

# FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



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## THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVING YOUR VENETIAN GENEALOGY

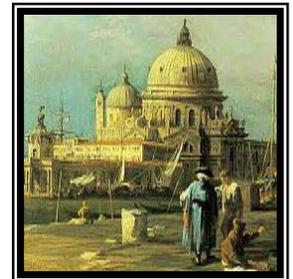
My wife and I recently returned from a month-long trip to Venice, Italy, where she was doing research on an Eighteenth Century violinist who is the subject of her current book-in-progress. The archival collections of Venice are rich storehouses of civic and family history.

Venice was founded on a small island in a lagoon at the northern end of the Adriatic Sea in 421 AD and it soon grew to become the major maritime power in the Mediterranean. Their first Doge was elected in 697 and their last Doge was deposed by Napoleon in 1797 -- 1100 years and 120 Doges! At first, the Doge was selected as the most politically shrewd elder in the community, but as the years wore on into the Middle Ages new rules were put into place to assure that the Doge would not place his son or nephew into office as his successor. After 1172 AD, the election of the Doge was placed in the hands of a committee of 40, who came to a 20-20 deadlock when trying to select a replacement. From that time on, the selection was by a 41-member panel.

The significant positions in the government of Venice were filled by legitimate members of the 200-plus patrician families who had once founded Venice. After 1297 AD, membership in the Great Council (the legislative body of the State, like the US Congress, perhaps) was the sole and hereditary right of these families. From 1325 until the end of the 18th Century, their names were inscribed in the Libro d'Oro or the Golden Book. Mem-

bership in the Council was automatic and for life.

The state created rules for registering legitimate births in each family so that when a male reached adulthood, there would be clear evidence of his eligibility to serve the State. Each family kept their own family tree records; their financial success in society was directly related to the acceptance by the community of their family history. Some old family homes in Venice still have lineage charts on their walls that show their descent from one of the founding families.



In the late 17th Century, Venice began to lose control of its business interests in the eastern Mediterranean and that meant that the State had fewer resources to support the Navy and military forces that would protect it in the future. To raise more funds, the Great Council decided in 1684 that anyone who would give the State 100,000 gold ducats would be "admitted" to the nobility and has their name inscribed in the Golden Book without reference to their specific family lineage. A number of families thus bought their way into the upper crust of Venetian society. It seems that available cash trumped available genes.

Gary A. Zimmerman, President

## MAPS OF THE OLD NORTHWEST TERRITORY (AND BEYOND)

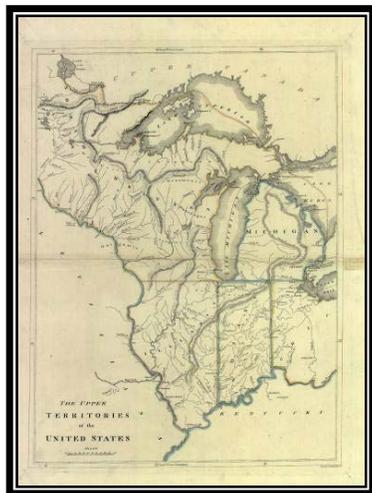
The University of Illinois offers a broad selection of digitized maps of the Old Northwest Territory and of all parts of each state that subsequently were formed in this area north and west of the Ohio River. The collection is easily browsed and each image is available in MrSid format. If you don't have MrSid on your PC, you can download ExpressView Browser Plug-in (formerly MrSid Browser Plug-in); it gives your browser the ability to natively view MrSid and JPEG2000 images.

[http://www.lizardtech.com/download/dl\\_download.php?detail=geo\\_expressview\\_plugin&platform=win](http://www.lizardtech.com/download/dl_download.php?detail=geo_expressview_plugin&platform=win)

The University collection can be found at

<http://images.library.uiuc.edu/projects/maps/>

You may search for a specific location or you can browse lists of maps grouped in general topics like Northwestern Territory, Former Colonies in America, Louisiana Territory, Canada (Nouvelle France) or the name of a specific state.



The collection also has the 1876 Warner and Beers Atlas of the State of Illinois, with county-by-county maps. Although this set of maps is not available with the MrSid zoom feature, there is a business directory for each county that identifies settlers and indicates the year of their first settlement in Illinois and their place of birth. For example, the directory on page 283 for the town of Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois, lists N. Schick as a manufacturer of stoneware who was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania and who first settled in Illinois in 1860.

