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SUMMER REFLECTIONS ARE GOOD FOR GENEALOGY

Many of us find our pace of life relaxes a bit during the summer months – there is time for a family vacation, the daylight hours are longer, the weather is nicer, and there can be time for some reflective thinking. I believe that quiet reflection is good for the family researcher. It can provide a fresh perspective on past efforts at solving a road-block or climbing over a brick wall. I urge you to make some space in your summer schedule to try this approach.

Look at some of the work that you did six months or a year ago, perhaps even longer ago, and read through it at a leisurely pace. Be aware of how you react to what you wrote “back then” and look for the deductions and inferences that you made then. Quietly ask yourself if, on the basis of what you now know today, you would make the same inferences. Do you see details that you missed last time around? Do you make connections with your recent reading and research that would change those past conclusions?

I find that this renewed visit to old work often leads to new insights. It often suggests new objectives for research that I would not have thought of six months ago or a year ago. As I

write down those new insights, I create a re-invigorated work plan that often moves in an entirely new direction. That article I read last week had just the key to solving last year’s problem, but I had forgotten all about that stumbling block in my earlier reasoning. The summer’s reflection helped me to re-focus.

Summer is also a good time to make contact with others who may be working on the same family lines that are of interest to you. Whether you find contacts from the WorldConnect program at www.rootsweb.com or read e-mail exchanges in an on-line mail group, it can be very stimulating to exchange information and ideas with others who have been working independently on the same problem that you are facing. Even contact with people who are exploring families who have made parallel moves from one location to the next in the same social circle as your family of interest, may lead to provocative discussions that will give you the “aha” to find the next significant fact about your own family.

Remember that families usually moved from one community to another because they knew someone who had already made that transition or who was willing to travel with your family on the same journey. This is true whether the move

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was across the Atlantic, across the Appalachians or across the Great Plains.

Your summer reflection time will help you identify who else would have useful knowledge to exchange with your own efforts. Plan today for when you will do your own summer reflections. Have a great summer.

Oh yes, the Fiske Library will be open all summer (except for the 4th of July and Labor Day). Come visit us!

Gary A. Zimmerman

CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY PAMPHLETS

For more than 50 years, the Canadian Historical Association has been publishing a series of booklets on various aspects of Canadian History. Since the first pamphlet appeared in 1953, more than 60 topics have been introduced in a factual, easy-to-read style. In 1979, they introduced a companion series of pamphlets on the multi-cultural components of Canadian society and 30 books in this series have been published to date.

At <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/cha-shc/index-e.html> you find all 94 booklets are now available to read on-line or to download as .PDF files. The books vary in size, but most are about 20 to 24 pages in length. If your family lines crossed to Canada before coming south into the States, you may want to review these materials.

You won't find details of a specific family in these pamphlets, but you will get good, clear background on how and when certain groups moved into Canada.

SUCCESSFUL JUNE 9TH AUCTION

Forty-four people attended the 2007 Fiske Library dinner and auction. The Erickson Trio added lovely entertainment to the evening, the Dessert Dash brought laughs; the dinner was delicious, and the auction raised close to \$5,500.

Mary Peters



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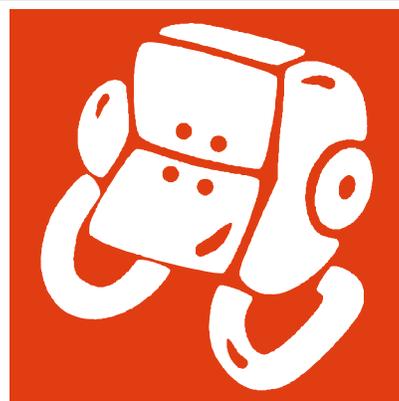
TRY YOUR HAND AT INDEXING

The LDS Church has created new software to aid in the indexing of genealogically significant documents. An ambitious program for indexing many types of records is now in place and volunteers are sought for doing data entry from home. You will find details at <http://www.familysearchindexing.org>.

