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Years ago I used to teach chemistry students about “dynamic equilibrium”. It is a term that I have started to apply to the Fiske Library. Volunteers come to help out in the library and then they move on. A new volunteer arrives and takes the first volunteer’s place. We have enough volunteers to keep the library open for our announced hours, but it is not always the same group of people who are present to greet you when you arrive to do your research.

I am grateful for the hours that people contribute to the library and its programs, and I want to emphasize the appreciation I feel for all of those volunteers who make the enterprise successful. A volunteer eventually moves away from Seattle or moves on to new activities and they should be thanked for the work that they have done.

Moira Connor, a regular volunteer on Thursday evenings for several years, has moved to British Columbia. She leaves a space behind her – and now, we have Carol Matzke coming forward to volunteer on Thursday evening and occasionally on Saturday. James Foti, who has been handling the pricing and sale of surplus books, is going to be moving to the Washington, DC area, and his skills as a trained librarian are going to be keenly missed. Dan Mandeville, who works at the Lemieux Library at Seattle University, has asked if he can become a volunteer at the Fiske and use some of his library skills to the advantage of the genealogy patrons.

Our equilibrium is maintained, yet our volunteer cadre is dynamic and often changing.

Perhaps you would like to join the crew. There are a number of jobs that could use your good skills to move the Fiske forward. Some of the tasks are best done in the library, but some can be done at home with only periodic visits to the library. All will work best if you do something that is really interesting to you and draws on your unique skills. Come talk to us about what you would like to contribute. You can become a part of our “dynamic” equilibrium.

My American Heritage Dictionary compares the synonyms active, energetic, dynamic, vigorous and lively. All of these words modify “human activity”. If you come to volunteer at the Fiske, you can choose your own personal modifier for your efforts.

“Active” suggests a moving to and fro with little rest. “Energetic” means sustained, enthusiastic action with unflagging strength. “Dynamic” hints of exemplary forcefulness of activity inspiring to others. “Vigorous” implies the capacity to act with healthy strength and firmness. “Lively” suggests brisk alertness and energy. We need to cover all bases, so contact the library and let us know your preferred mode of action and your choice of “activity”.

Gary A. Zimmerman

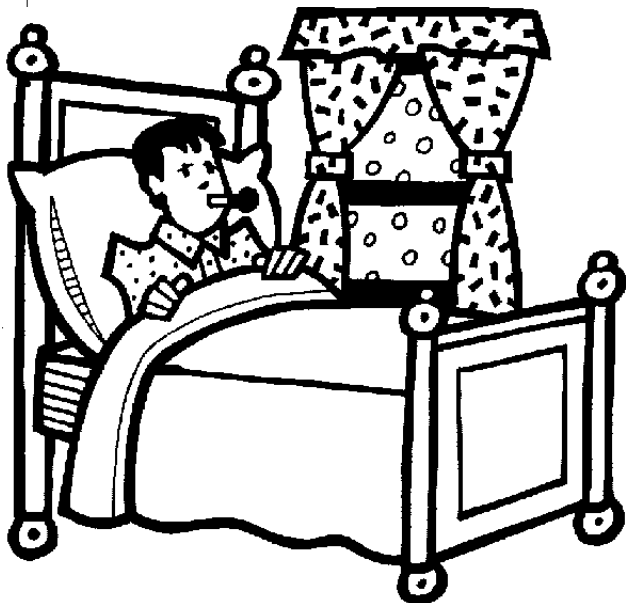
IRISH RESEARCH TRIP: SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 16, 2004

Betty Kay Anderson will lead a tour of Ireland in the fall of 2004 leaving Seattle on September 25, returning October 16. The Fiske Genealogical Library will sponsor classes in Irish research spring 2004 in anticipation of the trip.

Research will begin with three days in Dublin at the National Archives, the National Library, The General Register Office or the Genealogical Office, and the Friends Library for those with Quaker ancestors. The group will drive south to Ennis Kerry, and through the Wicklow Mountains to Glendalough and Waterford, founded by the Vikings in 853 AD. The group will go on to the port of Cobh/Cork from which many ships departed for America. Side trips may be arranged to the Rock of Cashel and to Ballingarry. The group will then drive around the famous 69 mile Ring of Kerry and the Iveragh Peninsula enroute to Killarney. Each County has a Public Record Office devoted to helping researchers discover their Irish roots, so do let Betty Kay know your counties of special interest.

