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Genealogical research is changing very rapidly. The choice of a specific information source, the quality of the information contained in that resource, and the way that you access that resource often require careful evaluation and planning by the family researcher.

Technology has provided new ways to access previously hard-to-find information to further your research. The number of repositories with information relevant to your own specific research problem probably has increased dramatically. The number of people "publishing" accumulations of data that may bear on your research also offer you new opportunities to get around once difficult roadblocks.

This issue of the newsletter is heavily weighted toward resources for the genealogist that can be accessed over the internet. In fact many of the recent newsletters have offered many clues about finding material available on the web. However, I find that many people who are devoted to their family research still are uncomfortable with using computers or applying technology to their search for family facts.

Please think about "asking for help" when you find yourself reluctant to use the internet -- if you come into the Fiske library, any of our volunteers can help you to access the resources described in our newsletters. If you need help in finding websites specific to your own area of research, ask for help in doing on-line searches or in identification of libraries or archives that may be more specific to your research problem.

Often an e-mail to the library will get you a start on solving your search problem, but if even an e-mail is difficult for you, please send a post card or note and ask for some assistance.

More and more material awaits your consideration because the internet brings it closer to you. Don't be afraid to ask for help if you want to look at that material but are reluctant to dive into the technology to access those sources. The volunteers at the Fiske Library look forward to hearing from you.

Gary A. Zimmerman



DIGITAL LIBRARIES ARE CHANGING GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Suddenly, there is a wealth of reference material available to you on your home computer. A myriad of digital libraries are quickly making entire collections of family and local histories available for easy access across the internet. This issue of the Newsletter will offer you a sample of these rich resources.

The library staff at the University of Pennsylvania are trying to keep up with the spate of newly posted digital books at their "On-Line Books Page" at

<http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu>, but new titles are appearing almost daily. By the first week in August, there were over 20,000 titles linked to their webpage. Not all of these books are of immediate use to the genealogist, but the site is organized like a physical library which uses the Library of Congress classification system. All of the books listed here are out of copyright in the country of their origin, so you will find predominately books from the 19th Century or early 20th Century, or they appear with permission of the copyright holder. Only books that are totally free to the on-line user are listed (and titles that are offered as shareware, with a suggested fee for use, are excluded).

You can search by author and title, or you can browse the entire list by author, by title or by subject. You can also browse the serial archives for journals that are on-line. I find the easiest way to access these files is in a subject search, organized by the Library of Congress classification outline.

You might start with the F section, covering History: United States (regional) and the Americas. Then you go to the number that describes the region or state of interest to you (the authority for this, of course, is the Library of Congress at

<http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsol/lcco/lcco.html> where you find that F1-975 covers local regional histories in the United States, with F1-15 for the New England region, and then each state in that region begins as follows: Maine at F16, New Hampshire at F31, Vermont at F46, Massachusetts at F61, Rhode Island at F76 and Connecticut at F91. The Middle Atlantic region begins at F106.

This continues on through the whole continent of the Americas.

Between F61 and F76, there are 40 some titles regarding local history in Massachusetts. These include the full text of "Old landmarks and historic personages of Boston," written by Samuel Adams Drake and published in 1873; "St. Boltoph's Town: An Account of Old Boston in Colonial Days," by Mary Caroline Crawford, published in 1908; and "The Early Records of Lancaster, Massachusetts, 1643-1725," edited by Henry S Nourse in 1884.



The serials list can also be of help to the genealogist. Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society, Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, the American Yacht List from Mystic Seaport, and The New England Magazine, 1831-35, (from the archives of Cornell University,) are currently available as well as many magazines and journals from other fields.

The reader will want to browse to the sections relevant to his or her regional interests. Some of the books are images of the original text; some are transcriptions. Many are indexed; many are searchable for any word or string of words.

DIGITAL LIBRARIES ARE CHANGING GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH...CONTINUED

The libraries of the University of Michigan and the Cornell University Library have collaborated to create a digital library of original sources in American social history for the period from before the Civil War through the period of Reconstruction. The collection at this time currently contains over 11,800 books and magazines, over 50,000 journal articles, and includes over 3.5 million pages. All of these materials were originally published in the 1800's. The project was originally funded by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Recently, another 134 volumes about New York City were added to the on-line collection.