Very clear tutorials have been prepared for each step of the way. You have to download a small program to your computer and then you receive up to five batches of records at a time. Each batch can be indexed in 30-60 minutes, once you have become familiar with the system. You can choose how many "batches" you wish to work with. They ask that you don't download more than you can complete and return in 7 days time. If you have broadband access to the internet, you will find it convenient to save your work as it progresses on the server in Utah. When you have completed a batch, you are asked to check your work with a subprogram in your software, and then you submit the completed batch to FamilySearch Indexing.

Each batch is sent to two different indexers. When the two batches have been returned with complete indexing, the two products are compared line by line. If there are differences, an arbitrator then looks at the points in the original file where the discrepancies are located. The arbitrator makes a final selection in each case and then that batch is "completed and checked" and forwarded to Family Search for addition to the searchable on-line databases that they are preparing for public access.

At the present time, the indexing is extracting the 1900 US Census general schedules, marriage records from West Virginia, death records from the province of Ontario, Canada, Indiana marriage records from 1790 to 1957, and post-1825 Ohio tax records.



The LDS Church is currently preparing new projects for the next round of indexing that will include parish records from Glamorgan, Wales, Irish civil registration records, and more states in the 1900 US Census.

Some of the extraction work is being done by specific genealogical societies, who take on a group project, but most of the work is being done by private individuals working from their home computer. Take a look at their web-site and even practice with their introductory tutorial to get a feel for how it works. You will make a significant contribution to all genealogists if you do a couple of batches per week.

Gary A. Zimmerman

*This packrat has learned that what the next generation will value most is not what we owned,
but the evidence of who we were and the tales of how we loved.
In the end, it's the family stories that are worth the storage.*

Ellen Goodman, The Boston Globe

FISKE LIBRARY—NEW BOOK & PUBLICATION ACQUISITIONS

SOUTH

- Edgefield District, So. Carolina (1817 map improved for Mill's Atlas 1825)
- Graves County, KY Pension Records (Rev. War, War of 1812, Indian Wars)
- Guide to Selected Manuscripts, Margaret King Library, University of Kentucky
- Maryland Women
- Revolutionary War Soldiers of Trimble Co., KY
- South Carolina Troops in Confederate service
- Virginia Wills before 1799 from Amherst, Bedford, Campbell, Loudoun, Prince William and Rockbridge counties

MIDWEST

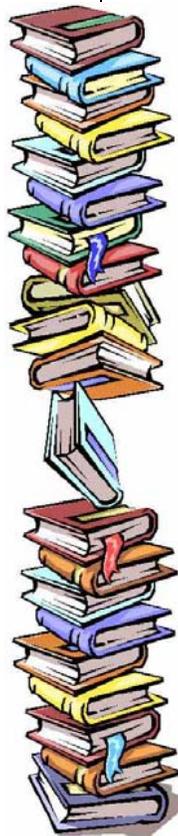
- Atlas of Cass Co., Michigan
- Close to Home (Waukesha Co. Wisconsin)
- Family Maps of Seneca Co., OH
- Illinois Family Maps of Adams Co., IL, with homesteads, roads, etc.
- Index, Wills & Intestate Estates, Tuscarawas Co., OH, 1809-1850
- Michigan Genealogy: Sources & Resources
- Township Maps of Macoupin Co., IL
- Revolutionary Soldiers of Cass Co., IN
- 20th century History of Youngstown and Mahoning Co., OH

NEW ENGLAND

- French and German Immigrants into Boston 1751

NEW YORK

- Forces: Three Themes in the lives of New Yorkers
- Germans in Utica, NY
- Here Comes the Trolley-History of the Electric Trolley, Utica, NY



