

# FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



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## NEWSLETTER REALITIES

The Fiske Library Newsletter is designed to stimulate your thinking about genealogical research, to provide new sources of information relative to your quest and to keep you aware of what is going on at the Library in the Madison Park neighborhood of Seattle. It is published quarterly, each issue appearing about one month before the next cycle of classes begins at the Library.

We have over 1400 names on our distribution list, less than 10% of whom have agreed to read the newsletter in an on-line edition which can be saved to your desktop, read with Adobe Acrobat Reader, or read with your web browser. For each copy that we print and mail, we spend about \$1.25.

The Foundation Board has decided that beginning with the next issue, an annual subscription (4 issues) will cost \$6. The subscription will be sent with no additional fee to all annual members of the library, to all Pioneer Association members who use the library and to all donors of cash or books over the period of a year that have an aggregate value of \$40 or more.

Visitors to the library who sign the register will receive two complementary issues and then will have to subscribe to receive subsequent issues.

The same courtesy will be extended to friends who return to the library after an absence of three years or more. If you have not been to the library for the past two to three years, you will receive one complementary issue. If you have had complementary copies in the past two years, you will not be offered another upon your return.

Your mailing label will carry the expiration information of month and year of the last copy that will be mailed, unless a subscription or renewal is received. Subscriptions for \$6 are payable to Fiske Genealogical Foundation, 1644 43rd Ave E, Seattle WA 98112. Please mark your payment "for newsletter."

If you are using the internet for your research and if you are comfortable with e-mail and receiving documents through your browser, then I urge you to consider subscribing to the on-line "alert" when a new issue of the Newsletter has been posted on the website. Toward the bottom of the home page at [www.fiskelibrary.org](http://www.fiskelibrary.org), you will find the link that says, "Click here to sign up for our e-mail Newsletter notification."

Finally, if you are a "snow-bird" who routinely spends part of each year away from your summer home (or vice versa)

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## NEWSLETTER REALITIES

## SPECIAL THANKS!

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please let us know both of your addresses and your normal schedule for being in the north or the south so that we can mail the newsletter to the appropriate address for that time of year. We have to pay for returned newsletters with a “temporarily away” sticker that means they won’t forward your newsletter. It is easy for us to accommodate your dual existence in pursuit of warmth and sunshine – we just need to know.

Thank you for your continued support of the Fiske Library and please have patience with the volunteers as we try to adapt to our new policy on newsletters. Every dollar saved in this area makes it that much easier to purchase additional books and resources for the library.

Gary A Zimmerman  
President

Our sincere thanks to those that have donated books to the Fiske, including:

Barbara Krohn  
Karl Kumm  
Marion Lavrinec  
Marcy Marx  
Carol Matzke  
Bill Meyers  
Ray Pardo  
Dorothy Sprague  
Mary Stevenson,  
and the  
LDS Salt Lake City  
Library.

Also special thanks to Betty Kay Anderson and Mary Peters who purchased a number of books for Fiske while on their recent trip to Salt Lake City.

Mary Stevenson, Librarian

## INTERESTED IN A GENEALOGY TRIP TO NORWAY AND SWEDEN?

Karen Stahl and Mary Peters think that it would be great fun to conduct family research in Norway and Sweden and see the sights. Betty Kay Anderson has agreed to plan a trip IF we can get 20 people interested enough to put down a small deposit which would be fully refundable up to seven (7) days after the actual price is published. Since many of the libraries and tourist attractions are not open in the fall, the trip would probably take place in late summer of 2006.

Planning a trip like this takes considerable effort for both Betty Kay and the travel agent. Those of us who had signed up for the Ireland trip were disappointed when we could not get 20 people to go. Therefore, it is reasonable for us to determine who has a real interest before making plans. As an added incentive, the first 20 people who sign up will have some input into where we plan on visiting during the trip!