From there the group will travel through Tralee and Dingle then on to Adare, famous for its stone walls and thatched cottages. The group will have dinner and two nights in the 15th century Bunratty Castle, view the Folk Park farm homes and enjoy a traditional Irish Ceili, wine, dinner and country dancing. On through Shannon to County Clare, the Cliffs of Moher, the Burrens Galway Bay and Cannemara. The tour continues to Sligo and Fermanaugh and Belfast for the Public Record Office, the Ulster Historical Foundation and the Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland. From Belfast the groups heads south to County Down with a visit to Down Cathedral at Downpatrick, and back to Dublin.

The itinerary may vary slightly until the exact costs (around \$3500 for three weeks, including airfare) are known. Call the Library and leave your name and special research interests. Non-researchers are welcome and special side excursions will be organized.



MANY THANKS!

Bob and Mary Stevenson wish to thank the many friends of the Fiske Library who were so kind as to express their get well wishes during his recent heart surgery. It was a very difficult time for Bob, but he is recovering nicely now, and has gone back to the office for short periods of time.

We much appreciate your understanding and help during this time. Thank you.

Mary Stevenson

ENLIVEN YOUR FAMILY HISTORY WITH A PANORAMIC MAP



AMERICAN MEMORY

One way to add interest to your family history is to find a “birds-eye” view map of the town in which they lived or the building in which they worked. From the 1880’s up until about 1920, a great many panoramic maps were created for American towns. These were non-photographic representations of the town.

An artist would walk up and down the streets of the town making sketches of each building and major trees and other features of the landscape. Then a composite aerial view would be created, from the perspective of a bird looking down at the town from a height that would put the viewer at about a 45 degree angle. The picture maps would then be printed and sold or given away in a spirit of civic pride.

The Library of Congress collected over 1500 panoramic maps from towns all over the United States and Canada. These are now available in a digitized format in the American Memory section of the Library’s website at <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pmhtml/panhome.html> and are easily viewed on your computer. There are some samples of early views of Seattle in the Fiske library in the 1870’s and the 1880’s. The Library of Congress collection actually has vistas of Seattle for 1878, 1884, 1891, 1903 and 1925.

If you view the maps at the Library of Congress, be sure to download the free MrSID viewer for your computer. (It is the same program that is used to view census images at ancestry.com or to look at newspaper images on that site.) With the MrSID viewer, you can click on an area of the panoramic map and it will be magnified so that you can see details of one small section of the map. You can click on the enlarged section and get a further enhancement. This way you can focus in on a very detailed piece of the original artwork. Typically, these maps will have street names identified, major buildings labeled, and all of the structures will be similar to the actual shape at the time the artist was in town.

MrSID is an acronym that stands for Multi-resolution Seamless Image Database and represents a technology

that was developed in research done at Los Alamos National Laboratory and at AT&T Labs. It is made available commercially by LizardTech, a company with offices in Seattle, London and Tokyo. The technology allowed large digital images to be “compressed” into much smaller files (22:1 ratio) and then permits any small portion of the file to be decompressed without having to enlarge the entire file. This ability to look at any part of the image, of any size at any resolution is what is so unique about the process.

The Library of Congress records show that real estate agents often sponsored the preparation and publication of this type of map to promote an area slated for future development. Victorian-era Americans often bought these maps as wall size prints of their immediate area so that they could point to their own home. A few of the artists who drew these maps would add an inset in one corner of their town view with a larger scale view of your own home, for an added fee, when you ordered the map.

The majority of the maps in the Library of Congress collection were done by five artists: Albert Ruger, Thaddeus Mortimer Fowler, Lucien R. Burleigh, Henry Wellge and Oakley H. Bailey. Details on the publication and design of each map are included along with the images on the web site. There are several companies that currently sell these images for a modest price – just do a Google search for “panoramic map” and you will easily connect with their catalog. You can also purchase copies directly from the Library of Congress.

Gary A. Zimmerman

The Library of Congress Map Collections Home Page can be found at:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/gmdhome.html>

GREAT FINDS AT SALT LAKE CITY



Of the 33 eager folks who joined the annual Fiske tour to Salt Lake City, only Helen Barton and I were "newbies", people who had never been to the fantastic LDS Library before.

For me, it was like being back in graduate school, but more intense and a lot more fun! I had gotten some very good advice about how to prepare for the trip, but nothing prepared me for the total experience of having just about every research tool imaginable at my fingertips for the 10 days we were there. I brought folders and questions about six of my families and ended up concentrating on only two of those families because I found so much information and was so much on track that I didn't want to scatter my attention.

Because of the expert help from Betty Kay Anderson, who has led this tour for 16 years, I made major discoveries about my Thomas family from New York State and my husband's Manier family from Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky. Even though we are fortunate to have the federal archives right here in Seattle, I found it incredibly helpful to have all the census microfilm right there, as well as state census records and every record ever filmed by the Family History Center. I got lost several times wandering among the rows upon rows of drawers of microfilm, finding property records, wills, newspaper articles, church records.

