on Lopez Island,
- hand-made hot pads,
- one hour of computer systems consulting time from David Brazier,
- one hour of PC consulting time from Moira E. Connor to help with your Family History Book setup and/or indexing, and
- an article painted by Dena Iverson, a teacher in the art of decorative flower painting known as Rosemaling .

That's just the start; as always, there will be lots more! If you have some interesting items you would like to donate for the auction, please bring them to the library or to Mary Peter's home (at the address below) prior to **June 11<sup>th</sup>**.

This year we are also planning to have a dinner of salmon or lasagna, garlic bread, salads, and desserts for a donation to the Friends of Fiske. if you plan to come for dinner, please call Mary at 206-784-8403 or email at [meg-frank@prodigy.net](mailto:meg-frank@prodigy.net). We don't want to run out of food! Please feel free to attend the auction even if you don't plan on attending the dinner.

Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>  
Dinner - 6:30 pm  
Auction - approx. 7:00 pm  
9719 Mary Ave. NW  
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### Driving Directions:

- Exit I-5 North or South bound at 85th Street:
- Take the N 85TH ST exit (exit number 172) - heading west toward AURORA AVE N.
- Drive straight west, going through 10 stop stop-lighted intersections
- Turn RIGHT onto Mary Ave. NW (between 14th and 15th)

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Mary Peters

# CONNECTICUT MEN IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Ancestry.com is now offering images of the original pages found in published collections of the Connecticut Historical Society. So far, they have digitized eight volumes of the series, including the rolls and lists of Connecticut men in the Revolutionary War from 1775-83, in the French and Indian War from 1755-62, and papers from the governors of colonial Connecticut from 1750 through 1769. This project is not finished and additional volumes in the series will be added to searchable database in the future.



This material was originally published by the Connecticut Historical Society between 1901 and 1921. Ancestry.com is in the process of putting the entire series on the internet.

Benjamin Babcock served in the Connecticut Third Regiment under General Putnam in 1775. Using the ancestry search engine for the CHS database quickly shows you three entries for Benjamin: one in a roster of Continental Regiments and two in the index to Vol. VIII. With a click of the mouse, you are taken to a digital image of the 16<sup>th</sup> page of Volume VIII, entitled

Revolution Rolls and Lists. The page includes "Sick Bills" with names extracted from lists of Continental Soldiers who submitted itemized accounts for expenses incurred while they were "sick". The entry for Benjamin Babcock shows that he was in Captain Putnam's company in General Putnam's Regiment in 1775. There is a notation that Babcock was "of Coventry".

For many of the entries the added notations indicate the nature of the battle-inflicted injuries, such as wounded with a bayonet or dislocated shoulder or "died December 1775".

The index references indicate pages other than those on the "search results" page and you have to leaf through the images until you find the correct page. It is not easy, but it is possible to do this. Call the Fiske library if you are having difficulties with this kind of search. With diligence, you can go through an entire volume of the CHS record. As of this writing, volumes 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17 and 19 are in the database. Other tables in this series offer name of veteran, regiment and town of residence at time of enlistment.

Gary A. Zimmerman

## FISKE LIBRARY HOURS

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

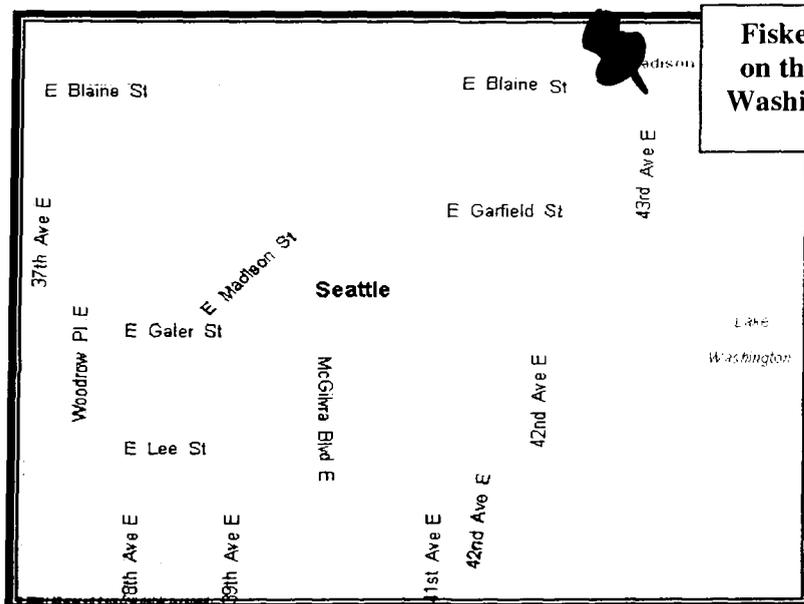


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**Fiske Library is located  
on the lower level of the  
Washington Pioneer Hall.**

- Drive east on East Madison Street until you see a Starbuck's Coffee shop to your left, and a one way street sign ahead.
- 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.