Please call Mary Peters at (206) 784-8403 (or e-mail her at [mpeters@fisklibrary.org](mailto:mpeters@fisklibrary.org)) or, call Karen Stahl at (425) 488-2136 for information and to be added to a list of those people interested in the trip. Depending on the level of interest shown, we'll go to the next step (or not). Further information will be available on the Fiske web site and in future newsletters.



# BROOKLYN DAILY EAGLE

1841-1902

Online™

The Brooklyn Public Library has a very useful database on its website: a nearly complete run from 1841 to 1902 of a major newspaper in the New York metropolitan area. It is a great place to look for obituary notices and wedding announcements for people in Brooklyn, Long Island, Manhattan and even New Jersey.

You will find entry to this free service at [www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/eagle/](http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/eagle/) and the instructions for its use are very clear. You must turn off your pop-up blocker to get the page images to load properly. Once you have started to work with the Eagle images, you use tabs at the top of the screen rather than the back button of your browser.

Obituary notices can be sought either by a “date range” search or by a “keyword” search. Death notices usually appear in a column headed “DIED,” although in the 1890’s they began also to use the heading “OBITUARY” and those headings may be located with the keyword search. Individual names in these specific columns don’t seem to appear in the keyword search. However, if the newspaper wrote an article about a person’s death, the name will appear in the keyword search. Brooklyn residents were usually listed in the “died” column; the column for “obituary - Long Island residents” usually appears on a different page.

The obituary notices are succinct, but fact-filled. For example, in the Sunday edition for 23 December 1900, the following notice appeared:

PENCHEON -- On Saturday,  
December 22, LILLIAN  
NAIRNE, beloved wife of John

H Pencheon, at her residence, 53 Park St, Westfield NJ. Intimate friends invited to attend services on Monday, December 24, at 11 am. Please omit flowers. (Denver, San Francisco and Liverpool, England papers please copy.)

Even the reference to other cities that might have an interest in this death notice may be an important clue to the genealogist trying to track down the wanderings of a relative now deceased.

*On April 27, 2005,  
Karl Kumm  
will be conducting an  
education session on  
newspaper research.*

*See page 10 for details.*

People without any known connection to Brooklyn may still find this a useful resource for learning about life in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries. For example, in that same December 23<sup>rd</sup> edition there is a large photo story about the opening of the remodeled Ellis Island. It is entitled, “Glimpses of the New Immigrant Station on Ellis Island.”

The database has used an optical scanner to create images of very old paper copies of the Eagle. Sometimes the scanning is not perfect. If the images seem too small on your browser, download the image file to your desktop. Then open it in Adobe Acrobat Reader, where you will have more tools for enlarging the image. The image is a photo, not a text document, so the Acrobat Reader search function will not find specific words on the page.

Gary A. Zimmerman

## FISKE LIBRARY—NEW BOOK & PUBLICATION ACQUISITIONS

### NORTHWEST

- Guide to the Archives of the City of Seattle
- Growing up with Lake Forest Park
- History of Adams county, WA
- Tracks, Trails and Tales of Clallam County, WA
- Ferndale, the village, 1875-1893
- Magnolia, yesterday and today
- Port Angeles, Washington, a History, Vol. 1
- Washington's Centennial Farms
- Three-quarters of a Century at WA (U.W.)
- Tyee - U.W. Annual, 1937
- Woman's Place (Seattle, King County)
- Laws of Washington, 1889-90

### NEW ENGLAND

- History of W. Windsor, VT, parish & Town
- Divided Hearts, MA Loyalists 1765-1790
- Vital Records of Corinna, ME
- History of Carmel, ME
- Times of Their Lives (Plymouth Colony)

### MIDWEST

- Hamlin County, SD
- Maple Hill Cemetery, Union township, IA
- Wabash County, IL lineages
- Muskingum County, OH, Men and Women in World War II
- Patron Index, Landowners in DeWitt Co., IL, 1875 Atlas