You can access the Making of America library at <http://cdl.library.cornell.edu/moa/> and at <http://www.hti.umich.edu/m/moagrp/>.

The search engine at Michigan will return findings in books and findings in journal articles, along with the total number of hits for your search. A search for "Lenawee County" found 379 matches for that word string in 80 different books and two matches in two journal articles. Some of these were single entries in the annual from the University of Michigan for 1903 or 1904 which gave biographical details on many of the students in the graduating class and for the faculty and includes an alumni directory at the end of each volume. Other responses were from Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography, published in six volumes in 1887-1889, where there are very detailed sketches of many people in many professions in the United States.

The two sites are not the same. The collections from Michigan do not duplicate the materials supplied by the Cornell libraries. The search for "Lenawee County" on the Cornell server returned only five hits in four journal articles. However, the Cornell collection is heavily weighted toward

19th Century journals, including a complete run of the North American Review from 1815-1900. Cornell also offers "The War of the Rebellion: a compilation of the official records of the Union and Confederate Armies" and "Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion." The "OR" or official records of the Union and Confederate armies was published in 70 volumes in four series between 1880 and 1901. The naval records constitute 30 volumes published in two series between 1894 and 1922.

The Making of America search engine at Michigan permits basic, Boolean, and "proximity" searches to focus your results more closely to what you want to find. You can also restrict the search to the title or author entries for each book or journal article.

The University of Michigan digital library staff also has a couple of other databases that may be of interest to you. Michigan County Histories (<http://www.hti.umich.edu/m/micounty/about.html>) has 170 titles on line with 202 volumes fully digitized and there are still some 20 or more titles yet to be added. The "Making of Ann Arbor" database (<http://moaa.aadl.org/index.php>) has a more limited focus, but has books, video, audio and lots of photographs.

Gary A. Zimmerman

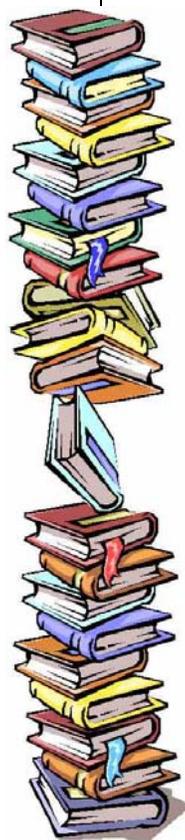
FISKE LIBRARY—NEW BOOK & PUBLICATION ACQUISITIONS

GENEALOGIES

- Ancestors of Silas Ayers and Mary Byram Ayers
- The Bicknells - proceedings of Second Family Reunion
- The Blackstone Family
- The Bogart Family
- Genealogy of the Descendants of John M. Bush and Jane Osterhoudt
- Descendants of Richard Church of Plymouth and supplemental notes
- The Mohawk Valley Harters
- Haupt Family Origins in the Rhineland
- Two Innes Families
- The Mohawk Valley Kasts
- Livingston Genealogy
- Emigration from Württemberg, German, Descendants of Jacob Lutz
- The MacDonnells of Antrim
- History and Genealogy of the Mead Family
- Millspaugh-Milspaw supplement to 1969 Genealogy
- Palmer-Barrett Genealogy
- Ancestors and Descendants of John Percival
- The Mohawk Valley Petries
- The Mohawk Valley Rasbachs
- Genealogical history of William Shepard
- Story of the Slocums, Slocumbs, and Slocumbs in America
- Stephen VanRensselaer III

GENERAL INFORMATION

- American Origins
- American Population before the Federal Census of 1790
- Biographical Directory of Railway Officials in America
- Birth Records U.S. & Europe 900-1880 (C.D.)
- Dutch-American Guide
- Ellinger Genealogical Encyclopedia
- European Origins, Vol. E-1 (C.D.)