- Historic Utica - 4 walking tours
- History of Ulster Co., NY with illustrations
- Index of Marriages from Buffalo Newspapers, 1811-1884
 - Map of Lowville and Lewis Co. with Boonville & Oneida County, NY
 - Map of Rome, Utica and New Hartford, NY
 - New York Researcher, The
 - Sesquicentennial History of St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church, Utica, NY
 - Ulster Co. Cemeteries
 - Uniquely Utica, 1832-1982
 - Welsh Immigrant Women as Wage Earners in Utica, NY, 1860-1870
 - Welsh in Utica, NY, The
 - Wiltwyck Rural Cemetery, Kingston, NY

PENNSYLVANIA/NEW JERSEY

- Mother Cumberland: Tracing your Ancestors in south-central Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania Archives, 8th series, Vol. VI
- Pennsylvania Archives, 9th series, Vol. III
- Early Dutch and Swedish settlers of New Jersey

WEST/NORTHWEST

- A Symbol of our Heritage-The Old Fir Tree (Blaine, WA centennial history)
- Aquila (Ferndale High School annual), 1948-1947-1946
- Calabash: Guide to African American History, Culture & Art in Seattle & King Co.
- Emigrants Guide to Oregon and California
- Idaho Women in History: Big & Little Biographies and other gender stories, Vol. 1

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FISKE LIBRARY—NEW BOOK & PUBLICATION

CHRONICLING AMERICA

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- Shuksan (Bellingham High School annual), 1948, 1947, 1946
- Vital Records from Cemeteries in California

GENERAL AND FOREIGN

- Genealogical Guide & Atlas of Silesia
- Gesamtregister zum Deutschen Familienarchiv (total index to volumes 1-50)
- Dawes Roll "Plus" of Cherokee Nation 1898
- Krefeld Immigrants and Their Descendants
- American War Veterans Directory: International Listing
- Who's Who of American Women 1983-1984
- Plantagenet Ancestry: a study of colonial and medieval families
- Symbols Abbreviations and Terms used on Nautical charts
- Polish and Proud: Tracing your Polish Ancestry
- Yorkshire Occupations: a genealogical guide

PERIODICALS

- Chicago Genealogist
- Genealogical Forum of Oregon
- Highlander, The
- Historical Notes/Newsletter of Kendall Co. Historical Society
- Je Me Souviens
- Magazine of Virginia Genealogy
- Midwestern Genealogy
- Northwest Trail Tracer
- Olympia Genealogical Society Quarterly
- Palatine Immigrant, The
- Saga of Southern Illinois, and Trees from the Grove
- St. Clair Co. Gen. Society Quarterly

Mary Stevenson

The Library of Congress has begun a new project to make historic American Newspapers available in digital format for public access. You will find it at

<http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/>.

So far, they offer newspaper pages from 1900 to 1910 from the states of California, Florida, Kentucky, New York, Utah and Virginia plus the District of Columbia. They also have created a Newspaper Title Directory, at the same website, by combining state-generated lists of historic newspapers in the respective states.

The states identified in the previous paragraph each received a monetary grant to digitize up to 100,000 pages representing that state's regional history, geographic coverage, and key events of that first decade of the 20th Century. As a pilot project for more extensive future efforts, each state had to agree to specific technical guidelines so that the images would be legible and easily used by the public.

The images of the newspaper pages can be viewed in an Adobe Flash Viewer or in html format with your browser. If those images seemed blurred, you might want to download the image to your desktop as a .PDF file and then open the file with Adobe Reader and magnify the image until it is legible.

You can search for one word or a string of words, one state at a time for all newspapers from that state, or for a specific newspaper. The date range of 1900-1910 is not very wide, but this pilot project is a good sign of what is coming for access to historic newspapers.