### MIDATLANTIC

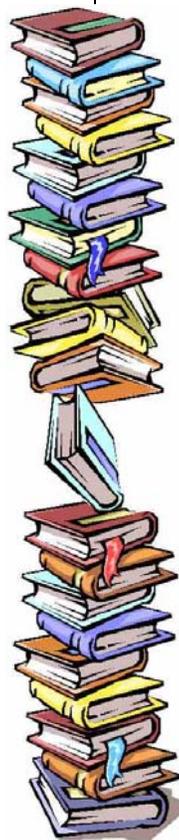
- Biographical Record of Central Pennsylvania

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Women in the American Revolution
- Desertion During the Civil War
- Genealogical Guide to Arkansas Courthouse research

### GENEALOGIES

- 5 Generations of Mayflower families (Bradford)
- Descendants of John Pardo of Kent
- Diary of Mary Louisa Black in 1865
- Preston-Lindsey Trail
- Anneke Jans-Bogardus Research Aid
- Harrisons of New Jersey
- Carter-Powers-Bassett charts and documents
- Smith Parke, Reuben Parke and some of their descendants
- Some Martin, Jeffries & Wayman families
- Ridgway-Ridgeway Family
- Genealogy of Rev. W. H. VanDeusen
- James Cory and Susan Mulford
- Presbrey Genealogy
- The Roush Family of America
- The Tysors of Old Chatham
- The John Pyne Family in America



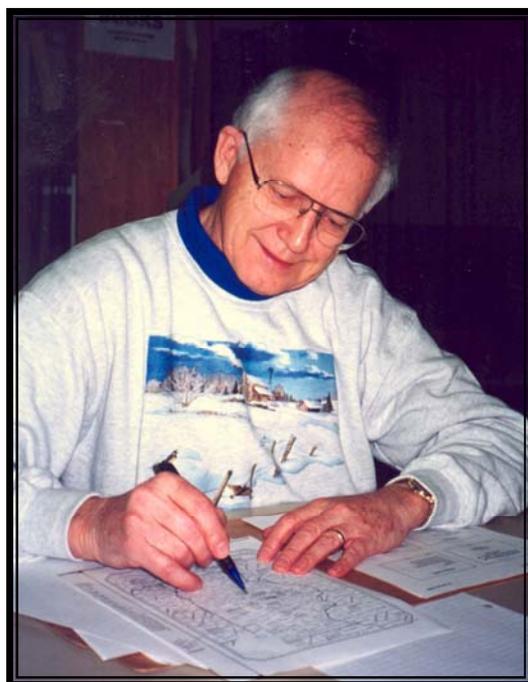
### PERIODICALS

- The American Genealogist, July 2004
- New York Biographic & Genealogy Research
- Swedish-Finnish Quarterly, fall 2004
- Valley Leaves (Tenn. Valley)
- New England Historic Genealogy Register, Oct. 2004 & Jan. 2005

## ELDON DAVIS - 8 YEAR VOLUNTEER

My interest in genealogy is not too surprising because as a youth, history and geography were my favorite subjects. How I became a Boeing aerospace engineer for 35 years is another story. These basic interests continued throughout my working career but the concept of studying and analyzing family history was something that never occurred to me.

That is until 1996 when my wife noticed a sign out in front of the Pioneer Building that said "genealogy classes starting in September". From that point on this hobby and I have had a great time. In doing this hobby, I have found one must continue to use his brain and there is similarity in analyzing a family history problem and that of analyzing an aerospace problem. In addition, one must continue to use communication skills including writing and speaking so that a situation can be clearly defined.



I consider myself very fortunate as almost all my lines were part of the great migration across America. Essentially all of my ancestors were farmers. It has been a lot of fun keeping up with their frequent movements as each family tries to better themselves by getting more or better land by moving westward.

Very enjoyable and rewarding in this hobby is going to the actual location and seeing the houses where my ancestors lived, sometimes as long as 150 to 300 years ago. I have made three such journeys to different parts of our country. Finding and walking on their land, seeing the small towns and

the churches they attended is truly an experience one never forgets.