Gary A. Zimmerman

## FISKE RECEIVES 250,000 RESEARCH AIDS!

The Fiske Library recently received between 207,000 and 250,000 reference cards from the Seattle Genealogical Society who no longer had space to store the collection. The collection is stored in 207 drawers with more than 1000 cards in each drawer. In addition, there are several additional boxes of alphabetized (by surname) cards. Examples of information provided on the 3x5" cards include obituaries from Pacific Northwest newspapers including the Seattle Times, Post Intelligencer and the Tacoma News Tribune. Sources are typically well cited. Some cards provide quite a complete biographical sketch. Others provide a brief genealogy and others may provide only a single fact.

These cards compliment, rather than duplicate the collection created by Arthur Fiske of more than half a million cards filed in the old University of Washington oak card catalog cabinets. Darlene Hamilton of the Seattle Public Library has declared the card file the most unique and valuable resource at the Fiske Library.

Fiske volunteer, Helen Waterman has devoted many years sorting, alphabetizing and filing the Fiske collection, and for the immediate future, the two collections will remain separate rather than being merged. While currently stored in a back room of the Fiske Library, plans are underway to make the entire collection available to Fiske Library researchers soon.

Carolyn Blount

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## SALT LAKE CITY AND BEYOND!

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Arthur Fiske was greatly in need of a tour guide some years ago. She was in one of his classes at that time, became aware of the problem, and offered her help. She had owned and operated a travel agency in the village where she lived for some time, so was well acquainted with the kind of work involved in setting up trips. She was also a great "fan" of Arthur's and had just become interested in her family history, so was appreciative of his help. Do you know who she is?

Of course you do. If you have gone on any Fiske travels in the last many years, you have travelled with her. Of course, her name is Betty Kay Anderson, commonly known as "B.K."

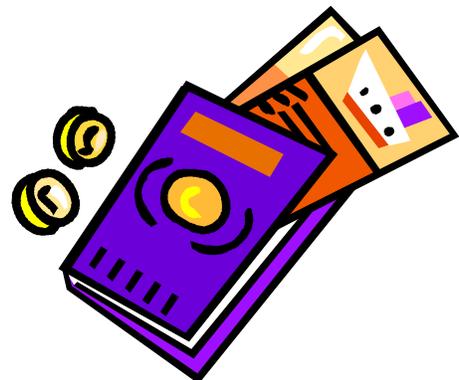
Betty Kay began with a trip to Salt Lake City library with a group of students from Fiske library. Since that time, she has made some 18 or 20 trips to that city, two in one year! So, she is a great travel person! She knows exactly how to make all those arrangements, and what to do with you when you get there! She has been doing this for so long she can greatly assist you in finding your way around the library and can give you some great ideas about your research. She does all this simply out of the "goodness of her heart", without extra compensation of any kind, and the donation of her time (away from her own research). So if you haven't travelled to Salt Lake City with B.K., you should think about it sometime.

In addition to going to Salt Lake City, Betty Kay has taken groups many other places over these years, also. Among them are trips to New England, the Midwest, and Old England. Her only BIG disappointment during all this time was the most recent trip planned for Ireland. She had worked for many weeks planning this trip and working out details regarding places to stay, and places to see, with emphasis on the interest of the people planning to travel with her. However, when it was finally all worked out, only a few people were serious about the trip. Unfortunately, not enough to meet the minimum 20 travellers required.

Betty Kay has had many interesting experiences in her years of these travels. Among them is an incident when she "forgot" Mary Stevenson and left without her - and was some distance down the road before she realized it, turned around in the middle of the freeway, and returned to pick Mary up on the street where she was waiting. Another incident occurred when she was driving a van in the Boston area, and took a turn off the freeway on their way to Canada, before she discovered that it was the wrong turn. She could relate many incidents of this type, and would be happy to do so if you ask.

Now, our tour person has planned another trip to Salt Lake City in January (you will find the information in this newsletter). You might consider going with her if it isn't too late to do so. The deadline is near but it would be well worth your while, although she can accommodate only a few more people. Who knows what new ancestor you might find?

WE THANK YOU SO MUCH, BETTY KAY!





# INDEX TO CONFEDERATE PENSIONS IN TEXAS

The latest offerings at TRAIL (Texas Record and Information Locator) include a searchable index of over 54,000 pension application records for Confederate veterans living in Texas between 1899 and 1975. This database, and others of genealogical use, can be found at

<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/genfirst.html#cpi>.