- Everyday Life in Roman & Anglo-Saxon Times
- Land Records of AL,AR,FD,LA,MI,MN,OH,WI, 1790-1907 (C.D.)
- Marriage and the Family in the Middle Ages
- Military Records, U.S. Soldiers 1780-1811 (C.D.)
- Names Found in Picton Press Books, Vol 4 (C.D.)
- New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland
- Prisons and Hospitals of the Civil War
 - Record Offices, How to Find them
 - Selected US/International Marriage Records, 1340-1980 (C.D.)
 - Social Security Death Index 1937-1998 (C.D.)
 - The Matter of Wales
 - Tracing your Swiss Roots World Family Tree (5 discs)

CANADA

- A Quiet Gentle Surprise, St. Michael's Cemetery in Toronto
- Pioneer Papers, Simcoe Co., Ontario
- Genealogy in Ontario
- Pioneer Families & Early Settlers of Huntley Township, Ontario
- Settlement of York Co., Ontario,

COLORADO

- Jefferson Co., Colorado

CONNECTICUT

- 1790 Census of Connecticut (fiche)
- Griswold, Conn. - 150th Anniversary

ENGLAND and IRELAND

- Ely diocesan registry (Cambridgeshire)
- History of the English Church and People
- Ickworth Parish Registers 1566-1890
- Manual for the Genealogist, Topography & Antiquary

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FISKE LIBRARY—NEW BOOK & PUBLICATION ACQUISITIONS

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- Ulster Emigration to Colonial America 1718-1785

GEORGIA

- 1840 Index to Georgia Census

IOWA

- History of Cedar Co., Iowa

ILLINOIS

- 1870 Chicago, Ill, census index (fiche)
- History of Cook Co., Illinois

INDIANA

- Cemeteries of Center Township, Hendricks Co.,
- Indiana Magazine of History

KENTUCKY

- Calendar of the Warrants for Land in Kentucky
- Early Kentucky Settlers, Jefferson Co., Ky.
- Genealogies of Kentucky Families
- Kentucky in the War of 1812
- Kentucky Land Grants

MAINE

- History of York Co., Maine, Kennebunk
- History of York Co., Maine, Kennebunkport

MARYLAND

- Baltimore, Past and Present
- Maryland Oaths of Allegiance and Fidelity, Vols. 1 & 2

MASSACHUSETTS

- Harvard Business School yearbooks, 1928-29 and 1929-30

- History of Essex Co., Mass. (Salisbury)
- History of Salem, Mass, Vol. 2
- New Salem Primitive Baptist Records (C.D.)
- Passenger & Immigration Lists, Boston, 1821-1850 (C.D.)
- Salisbury, Mass. Second Church Records
- Smith College, 1922

MINNESOTA

- 1890 Veterans Census Index of Minnesota

MISSOURI

- Directory of Local Historical Museums & Genealogical Agencies in Missouri
- Green Co., Missouri Cemeteries
- Marriage Index, Book G, Mercer Co., Missouri (in notebook)
- Missouri Pioneers, Vol. 1
- Official Manual of the State of Missouri 1919-1920

NEBRASKA

- 1885 Mortality List, Burt Co., Nebr.
- 1887 Cuming Co., Nebr. Plat Book
- 1890 Burt Co. Nebraska Census
- 1890 Colfax Co., Nebr. Census
- 1890 Washington co., Nebr. Census
- Bygone Nebraska
- Eustis, Nebr. 1960 Telephone Book

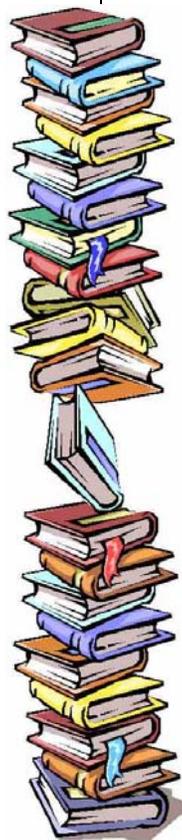
NEW HAMPSHIRE

- New Hampshire Churches
- Newcastle, N.H., - Historic and Picturesque
- State Papers of New Hampshire, Vol. 14