My objective during this past 9 years or so has been to find as much information as possible on 32 different ancestral lines. Although I have had reasonable success there are still unanswered questions including the burning issue of who were the parents of my GG Granddad Asa Davis and where in OH was he born?

But recently I have reached the point where I now realize I need to move onto the next phase in this hobby and that is compiling and writing a book (or books!) that captures all that I have learned. The general outline is done and some small excerpts have been put together. This part of genealogy is also fun and provides a feeling of accomplishment. Now if there was just some time to really get going on this effort.

My volunteering at Fiske began in 1997. Mostly this has involved helping out in the library on Saturdays. Action during most Saturdays is usually normal but occasionally I am able to help some researcher to break through their family history brick wall. What joy it is for both of us.

So although this hobby and I got together at a relatively late date, it is match-up that I foresee will continue for a long, long time.

Eldon Davis

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS—ANNUAL FRIENDS OF FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION AUCTION

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- When:** Saturday, May 21, 2005 at 6 pm
- Where:** 9719 Mary Ave. NW, Seattle
- Who:** All supporters of the Fiske Genealogy Foundation and their friends
- Why:** To raise funds to support the library and buy CDs or Books

Dinner will be served before the auction. Frank Peters has agreed to prepare baked salmon and chicken, garlic bread, salad and dessert. The cost is \$10 each and reservations would be appreciated. Please call Mary at 206-784-8403 or e-mail [mpeters@fiskelibrary.org](mailto:mpeters@fiskelibrary.org) by May 19 to let her know that you are coming and if you would like salmon or chicken.



Two years ago, we netted over \$2,800 in one evening and had loads of fun. Dena Iverson has already pledged a Rosemaled item, Betty Kay Anderson is offering her condominium on Maui, Mary and Frank Peters are offering their home on Lopez Island and Frank Peters is offering jewellery and plants. Please let Mary know what auction items you can contribute for this good cause! She will arrange to pick up your auction items either from your home or from the Fiske Library. This is a silent auction and everything that can be auctioned will be welcomed.

Even if you do not plan to attend the dinner portion of the event, please come and bring friends to help bid up the prices!

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## LABEL ALERT

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Beginning with this issue, your mailing label will contain subscription expiration information. The first three letters represent the month and the final two digits represent the year. The dates represent the first newsletter to be circulated after the expiration of your present membership. If it says “Feb05” this will be your last issue of the newsletter unless you subscribe according to the story on page one. Check your label now!

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## MISSOURI SOLDIERS: 1812 THROUGH WORLD WAR I

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The Missouri State Archives offers a new, free website at [www.sos.mo.gov/archives/soldiers/](http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/soldiers/) with information about Missouri soldiers who were in service in twelve different wars between 1812 and 1919. So far, there are more than 576,000 records with an easily searched interface. The information comes from individual service cards. Images of these cards may be viewed on-line.

More than half of the entries in this database represent service during the Civil War, with both Union and Confederate service included. Veterans of the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Spanish-American War and World War I are included. The database also identifies service in more local, regional conflicts, such as the Heatherly War of 1836, the Mormon War of 1838 and the Iowa (Honey) War of 1839.

There are 214 entries for the Heatherly War of 1836,

(see <http://www.lcl.lib.mo.us/~lcl/History/County/Rootfv1/1913hea.htm> for a reasonable description of this conflict on the northern frontier of Missouri). There are 5458 records arising from the Mormon War of 1838 (see the Wikipedia entries for this series of events in northwestern Missouri at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mormon\\_War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mormon_War).)