I loved that I could access all of the books and films and maps right there. I didn't need to write out request slips and wait. Some of my early finds were made simply by browsing the shelves of books. The library is so huge that it could easily become totally overwhelming. Here is where Betty Kay's analytical mind set me on a planned course. She could look at what I had, ask a few questions and with a fresh perspective, give me suggested assignments.

The volunteers who staff the library are also very helpful and very available. I never felt that I was spinning my wheels while waiting for assistance. The library opened at 8:00 A.M. and closed at 9:00 P.M. I was there all the time. We also had opportunities to hear one hour talks by professional genealogists. I got a lot out of the presentation on military records. One of my greatest finds was the service record of my husband's ancestor who was Captain of the 50th Alabama Infantry, Company E. (The Limestone Rebels) during the Civil War. This is a record that is not available at the U.S. federal archives!

It was difficult to pry myself away on that last day, but I already have the dates for next year's trip, January 19-29, on my 2005 calendar.

Ann Owens

WASHINGTON STATE CEMETERY LISTS

Mary Stevenson is busily printing off all the Washington State cemeteries listed on the web, and inserting the sheets into the respective county notebooks in the PNW Collection.

The process has used up nearly three reams of paper, and has added thousands of names to the PNW collection!

Many lists include a pioneer who is buried in the area, and some of the history of that person. While the information may be available in a web search, this hard copy, filed under the county where researchers may easily locate the information, should be a great asset to the Library collection.

Carolyn Blount

VOLUNTEER MARION LANE

Marion (Baldwin) Lane was born in Derby, Connecticut of a Yankee father and a British mother, in the Baldwin's 1870 home. Her marriage to a naval officer enabled her to travel extensively, having lived in Bermuda, Iceland, Hawaii and the Far East.

When her husband Jack was ordered to Japanese language school for almost a year (prior to Embassy assignment), Marion also took part in language classes. Later, hoping a transfer would be made to Washington, D.C., the family found themselves here in the Pacific Northwest.

When Jack retired, Marion became interested in genealogy and became a volunteer with the Seattle Genealogical Society. In 1996 she appeared at the Fiske doorstep to look the library over and also, hopefully, to talk to Arthur Fiske. Unfortunately, Arthur passed away the same week, and the

two never met. Now, as a member of the D.A.R., she is busy tracing family back to the Mayflower.



Marion has remained at the Fiske Library ever since, now as one of the regular Monday volunteers, and a regular class attendee on Wednesdays, as well as having participated in a number of the Genealogy Tours. She has filled a number of roles assisting the Library.

Among other projects that make research easier for everyone, she maintains the labels on the notebooks, and regularly re-shelves books, as well as shifting them, when necessary, after new books arrive. Currently she and Mary Stevenson are updating the cemetery collections for Washington State.

Carolyn Blount

FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER AND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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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

INGENIOUS ROUTE TO FINDING CANADIAN IMMIGRANTS

If your ancestors came from the British Isles in the 19th or early 20th Century, they might have landed at a Canadian port, rather than coming to a port in the United States. A new genealogical resource to assist you in testing such a hypothesis is found at www.ingeneas.com and the pun in the name is intentional.

A group of genealogists in Ottawa are creating a database of information about Canadian passenger lists and other immigration documents. They have a very good search engine that allows any visitor to the site to find a potentially relevant record for their research. The response to your search gives sufficient information about a specific record in their database that you can make an informed decision about requesting all of the data in that specific record. If it will be useful to you, you order the full information over the internet for a price that is quoted in either US \$ or Canadian \$ and credit card transactions are encouraged.

A search in the inGeneas database for James Headrick yielded a single return: the response reported that Record #721 for James Headrick, born ca 1789, was found in a Passenger Record for the year 1821. If I click on the #721 I am linked to a fuller description of this specific record. It states that James Headrick, age 32 in 1821 appears on a passenger record from Glasgow to Upper Canada and goes on to say, "Typical records from this document contain the following information: only heads of families (and those traveling alone) are listed by name; other members of party are listed as women, male children and female children; ages are provided for all; name of emigration society is usually provided." You are given the chance to buy the full transcription of the record for \$5.50 US or \$6.77 CDN

I chose to get the full record and in two or three weeks I learned the details of their port of embarkation in Scotland, the name of their vessel, their arrival point in Canada, the size of their family grouping, and where they were headed in Canada.