NEW YORK

- 1790 Census of New York (fiche)
- History of the City of Brooklyn

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- Iconography of Manhattan Island (the Dutch Grants)
- Marriages in Orange Co., N.Y. 1851-1867
- Olden Times in New York
- Pioneer History of Cortland Co., N.Y.
- Revolutionary Incidents of Queens Co., N.Y.
- Some Historical Papers re Orange Co., New York

NORTH CAROLINA

- Marriages in Bertie Co., No. Car. 1762-1868
- North Carolina Genealogical Reference

OHIO

- Index of Death & Marriage Notices in the Cincinnati Daily Gazette, 1827-1881
- Olive Township, Noble Co., Ohio
- Restored Hamilton Co. Ohio Marriages, 1870-1994, Parts #1 & 2

OREGON

- History of Oregon
- The Beaver, Vol. 21, Oregon State Agriculture College 1926-27

PENNSYLVANIA

- History of Mt. Union, Shirleysburg & Shirley Township, Pa.
- Salem Belleman's Union Church, Mohrsville, Pa.

RHODE ISLAND

- Historical Catalog of Brown University

SOUTH CAROLINA

- 1869 Militia Roll, Chesterfield Co., So. Car.

TENNESSEE

- Genealogical Abstracts from Tennessee Newspapers, 1803-1812 and 1821-1828
- History of Tennessee

VERMONT

- 1790 Census of Vermont (fiche)
- History of Guildhall, VT

VIRGINIA

- Genealogies of Virginia Families (W - Y)
- Gravestone Inscriptions of Amherst Co., VA
- Marriages in Virginia, Spotsylvania Co., 1851-1900
- School Bells from the Past
- Some Prominent Virginia Families, Vols. 1 & 2
- Tombstone Inscriptions of Orange Co., Virginia

WASHINGTON

- Edmonds, the Gem of Puget Sound
- Past and Present in Issaquah, Washington, The
- Whitman Co., Wash. Marriage Records, Book D, 1892-1897

WEST VIRGINIA

- Biographical & Portrait cyclopedia of Monogalia, Marion & Taylor Cos., W.Va.
- Pioneers and Their Homes on Upper Kanawha

Mary Stevenson, Librarian

KENTUCKIAN DIGITAL LIBRARY

Over 1000 volumes and more than 230,000 digital pages are to be found at <http://kdl.kyvl.org/>. A consortium of universities, historical societies and the State of Kentucky are collaborating in making their special collections and their book resources to greater public access. Each cooperating institution also has posted detailed finding aids for their in-house collections.

MARGE JODOIN, FISKE LIBRARY WEBMASTER

Marge Jodoin—“Marjorie Jean!” when mother was angry—has been the webmaster at the Fiske for several years now.

“I first became interested in genealogy reading the Bible. At the age of 12, I meticulously sat down and charted out all the ‘begats’ and then tried to figure out the movements of all the tribal groups and nations mentioned. I was also a history buff and emptied the Historical Fiction shelves of the local library on a regular basis. The fictional accounts always spurred me on to find out the historical facts.”

“My interest in family genealogy was sparked by a sense of family secrets and little understood tensions. I needed to make sense of it all and began collecting information. The results were highly illuminating and very satisfying to me, although somewhat dismaying to some family members—particularly when I uncovered great-grandfather’s 106 page divorce decree with first-hand testimony of all parties.

“Marjorie Jean!”

“I always explore the historical background to any family story; the historical components give context to family experience, but family experience also informs the era—historians look at the macro-

cosm, the overall trends. The experiences of individuals illustrate the unexpected nuances of a period.”

“I have found it worthwhile to look beyond my immediate ancestors. I take time to explore their collateral relations and even known associates.

Surprising facts may come out that force me to reconsider what was actually going on in the immediate family.”

“The best part about genealogy is that the mystery never ends. There’s always one more person to investigate, a new time and place to explore. It is endlessly fascinating.”

Marge Jodoin



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

CANADA'S LOCAL HISTORIES ON-LINE

The digital age is not limited to American repositories. "Our Roots/Nos Racines" at www.ourroots.ca is a wonderful collection of digital images of every-page versions of local histories from across Canada. This is the result of a national initiative with local participants in every province - libraries across Canada are partners in the project and the Archives of Canada have supplied resources to make it work.