Gary A. Zimmerman

NORTH DAKOTA BIOGRAPHY INDEX

If you have family ties to North Dakota, you will want to explore the resources of the Institute for Regional Studies at North Dakota State University in Fargo. The North Dakota Biography Index has identified over 211,000 biographical sketches in some 741 publications of both living and deceased persons. Their website has a search engine for determining which persons have been "sketched" and the source of the biographical note. Many of these sources will be the county and community histories that have been published over the past hundred years. You can order a photocopy of the complete biographical sketch for \$5 from the Institute, but the index of who has a biographical sketch and the name of the source book is a free service. (They do not index family histories and genealogies, biographical books about a single individual, or newspaper obituaries.)

The Institute is found at:

<http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndirs/> and this will give you access to ODIN, the main public access catalog for all holdings at North Dakota State University. This institution has a long history of supporting genealogical research, both in their collec-

tions and in their support of computing and internet services for family history research. Before Rootsweb got started, the original databanks for the surname index and other central services now in Rootsweb were hosted at North Dakota State.

In addition to the biography index, you will find state-wide searchable databases for North Dakota naturalizations, for the 1885 Dakota Territorial Census and data from Cass County (where Fargo is the county seat), including marriage licenses from 1870's to 1944, probate records (1876-1944) and divorce records (1870's -1942).

Although not on-line, the Institute also holds 1600 microfiche of the Andrew A Rowberg Biographical File of Norwegian Americans. Between 1914 and 1978, Rowberg researched Norwegian American newspapers and other publications for obituaries, wedding announcements, honors and tributes. The file contains over 125,000 items arranged alphabetically by surname.

Gary A. Zimmerman



WE APPRECIATE YOUR GIFTS!

Gifts to the library have been received from:

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The library appreciates these gifts very much, as that is what makes the library grow and become more valuable all the time.

Mary Stevenson

THE GAZETTEER FOR SCOTLAND

The *Gazetteer for Scotland* web site is an important resource for much more than geographical information on towns and villages in Scotland. Developed jointly by Bruce Gittings of the University of Edinburgh and Dr. David Munro of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society, it is the largest Scottish resource available on the web with new entries being added weekly.

There are three ways to browse the site:

- Maps and Places,
- History Time Line, or
- Search Pages.

If you select the Search Pages, there are four major search options that make it quick and easy to find what you are looking for. These include:

1. **Any Word** - Search by name for Attractions, Families, Famous People, Geographical Features and Settlements.
2. **People** - Search for Famous People by category e.g. Academic, Entrepreneur, etc.

3. **Places** - Search for Attractions and Geographical Features by category e.g. Historic Building, Mountain, etc.
4. **Statistics** - Search for places (settlements, features, attractions or people) by stored statistics. You can select from a range of database statistics and optionally enter a range of values.

In the example below, I searched for the town of Strathmiglo and a short description and photo were displayed. By clicking on the icons to the right of the entry, I could link to additional textual information and/or photographs related to Strathmiglo, or I could select a different menu item (on the left side of screen) to return to the main menu items.

This site is at:

<http://www.geo.ed.ac.uk/scotgaz/>

Moira E. Connor

The screenshot shows the website interface for 'Strathmiglo' in the 'Fife' region. On the left is a yellow navigation menu with options like 'Gazetteer for Scotland', 'Help Glossary', 'Map of Fife', and search filters. The main content area contains a title 'Strathmiglo', a brief description, a paragraph of history, and a photograph of a stone tower (the Tolbooth). On the right side of the content area is a vertical toolbar with icons for a document, a plus sign, a magnifying glass, a camera, and other functions. Red arrows point from the text 'Additional information.' and 'Additional Photographs.' to the magnifying glass and camera icons respectively.

MARJORIE REEVES, NEW VOLUNTEER

Marjorie Reeves is one of the new volunteers helping with the Fiske Library project of putting the entire Library collection into the O.C.L.C. system. You may have noticed her working on the computer, or re-shelving books in the Pacific Northwest corner.

Marjorie is from Alabama, the original home of N.A.S.A. She holds a B.S. in Mass Communications, and moved to Washington State in 1998 to continue her education. She completed her master's in Library Science from the University of Washington. She works at the U.W. in the Joint Institute for the Study of Atmosphere and Ocean.