The inGeneas database receives additional records on a regular basis, so it is worth returning to the site if you are unsuccessful in your first tries. Recent additions to

the database always carry a little flag that indicates they are "new records" so you can look at them more carefully on return visits. The records in the database may come from passenger arrival lists from Canadian ports between 1748 and 1873, abstractions from historic atlases for persons born outside of Canada, various government, estate and immigrant agent records, membership rosters of immigration societies, settlers names and the land they were granted, rosters of British soldiers in British North America who remained to settle in Canada, Loyalists who came to Ontario and Quebec from the United States, and names of settlers who swore oaths of allegiance to the crown. By the first of this year the database had over 750,000 records.

The database is being constructed by genealogists. When they recently added 9500 marriage records from Huron County, Ontario, for 1858-1869, they transcribed the mother's maiden name when they were included in the marriage record, and if the father's surname was different from either the bride or the groom's surname, it also was preserved in the database. They recently added another 75,500 passenger records for arrivals at the port of Quebec for the year of 1870 and the period April-September 1871, all with the transcription of 224 separate manifests.

In passing, it should be noted that the National Archives of Canada holds a few lists of immigrant settlers and passenger lists, mostly from the period between 1801 and 1849. Archives staff had created a card file index at the National Archives facility in Ottawa, with about 15,000 names in it. That has recently been made available through inGeneas for on-line searching, and due to the federal source of the information, any record in this database is fully revealed on line at no cost.

If you are working on Irish research, you may want to check inGeneas as one source of immigration information for a large population of Irish émigrés.

Gary A. Zimmerman

FISKE LIBRARY—NEW BOOK & PUBLICATION ACQUISITIONS

West

- Los Angeles Blue Book 1968
- Charlie Frye and His Times
- Crooked Road (Alaska Highway)
- Fleeting Opportunities (Women in WWII shipyards)
- The Cape Forts, Guardians of the Columbia
- Biennial Report of Auditor 1894 (WA)
- History of Whidbey's Island
- Skagit County (WA) Cemetery Records, Vols. 2, 3, 4 & 5
- Washington National Guard pamphlets, Vols. I & 2
- Obituaries of U of W Presidents

New England / New York / New Jersey

- History of the Town of Oxford, CT
- Monmouth County pictorial history
- New England Genealogical Research
- The Poconos
- Massachusetts Bay Colony, Vol. II
- New Jersey - past and present
- Woodside (NJ) 1743-1909
- Annals of Tryon Co. (NY)
- Fort Johnson (Amsterdam, NY)
- Golden Age of Homespun (NY)
- History of the Reformed Dutch Church, Rhinebeck Flatts, NY
- Journal of Long Island History (2 issues)
- Lansingburgh NY 1771-1971
- New York Genealogical & Biographical Record, July 2003
- New York State Queries (periodical)

Pennsylvania and the Midwest

- Peddler comes to Bucks County
- History of the Lackawanna Valley
- Map of Philadelphia of 1750
- Midwest Ancestry quarterly
- Names and Locations of Revolutionary Soldiers in Allegheny Co.
- Wayne Co. Genie News (periodical)
- 1978 Morningside College Alumni Directory (IA)
- Annals of Iowa
- Cleveland Township cemeteries, Davis Co., IA
- Davis county (IA) Deaths & Marriages
- Hawkeye Heritage
- History of Hancock Co., IL
- History of McLean Co., IL
- The 1850 Census of Hancock Co. IL
- Indiana Genealogist (periodical)
- College of Cape County (MO)
- Missouri Queries
- Crossroad of our Nation (OH)
- Gallia Co. Historical Society Newsletter (OH)
- Early Pennsylvania Births, 1675-1875
- History of Luzerne, Lackawanna & Wyoming Co., PA

South

- 1850 Census Trimble Co., KY
- NC Pension Abstracts of Revolution, War of 1812 & Indian Wars
- A Handbook of Virginia History
- Early Adventures on the Western Waters, Vol. II (VA)
- Finding your People in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia
- History of Old Alexandria, VA.