The Iowa (Honey) War of 1839 generates 2335 records from a border dispute between Missouri and Iowa in the northeast corner of the state. There was some difference of opinion about exactly where the state boundary was located near Athens where the Des Moines River forms the boundary. In the summer of 1839, the governors of each state instructed their respective officers to extend their jurisdiction into the area claimed by the other. 2200 Missouri militia were called up and about 1200 Iowa troops were on the ready. No actual warfare occurred, but a Missouri resident cut down several bee trees in the disputed area and was sued in an Iowa court and was fined \$1.50 in costs and damages. This court decision inspired John Campbell to write lyrics to the tune of Yankee Doodle, which was called "The Honey War." The song remained quite popular in Missouri during the 1840's.

If you have never explored Wikipedia this might be a good time to get acquainted with an encyclopedia in which readers can add material to the collective wisdom that is developing on the website. Start at, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page).

Gary A. Zimmerman

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## BORN IN MINNESOTA?



The Minnesota Historical Society has a new database under development: an index to birth certificates from that state. At this point the index covers the period 1900-1907. If you find a hit, you can request a non-certified certificate from the MHS for \$8.00. It will be posted on their website and you have 72 hours after an e-mail notification to you that it is ready for viewing. No paper certificates will be offered under this program. The project is on-going; at the present time, they are building the database for 1908.

You can search the database for name, year of birth, county of birth, or mother's maiden name. However, it appears that many certificates carry the mother's first name, not her maiden surname.

You can try the site out for yourself at <http://people.mnhs.org/bci/> and you can also link to their previously posted death index, which has details from death cards for 1906-1907 and from death certificates from 1908 to 1996.

## FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER AND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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## CANADIAN RESEARCH

An easy 2.5 hour drive north across the US-Canadian border, you can discover a wealth of Canadian genealogical material pertaining to the 16th through early 20th centuries, with the majority of records covering the latter half of the 19th Century. The Surrey Public Library branch in Cloverdale offers a comprehensive collection of genealogical material and research aids. Library holdings include:

- Census Records
- Microfilm Collection: Estate Records
- Immigration and Passenger Records
- Military Records
- Land Indices and Petitions
- Naturalization Records
- Loyalists Records
- Parish and Vital Records.

The library provides microfilm/fiche readers, a photocopier, a public internet station and library catalogue computer terminal. For on-line researchers, the library offers an on-line guide to 20<sup>th</sup> Century research and a variety of links to other Canadian genealogy sites. You can access their site at:

<http://www.spl.surrey.bc.ca/About+Us/Collections/default.htm>

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**Monday to Friday: 9:30 am - 9:00 pm , Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm**

## 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— SPRING 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	TOPIC
1	6 April	Kentucky Resources
2	13 April	Doing Genealogy in Oregon
3	20 April	Hands-on instruction in using a digital camera in genealogy. Laura Wise
4	27 April	Newspaper research on-line. Examples of how to research newspapers drawn from research on New York City with New York Times (1851-2001) and Brooklyn Eagle (1841-1902). Karl Kumm
5	4 May	John Moore, Des Moines pioneer Eldon Davis
6	11 May	Digging for Roots in St. Louis
7	18 May	Tour of Washington State Archive– Please register by Wednesday, 4 May, if you want to car pool or do research at the Archive. Research will be limited to first fifteen who register. Fiske will offer a van pool to depart at 9:30 for Tour at eleven and return when Archive closes at 4:30.
8	25 May	What's New at the Fiske? Overview of new acquisition at the library.
9	1 June	French Resources for Genealogical Research
10	8 June	Finding Huguenot Records

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## SPRING CLASSES



You can learn about Eldon Davis from his profile featured in this issue of the Fiske Newsletter. You can meet him when he presents his findings on John Moore, the first homesteader in Des Moines, Washington. Eldon researched many different kinds of records to explore Moore's life, land and what led him to his death at the Western Washington Hospital for the Insane. On Wednesday, May 4th, he will share his knowledge of the life of John Moore and tell us how to use the records and archives that made Moore come alive again.