The searchable index gives the claimant’s name, application number, county of residence of the claimant, the husband’s name if pension request is from a widow, and the number of the husband’s prior application. Details of the application are obtained directly from the State of Texas once the above information is located for a specific individual. Requests for copies can be made by e-mail and take up to six weeks to be fulfilled. Copies are billed at ten cents page for letter- or legal-sized sheets and fifty cents for a ledger-sized page. The invoice accompanies the copies returned to you.

A search for the surname Hinton returned 9 separate records. Mary M Hinton, of Dallas, had application 36605, and her deceased husband is identified as James Joel Hinton, with application 07908.

Other searchable databases at this site include Texas Adjutant General Service Records 1836-1935, where a very legible image of the enlistment certificate for William W Hinton, born in Norfolk, Virginia, who enlisted as a soldier in the Republic of Texas Army in Galveston on 19 May 1840. He agreed to serve for up to three years. So far this database only contains records from the Army of the Republic, Navy of the Republic, Confederate States Army, Texas State Troops, Mounted Volunteers, Minute Men, State Police, and Regular Rangers.

Another database contains over 48,000 “claims” for monetary reimbursement from the Republic of Texas, where the individual letters are on-line in PDF format.

Texas family researchers may find these databases of use in their work.

Gary A. Zimmerman

Enter a Name or Application Number.  
Click the drop-down menu boxes for County and Sort options.  
Or use the [advanced](#) search form.

Search the Confederate Pension Applications  
for records with this 'Lastname, Firstname'

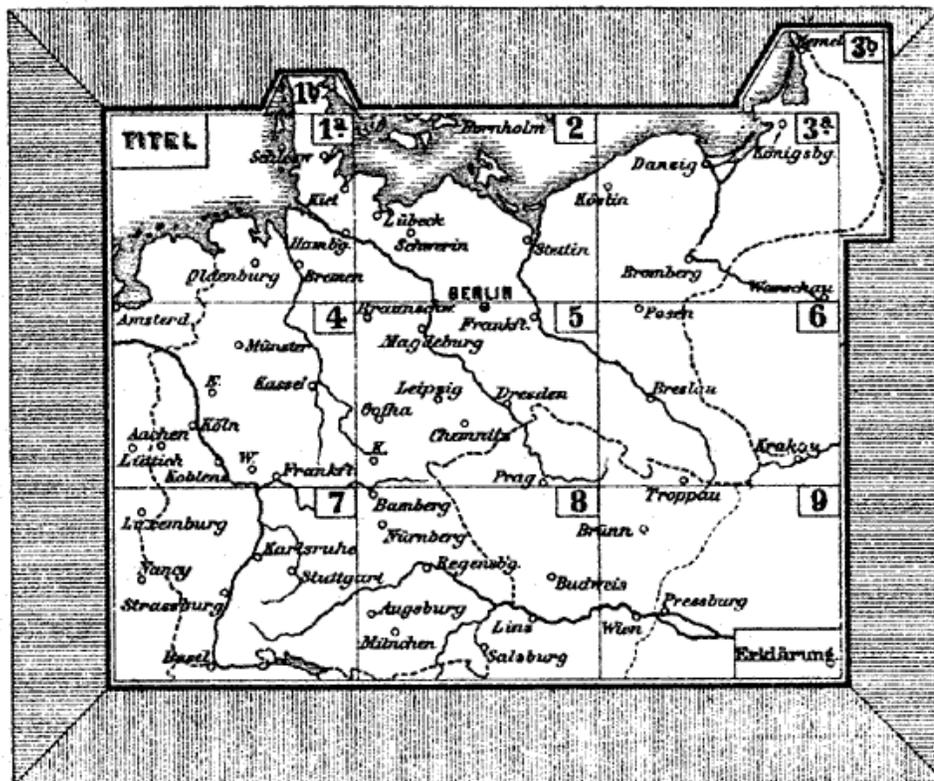
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# GERMAN ATLAS TO YOUR DESKTOP



The library at the University of Wisconsin in Madison has just published an on-line 1883 Atlas of Germany, specifically intended for use by genealogists. The maps are drawn to a very large scale (1:850,000), so it is possible to locate very small settlements in this Atlas. The original document was drawn by Ludwig Ravenstein. Not only does it cover the areas of Germany, but much of the surrounding nations at the time as well. The gazetteer names the villages on the map and gives an indication of coordinates on the map. However, due to the large scale, the appropriate page must be downloaded and then searched according to the coordinates.