CONTINUED...NEW BOOK & PUBLICATION ACQUISITIONS

- Some Virginia marriages
- Virginia State Papers, Vol. II
- Virginia State Papers, Vol. III
- Families of Nicholas Co., WV

General

- Car-Del Scribe
- Collecting Dead Relatives
- Genealogical Research Directory 1976
- German Dictionary
- Glamorgan Family Historical Society publication
- Handbook for Genealogical Correspondence
- How to Climb your Family Tree
- Index of Potential Huguenot Ancestors (1962)
- Journal of Genealogy (periodical)
- National Genealogical Inquirer
- Sunny side of Genealogy
- The Genealogical Forum on America on Line
- Tracing your Ancestors in the Public Record Office
- Tree Talks
- U.S. County courthouse address book

Genealogies

- Botsford Genealogy
- Ancestry and Descendants of Patty Blackburn Davis
- Dawsons of the Revolutionary War and their Descendants
- Derby Genealogy
- Thomas Dimock, his Times, his family
- Descendants of Richard Dollins
- Fish Family of Kossuth County
- Fish Family Records and Lines (periodical)
- The Fish Family Tree
- The Way of Duty (Mary Fish)

- Genealogy of the Hannum Family
- Hart Lines (periodical)
- The Hart Forum (periodical)
- The Hotchkiss Family, Vol. II
- John Lathrop
- Leverett Memorial
- The Newberry Genealogy
- John Parker of Lexington
- Proctor Genealogy 1546-1979
- Raymond Families of New England
- Rex Genealogy 1750-1933
- Richardson Family Researcher (periodical)
- The Israel Robinson Family 1789-1988
- Russell Register
- Shafer Family History
- The Winans Family
- History of the Wingate family
- Family History with the name, origin & lineage lines of Wright

Appreciation for New Books to Fiske Library

The Monroe genealogical group was generous in giving us their surplus publications when the group disbanded this past fall. We also received gifts from Karl Kumm, Carlidine Van Allen, Charlotte Kennedy, Helen Barton, and Jackie Cedarholm.

In addition to this, the researchers who journeyed to Salt Lake City in January provided the funds and opportunity to receive a large number of books from that area.

We are very happy to tell you that all your gifts are appreciated and will find a lot of use in the Fiske library. Thank you.

Mary Stevenson, Librarian



FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION SPRING EDUCATIONS SESSIONS 2004

All classes will be held from 10:00 am to 12 Noon in the Library at 1644 43rd 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.

7-April	Spring Break– No class
14-April	Maps on-line.
21-April	Irish Research from afar– How you can start your Irish research before you take a trip to Ireland.
28-April	Nineteenth Century Books on-line. Part II. Karl Kumm.
5-May	How do I organize those boxes? Let me count the ways. A panel will share various solutions to how to organize your genealogy.
12-May	Land Records of Pennsylvania.
19-May	The National Archive and Federal Land Records, by Patty McNamee
26-May	Tennessee Research
2-June	Problem solving in genealogy.
9-June	End of Life Records.
16-June	Quilts to collage – creative and crafty ways to present your family history. A panel presentation: Mary Peters will display some of her quilt work, Judith Kumm will show you how to transfer your photos to cloth and Carolyn Blount will discuss samplers and photo displays

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.
Call (206) 328-2716

ON-LINE RESEARCH FEATURED IN SPRING

The Spring Seminars will start out with three classes to help you in your searches on-line. And one will get you started on your Irish genealogy. Every time the bug bites you to explore the path of your family took to get here, you are challenged with learning how to do genealogy in a new place. One of the first steps is to study maps. The lecture "Maps on-line" can help. Another step is to learn where the relevant records are located. A third is to plan a trip. In the fall, Betty Kaye Anderson will be leading a trip to Ireland. She has already laid out the itinerary. To make that trip rewarding, begin your research now into what records you need to examine. Attend Gary's class on "Irish Research from afar."


A second theme of the Spring Classes is how to search land records. We started this focus this winter with Gary's class on North Carolina Land Records. Patty McNamee, from the National Archives, will continue that theme. Gary will also give a class on Pennsylvania and its land records.

We are also experimenting with two panel discussions. One panel will focus on how to organize your genealogy research notes. The series will finish up with a show and tell panel on crafts and your family history. Come learn how to prepare for your trip to Ireland, how to use land records in your research, and then see just how crafty your fellow researchers can be.

Karl Kumm, Education Coordinator

COPYEDITING

If you've finished writing your family history or personal memoirs the next step is copyediting. Good copyediting can make the difference in creating a professional, rather than a "do it yourself", book!

Mechanical Editing	Check spelling, capitalization, punctuation, hyphenation, abbreviations and format of lists.	
Correlating Parts	Check contents page against chapters; check numbering of footnotes or endnotes, tables and figures. Check alphabetization of bibliography or reference list. Read footnotes, endnotes or in-text citations against bibliography or reference list.	
Language Editing	Correct all errors in grammar, syntax and usage. Correct paragraphs that seem wordy or convoluted. Supply a definition of terms likely to be new to the reader.	
Content Editing	Check facts.	
Permissions	Ensure that permissions have been received for any text, tables or illustrations that may require them.	

Moirra E. Connor



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Washington Pioneer Hall.**

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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.