All of us share some phobias about computers and their software. Laura Wise will teach a hands-on class on digital cameras on April 20th. She will show us how to use a digital camera in genealogical research, and how to transfer images from documents and photographs (such as pictures from family reunions, homesteads and tombstones) into your computer. Laura and her husband are popular teachers for Senior Net and active members of the Computer User Groups of both the Seattle and the Eastside Genealogy Societies. Bring your laptop and your digital camera. She will bring two flash card readers plus a compact flash card adapter for the laptop's

P.C. Card slot. (If you don't understand the last sentence, this is a class for you!)

On May 18th, the class will travel to Olympia for a tour of the Washington State Archive. If you plan to do research at the archive, please register by May 4th. You will need to plan your research objectives, consolidate what you already know, and identify the record groups you want to consult. The Archivists need time to pull the records so that the visit will be most productive for you. We will have a six-person van leave the Fiske library at 9:30 for an eleven o'clock tour. You may register at the Fiske or send an e-mail to [k.kumm@comcast.net](mailto:k.kumm@comcast.net).

Our spring education sessions range across the globe from France and Huguenot Genealogy to Oregon and the Fiske library. Gary Zimmerman will continue to teach most of the classes and I'm planning on conducting a class on "how to" do newspaper research on-line.

Karl Kumm,  
Education Coordinator

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## EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARY

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If you are researching Snohomish County families, you might consider the Northwest Room of the Everett Public Library. They have collected material on the history of Everett and the Pacific Northwest region, with a special emphasis on maps, pamphlets, oral history interviews and historic photos. They are especially strong on labor history, sawmills and logging, late 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century photography, and frontier industrialism.

Their website is found at [www.epls.org/nw/](http://www.epls.org/nw/) and contains a number of useful tools for the family researcher. They have an on-line index to biographies of Snohomish County residents that first appeared in ten early histories of Washington State between 1889 and 1939. It is a useful finding aid. Pages with a portrait accompanying a biography are indicated by an asterisk.

There are five separate digital collections on the website dealing with selected Everett Herald photos from the 1950's and 1960's; over 200 images from the "Everett Massacre Collection" showing some of the participants in the 1916 labor confrontation in town; selections from the 5000 pictures in the J. A. Juleen Studio collection of Everett photographers from 1910 to 1954; the King and Baskerville studio collection of photos from Everett and Snohomish County in the 1890's; and a photo exhibit of historic buildings, bridges and other sites in the library's collection area.

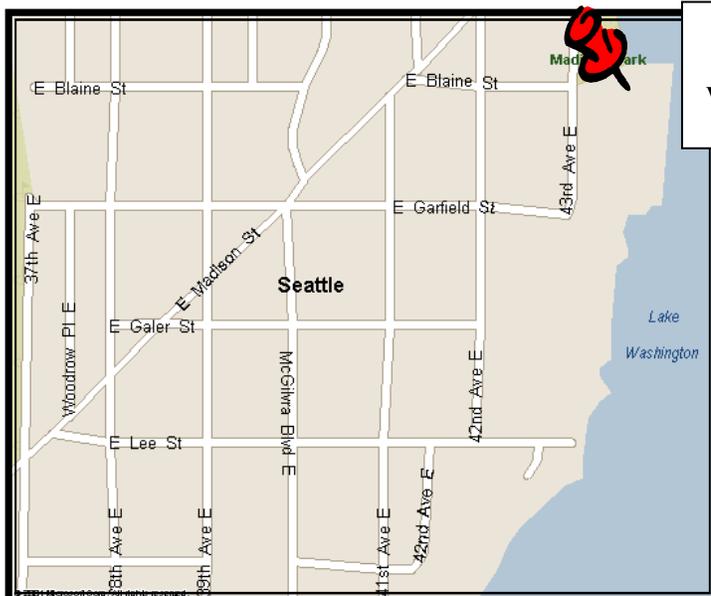


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on the lower level of the  
Washington Pioneer Hall.**

- Drive east on East Madison Street until you see a Starbucks 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.