The Atlas can be found at <http://www.library.wisc.edu/etext/ravenstein/home.html> along with a description of how to locate 19th Century villages in terms of current 21st Century place names. The images come to you as .pdf files and must be read with an Adobe Acrobat reader. When you use a browser, the Acrobat reader plug-in does not use all of the features of the Adobe program, so you may find the map images are too small to read the names of the villages. It is better to find the image in your browser and then "save" that image (using the "floppy disk" image in the Acrobat toolbar) to your desktop. After closing the browser, you can locate the Adobe Acrobat program on your computer and open it. Open the map file that you have saved and how you will find many more options for magnifying the image. A magnification of 300x or 400x will bring the atlas page up to a level where even the smallest features on the map can be easily read.

Gary A. Zimmerman

## FISKE LIBRARY—NEW BOOK & PUBLICATION ACQUISITIONS

### United States – Alpha by State

#### AL

- Mobile, Alabama
- Seeing Historical Alabama

#### AR

- Arkansas History Commission Bulletin of Information
- Garden Sass (AR)
- Connell Point Community (AR)
- Arkansas Land Patents

#### CA

- California in 41, Texas in 51

#### CT

- Connecticut Nutmegger (periodical)

#### DL

- Delaware Sketch Book

#### GA

- Sketches of First Settlers of Upper Georgia

#### IL

- Decatur, Illinois
- Shelby Co., IL Probate Records

#### MA

- Ballou's Pictorial (Boston paper)
- Barbour Collection, Vol. 13
- Historic Concord
- The Puritans, Vol. 1 & 2

#### MD

- Maryland Colonial History
- Rivers of the Eastern Shore (MD)
- Maryland's Eastern Shore

#### NC

- The French Broad (NC & TN)
- Unsung Heroines of the Carolina Frontier

#### NY

- Colonial Families of Long Island, New York & Connecticut
- New York Gen. & Biog. Record (periodical)

#### OR

- Treasures in the Trunk (Oregon Trail)

#### PA

- Immigration of Irish Quakers into Pennsylvania

#### SC

- Wildlife Management Area Maps (SC)
- SC Highway Historical Marker Guide
- Biographical History of SC House of Representatives
- The Old Stone Church (SC)
- Old Stone Church Cemetery (SC)

#### TN

- The Tennessee (Vol. 1)
- Bugger Saga (Iron City, TN)
- Wayne Co. Historian (TN)

#### VA

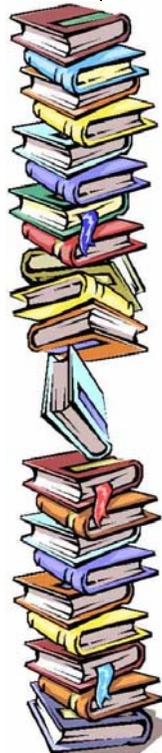
- Virginia, the Old Dominion, Vol. 1
- Histories of the Dividing Line, VA, NC.
- This was Chesapeake Bay

#### WA / Northwest General

- Clark County Pioneers
- Ghost Camps and Boom Towns
- Pioneer Dreams (WA Territory Pioneers)
- Wash. State Gen. & History. Review (Buckley)
- Appleland Bulletin
- Exploring Spokane's Past
- Nile Temple, Seattle, 1994
- The Coal Miner who came West

#### WI

- A Journey through Barronett, WI



### United States – General

- American Indians, A Guide to
- Best of Dee Brown's West
- Frontiersman, The
- Journal of Johannes Schwalm (periodical)
- Nexus (periodical)
- North American Indians, Vol. 2
- On Huguenot Street (periodical)
- Orange County Sheriff's Dept.
- Second Boat (periodical)
- South, The
- Southern Historical Society Papers

## FISKE LIBRARY—NEW BOOK & PUBLICATION ACQUISITIONS

### United States – Reference

- 1846 Portrait of the Nation
- Biographic Guide - Library Reference work
- Historical Maps of the U.S.
- Iron Road to Empire (Rock Island Railroad)
- The Trail of Tears
- Vanderbilt Telephone Directory, 1965-66

### Great Britain and Ireland

- Galway Roots (periodical)
- Researching at Public Records (Ireland)
- Irish Family Names (Map)
- Blenneville, Gateway to Tralee's Past (Ireland)