Marjorie is very interested in the Confederate Veterans of Washington and has given talks on the subject. She notes that there were more than 300 Confederate veterans who settled across the State. She is currently writing an article on the subject for the Washington Historical Magazine

She recently completed and published a book on the hundred year history of the United Daughters of the Confederacy Washington chapter, *A Chapter in Pa-*

cific Northwest History and has presented a copy to the Fiske Library. Robert E. Lee Chapter here in Seattle covers 5 Northwest states and Canada. A copy of her book may be ordered from the website:

<http://www.seattleudc.org>.

The book is a fund raiser for the Chapter's scholarship fund.

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
Sunday	2nd and 4th Sunday of every month 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

NEW YORK STATE HISTORICAL LITERATURE

Cornell University offers complete on-line digital versions of 691 New York State historical pamphlets and monographs. You can browse through the titles at <http://historical.library.cornell.edu/nys/browse.html> and if you see a relevant source, you can look at any publication in its entirety. You can do your browsing in alphabetical lists by title or by author, or you can search the full text of the digital collection.

If you enter a full text search for Elie Pelletreau you will get seven hits in the collection, including an abstract of his will (actually the full text of the will written 01 March 1728 and proved in March 1730 in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York is presented) along with an editorial note that identifies Elie as one of the sons of Paul Pelletreau, a Huguenot who fled France in 1686. Details of where the various sons of Paul Pelletreau settled in the New York area are included. The explanatory note was prepared in 1894, when these will abstracts were first published by the New York Historical Society.

A title search for the word Herkimer led to two books: one, an 1897 article from the Utica Morning Herald about annual meetings of the Oneida and Herkimer historical societies; the other, a Central New York

Business Directory for 1904-1905. A full text search for the same key word, Herkimer, resulted in 105 results sorted by author.

Anyone with New York roots should explore this collection.

Gary A. Zimmerman

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday October 4, 2007

The Fiske Genealogical Library and the New England Historic and Genealogical Society will co-sponsor a workshop to be held at the Washington Pioneer Hall on Thursday, October 4, 2007. Save the date and watch for details in the fall Newsletter.

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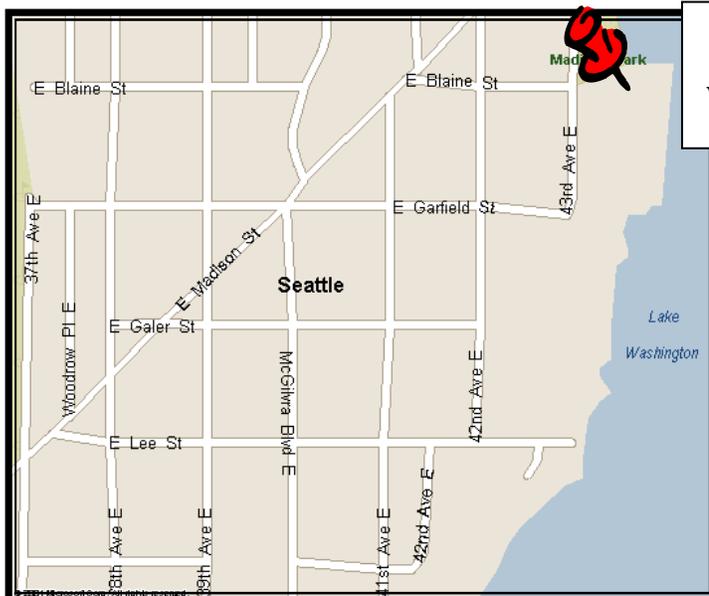


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- Ease to your right and follow East Blaine Street to the end of the street.
- The Washington Pioneer Hall faces onto 43rd Ave. East. The Fiske Genealogical Library is located on the lower level of the building.