You start with a map of Canada and select a province to see a listing of all histories from towns and communities in that part of Canada. You can search the entire collection by title, author, subject or you can look for a specific string of words in the full text of the collection.

Every title is entered twice in your search results - once in English and once in French, although the page images will only be in the language of the original publication. Search results are returned 10 records per page, but each entry includes the title, the author, the publisher and year, and all of the cataloging subjects for that publication. When you click on the title, you are taken to a page that gives the entire table of contents, with a link to the first page of each chapter, and a new search engine that will do an every word search in just the selected volume. There are 68 pages (with ten entries each) for Quebec; only 26 pages for Alberta. If you click on one of the subject headings for a book of interest, you will get a list of all other books that refer to the same topic - an easy way to widen your search.

A full-collection search for the subject "Pictou" immediately took me to "East River Sketches, historical and biographical: with reminiscences of Scottish life," by Robert Grant. The book was published in 1895. A search for "McGillivray" returns eight specific pages where this surname is included in the text.

A search for "Victoria, British Columbia" returned, among other titles, the constitution and by-laws of Victoria Lodge, No 1. for the International Order of Odd-Fellows. Clicking on that subject heading, I soon found a Lodge History of the Odd Fellows in Vancouver with biographical sketches of members in that City in the 1890's.

Although Our Roots may occupy a good portion of your time as you cruise through Canadian local history, you should also consider the British Columbia Digital Library at <http://bcdlib.tc.ca/>. Here is a guide to digital library collections, mostly text-based rather than images of the original pages. Their page on "General Collections by Title" identifies collections of electronic texts -- places where you can learn about other digital resources on line. This is where you connect to the 640 titles that the digital collections at the University of Toronto (<http://link.library.utoronto.ca/booksonline/>) offer or the New York Public Library digital gallery. Most of these references are not directly related to genealogical data, but Toronto has the Cyclopedia of Canadian Biography, various county histories from Ontario, and "Toronto: the Men Who Made it."

Gary A. Zimmerman

2006 SALT LAKE CITY

The Salt Lake trip has been increased to 10 nights this coming year, at the unanimous request of all of last year's participants.

The group will travel from Wednesday, January 11 to Saturday, January 21, 2006. A flyer and prices will be available by early October, reports Betty Kay Anderson, coordinator. See the Fiske web page, Fiskelibrary.org in the fall for additional information.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

The University of Washington libraries are developing an extensive collection of on-line materials that include a number of resources for family research in the Pacific Northwest.

Your search can start with

<http://content.lib.washington.edu/> or you can look at a listing of the entire collection.

The Washington Pioneer Life database is an especially interesting resource at

<http://content.lib.washington.edu/pioneerlifeweb/index.html>

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FISKE FALL CLASSES 2005

"How do I learn how to do genealogical research? The class I took at xxx was no help." This remark was heard at a local genealogy society meeting. There really are many opportunities in the Seattle area for all of us to improve our skills. The Seattle Genealogy Society offers a class it calls "Stepping Stones." The National Archive at Sand Point offers quarterly introductory classes on census, immigration and naturalization records, and the archive's military records and national land records. The Fiske Library offers thirty classes a year on a wide variety of specific genealogical topics and regions as well as individual instruction for beginners offered by Mary Peters. This fall we're pleased to offer classes for beginners and experts alike.

Every region and every type of record holds different research challenges. On September 7th, Gary Zimmerman will introduce us to Welsh genealogy and on November 9th, help us research ancestors in Idaho and Montana.

On September 21st, I'll conduct a session on looking for photographs of your family. Do you want to get illustrations for your family history? Do you think that some of your family pictures may be in an archive somewhere?

On September 28th, Gary will continue his series of talks on denominational records with "*Using American Catholic records*." Then on October 5th, he will conduct a session on how to use the Corbin Collection in your research. If you have ancestors in western Massachusetts, this will be a valuable class to attend.