### Other Regions

- Canada - Cariboo Story, The
- Germany - Die Ahnenstammkartei des Deutschen Volkes,
- (German Name references in the LDS Library)
- Germany - Palatines to America Surname Index
- Poland - Poland, History of

### Military

- 100 Days in Texas (Alamo letters)
- Lincoln's Loyalists
- Official Guide to the Civil War Discovery Trail
- Photographic History of the Civil War
- The Civil War Archive (Documents)
- The Navy, a History
- Valour Fore and Aft

### Family Histories

- A Martin Family
- Ancestors and Descendants of Smiths
- Daniel Boone
- Descendants of Wm. Brewster
- Diary of Mary Gainer wife of Joseph Harris
- Ancestry of Mary Isaacs (2)
- Mayflower Bastard (Richard More)
- The Calkins World

- The Pilgrims and their 3 homes
- The Shelp family Story
- What in the World was Happening - Thelma Cagle



### Compact Disks

- Bible Records from NEHGS manuscript files
- Family Pedigrees, 1500-1900
- Kentucky Genealogies, 1700-1800
- Kentucky Marriages, 1851-1900
- Marriage Index, AR, MO, MS, TX
- New York Marriages, 1639-1916
- Selected Marriage Records, 1560-1900

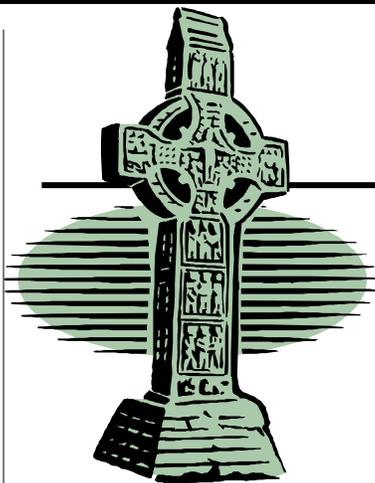
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Mary Stevenson, Librarian



## TAIGHDE AR STAIR MHUINTIRE— IRISH RESEARCH

In October, 2004, I went to Dublin, in part to do some research on my Irish roots. Let me share with you some of my experiences so that if you go, your time will be well-spent. I managed to visit five facilities in my week: the National Library of Ireland, the National Archive of Ireland, National Photographic Archive of Ireland, the Representative Church Body Library and Archive and the General Register Office. All except the Representative Church Body Library have excellent web sites.

First and last, the National Library of Ireland proved itself the most valuable and rewarding site. Like the National Archive, paid professional genealogists are constantly on site to give free consultations, to design research strategies and to list specific sources you should check. My first consultation was with a woman who had written a book about my family! She knew all the most important family histories. With a temporary reader's card, I soon entered the awesome reading room. I was soon deep into Dublin Directories to determine who lived where and when. Irish, like English directories, reflect the stratified structure of their society. There are lists of the nobility of the realm, of the politicians in elected office and the bureaucrats who support them, lists of the landed gentry, of the city gentry, a street directory, and lists all tradesmen divided by trade. But there will be no alphabetical list of all the inhabitants of the city. So you must search various lists to find your ancestors. Many common people are listed only by their street address. So must know the address before you search to confirm their presence in the city. At times the List of Gentry will give one address but the Street Directory will give a different one.

The National Library has its catalog partly on line. There is also a partial card catalog separated by author, topic and title. Finally there is a room with hundreds of ledgers into which have been pasted cards, printed clippings from bibliographies and hand inscribed entries in alphabetical order. In all my visits to libraries, I have never encountered ledgers like these! But they really are easy to use.

The National Library has an extensive collection of newspapers. Only the eighteenth century collection has a partial index. The desk librarians kept recommending I use the London Times as an index for the Irish papers. Since the family histories did document a few Irish papers, I was able to get some newspaper stories about my family. The copy department is backed up with two or three weeks of work. So the copies were mailed to my Seattle address and were here by the time I got home.

All of my ancestors in Ireland were Church of Ireland, not Catholic. But the National Library does have an extensive collection of film from Catholic Parishes. Since all catholic church records are controlled by the bishop of each individual diocese, some dioceses are not represented. Genealogists were making extensive use of these records during my visit.

The Representative Church Body Library and Archive is the place to go for the Church of Ireland records. One afternoon I took a bus out there. All the guides say take a number 14 bus which only runs every half hour. I just missed one bus, then could not find my pass when the second one came so I decided to take the

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## TAIGHDE AR STAIR MHUINTIRE—IRISH RESEARCH

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next 14A to the archive. Unfortunately the 14A takes a different route to get to the end of the line. So I took a 14 back into town to get to the library. A very small facility, the library mainly supports research for seminary students and other theologians and historians. As a genealogist, I got a cold treatment but eventually found myself settled in front of a very large eighteenth century, parchment register for St Catherine's Parish. Since I had the birth dates for my great, great, great grandfather's children, I was soon taking notes out of this original volume. It was easier to get the right bus back to Dublin.

The General Record Office has the register that records the birth of my grandmother and one of her sisters. One day I walked to the Joyce House to complete that search. The facility is near the campus of Trinity College in the heart of Dublin. Again it was crowded with researchers, many doing genealogy. You pay a set fee to do a search in five indexes or you can pay a much larger fee to do an open search in any index you want. Researchers seem to be trading the indexes that were out so that I soon had all the citations I needed. The search fee was 1.90 € and each copy cost 1.90 €. So for about \$6 I had copies of the records I wanted. The staff was most helpful and cheerfully ignored the genealogists trading indexes. The General Record Office only has birth and death records from 1864 to 1921 and some marriages from 1845 to 1864 with more complete records to 1921.

Another day was spent at the National Archive. I had two conferences with the professional genealogists on duty that day. I kept bumping into a Scot with an Irish grandfather. He was a real beginner but by the end of the day he had a lot of information about his family and had gone over to the General Record Office to get some birth register records as well as the marriage record. He had made excellent progress in a very short time.

When I went to Ireland, I had an intellectual perception that the destruction of the General Record Office and Central Post Office in 1922 created a lacuna in Irish research. Just how gigantic that black hole was, did not register until I started to do research. I had a list of some forty wills that came from an Ancestry web site. When I asked about them, I was told that none now exist. So all we have is the index. I had used a film in the Family History Library called the Thrift Records. It contains the abstract of my great, great, great grandfather's will and probate. A card catalog that covers one wall of the archive, gives genealogical references to documents that all no longer exist. I spent a couple of hours checking for probate in the Bentham film collection. Bentham must have spent months abstracting these prerogative court probates before that fire fight at the Post Office.. The archive seems to have bought his notebooks at a book auction. But mostly we just have those indexes in place of the original records.

So when you fly off to Dublin, prepare. Check out the web sites. Do all the film research you can before you go. And above all, use the consultation services in the archive and library. You cannot fail to have a rewarding visit.

Karl Kumm

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### **FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP**

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(10 sessions) \$30.

Annual Library Membership \$40.

Annual Couple Membership \$60.

Annual Library Membership  
plus Full Year Seminar Series  
(30 sessions) \$75.

## CAROL MATZKE AND ROSIE, DEPENDABLE

Carol Matzke has been a regular volunteer at the Fiske Library on both Saturdays and Thursday evenings for the past year. Carol's golden retriever, Rosie, also volunteers; she accompanies Carol to the library and enthusiastically greets each researcher.

Carol finds that volunteering at the Fiske has given her knowledge and access to resources at the library that she might not have discovered working alone.

Having majored in history in college, she began her first serious genealogical research under the tutelage of Carolyn Blount and also credits Mary Stevenson and Helen Waterman for being her mentors.

Carol grew up in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Vermont, but moved to Kent, Connecticut with her husband to raise their family. For the next 15 years, they owned and operated a bookstore called "The House of Books" which is still a very popular shop in the center of Kent. She finds it fascinating that she lived so near where her ancestors lived in the 1630's. Carol still returns to her home in Kent for extended periods to visit family and now to pursue further research.

Connecticut families that she is researching include the Starr's from CT and the Lawrence's from Waretown, MA. Carol, who describes herself as a beginning researcher, uses her new Macintosh laptop computer and Reunion software as her tools of trade. In the last six months, has entered hundreds of individuals and 13 generations in her longest family line.

Carolyn Blount



### 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



## FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION— WINTER EDUCATION SERIES

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.