Do you want to hand out a CD to selected relatives at your next family reunion? If so, you might want to consider the software *CD Passage Express*. On October 12th, Jim Johnson, who is associated with the Heritage Quest Research Library in Sumner, will

give a class on how to use this software. He will cover how photographs, video, and family data and charts can be combined on one CD. Formerly known as *Family History CD*, the new version has been given a most positive review by Dick Eastman, to view it go to

<http://eogn.typepad.com/>

and look for the issue of July 2, 200t under "Archives" in the left hand column of every issue of the Eastman newsletter.

If you are considering joining a hereditary or lineage society, on October 19th we are conducting a class on how to prepare your application.

The Tacoma Public Library has some resources that are unique to the Puget Sound area. On October 26th, we will take a trip there and introduce you to their collection and give you some time for research. You will get much more out of that visit if you come prepared, so check their on-line catalog for the sources that might be relevant to your family. Those of us who have Connecticut connections may want to consult the Hale Collection of cemeteries. Those with ancestors in Washington may want to view some local newspapers. The on-line address for the catalog is:

<http://192.103.195.14/uhtbin/cgisirsi.exe/x/0/49>

In early November I will present information on NARA's on-line databases. Do you have Irish and other immigrants who arrived in New York at the end of the potato famine? Are you looking for basic records about a relative killed, wounded, held as a POW or decorated in the twentieth century? If so, be sure to attend my November 2nd class.

Most genealogies are organized around men. The lives of the wives are little studied but most doing

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FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

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genealogy are women. To gain more balance, on November 16th, Carlidine Van Allen will tell us about women who challenged that stereotype through America's military conflicts. In New Jersey, Molly Pitcher's story is celebrated, but what other woman have a story to tell?

Please join us at the Fiske for classes that will strengthen your skills as a genealogist!

Karl Kumm

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Class	Date	Description
1	September 14	Introduction to Welsh Genealogy
2	September 21	Finding Photos On-Line Karl Kumm
3	September 28	Using American Catholic Records
4	October 5	The Corbin Collection in New England Research
5	October 12	Creating a Family CD – Introduction to Family History CD Jim Johnson
6	October 19	Hereditary and Lineage Organizations
7	October 26	Tacoma Library Visit 10:00 am at Tacoma Library
8	November 2	National Archives On-Line Data Bases Karl Kumm
9	November 9	Doing Genealogy in Idaho and Montana
10	November 16	Women in War: A Glimpse into Feminine Heroines in American Conflicts. Carlidine Van Allen
	November 23	Library Closed for Thanksgiving

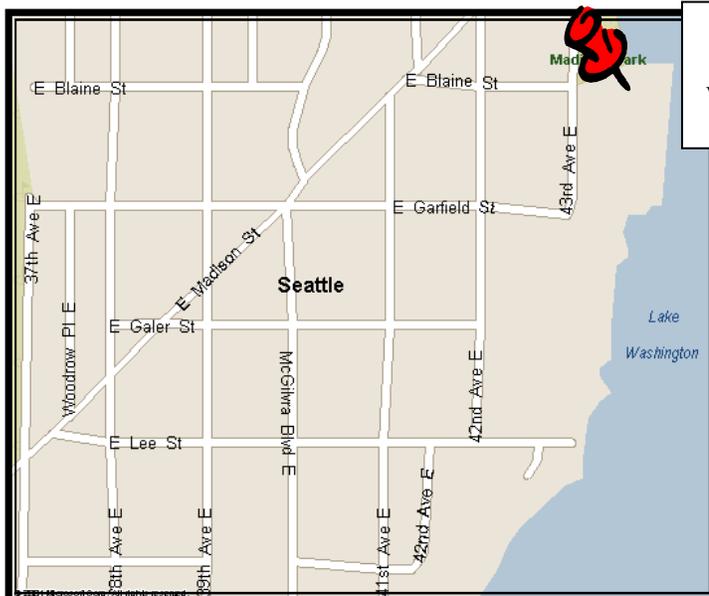


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- Ease to your right and follow East Blaine Street to the end of the street.
- The Washington Pioneer Hall faces onto 43rd Ave. East. The Fiske Genealogical Library is located on the lower level of the building.