Class No.	WEDNESDAY 2005	TOPIC
1	5 January	Norwegian Research in North America and Europe
2	12 January	Tips for Using the Family History Library in Salt Lake using Fiche, Film, Books and unique Finding Aids. Betty Kay Anderson.
3	19 January	Searching for your roots in the Land of Lincoln.
	26 January	No class - Fiske Salt Lake Trip.
4	2 February	Mexican American War and the Civil War Research. Curtis Roselle.
5	9 February	New England Migration: 1790 to 1850
6	16 February	Local Histories and Genealogy. Karl Kumm
7	23 February	Land Records and the Court House.
8	2 March	Can You Believe it? Genealogical Standards of Proof.
9	9 March	Tour of the Puget Sound Regional Branch of the Washington State Archives. Pre-registration required for a limit of eight who want to do research that afternoon. Due by 23 February. Facility Presentation at ten open to all without pre-registration.
10	16 March	Physical Geography and Genealogy in Pacific Northwest.
	23 March	No class

## WINTER EDUCATION SESSIONS

### We Appreciate Your Input

Some of the winter classes scored high on the Needs Survey, including:

*Can You Believe it? Genealogical Standards of Proof,  
Land Records and the Court House,  
Seeking Your Roots in the Land of Lincoln, and New  
England Migration: 1790 to 1800*

### Preparing for the Salt Lake City Trip

If you've signed up for the trip to Salt Lake City, the second session will help you prepare. Betty Kay Anderson will share some of her skills in making your trip most productive.

### Civil & Mexican Wars

Curtis Roselle will focus on military records from the Civil War and the Mexican – American War. The Revolutionary and War of 1812 records consist mostly of service, pension, and bounty land records. The generation and preservation of records improved toward the middle of the Nineteenth Century. The records for the Mexican and, especially, the Civil War are much more diverse than those available for the earlier periods. In addition to the usual military records, documents were preserved covering subjects from amnesty to war stories. Curt will describe those records which are located at the regional branch of the National Archives, local libraries, and on -line and will discuss how to search them .

### Local History

Karl Kumm will outline the evolving philosophy of history reflected in local histories for the last century and a half and how it can impact family research.

### Puget Sound Regional Archives

Another topic that scored high in the Needs Survey was a tour of the Puget Sound Regional Branch of

the Washington State Archives. In response, we're ending our winter session with the requested tour!

The tour is open without registration but we would appreciate a head count. If you have ancestors in Pierce, Kitsap or King Counties you can conduct your research following the tour. However, you must pre-register and only the first eight registrants will be able to do their research that afternoon. In preparation, please list your research objectives, the document groups you want to search and the range of dates for your search. You can get an overview of what record groups are available at the Archives by going to:

[www.secstate.wa.gov/archives/archives\\_puget.aspx#genealogical](http://www.secstate.wa.gov/archives/archives_puget.aspx#genealogical)

Register in person at the Fiske, by phone to the Fiske Library or by e-mail to [k.kumm@comcast.net](mailto:k.kumm@comcast.net). We will reserve places on a first come, first serve basis.

### Puget Sound Regional Archives—General Info.

Pritchard-Fleming Building  
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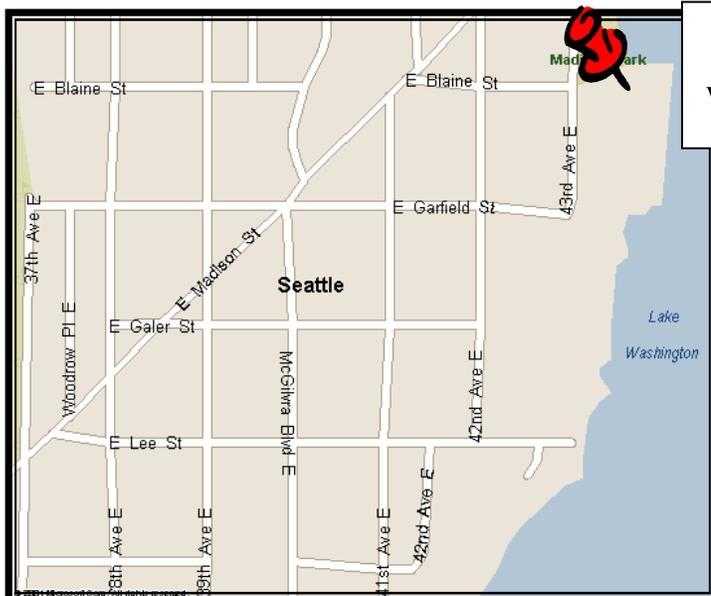


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