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Fiske Board Expands

Meet Lou Daly

Part 1 of 3



Lou Daly is one of the three new Fiske Library Board members who will help guide the library through its second decade since Arthur's passing.

Lou is an architect who has earned a great deal of respect for her expertise; the Board hopes that with her guidance and leadership, the Fiske Library can begin plans to rebuild the "back room" of the Pioneer Building, and remodel the former boat house area into useable workspace.

Lou also leads a class in the use of the Reunion genealogy program for Macs at the dBug Resource Center on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm. All current or potential Reunion users are invited to attend this informal gathering of genealogists who are eager to help one another.

Lou has a unique perspective on Seattle families as she is a Seattle native, and a proud member of the family who has

owned the Evergreen Washelli Funeral home and Cemetery for four generations.

She first became fascinated by family history through the discovery of a trunk in a secret room in her grandparents' home on Bainbridge Island. It contained family papers and old newspapers dating back to the 1800s. One article reported the death of a Colonel Strong noting that he was a Mayflower descendant. Lou was intrigued by the possibility and set her considerable research skills to the task. She was able to trace the family branch back to prove the connection.

Lou has just solved her final brick wall, achieving her goal of charting all her family branches back to the immigrant ancestor. She resolved this challenge by following every person with the same name down through the census for several generations until she could eliminate them as possibilities.

Welcome Lou!

By Carolyn Blount

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:**Transcribing Records—Good for You, Good for the Genealogical Community**

On several occasions I have used this column to urge active genealogists to consider getting involved with the transcription of records for conversion to digital access. (You can retrieve a couple of those stories at www.fiskelibrary.org/NewsLetter/default.htm where I suggested joining the Washington census project (June 2003, page 3) or the FamilySearch Indexing (June 2007, page 3). If you are still waiting for the right moment, here is another great opportunity.

The World Archives Project at ancestry.com uses the latest technology to make record transcription easy and fun. You can choose the kind of record that you would like to transcribe and you can work at your own pace from the comfort of your home. There is also a message board for each type of record where you can exchange ideas and discuss problems that might arise with other transcribers working with the same record type.

The project is currently transcribing naturalization indexes from Illinois, New England, New York, New York City, and Southern California. It also has people transcribing the Nebraska State Census for 1885. Others are working on the Criminal Registers for England and Wales for 1805-1892 and Newspaper Index Cards for England. If you are fluent in Italian, you might want to try the marriage and death records from Verbano-Cusio-Ossola in Piemonte, Italy. If you prefer to utilize your French language skills, you might like to work on a series of French postal cards.

Each record is transcribed twice. If “transcrepancies” between the two transcriptions occur, a third-party arbitrator is consulted. Transcribers are ultimately scored on their accuracy, interpreted to be that percentage of reviewed entries which have been accepted by the arbitration process as the preferred answer.

You do have to “register” with one of the Generations Network on-line services, but you do not have to be a subscriber of ancestry.com. Once you register with the project, you download a small software program,

receive a set of images, transcribe each image into a pre-loaded format and transmit your finished transcriptions back to ancestry.com.

The indexes prepared in this manner will be free to the public although the images themselves may be restricted to Ancestry subscribers. Active transcribers (those who transcribe 900 records per 3-month quarter) will be able to access any of the transcribed images in the project. Ancestry also says that active contributors will receive discounts on future Ancestry subscription prices.

Learn more about this exciting opportunity at <http://community.ancestry.com/wap/download.aspx>. (If you prefer, you could check out the LDS program by clicking the Volunteer button at <http://www.familysearchindexing.org>).

Transcribing records is a great way to enhance the total of available resources on the internet. Civic minded genealogists might consider this a form of public service! Try it! You may like it!

By Gary A Zimmerman

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NEW RESOURCES FOR IMMIGRANTS TO CANADA

The Library and Archives of Canada recently announced a new online database, Immigrants to Canada, at www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/immigrants-canada/index-e.html.

Although ship masters carrying emigrants to Canada were required to submit a list of passengers upon their arrival in North America, there was no systematic attempt to preserve the lists for future use. Really good records of immigrants begin about 1865. The new database has accumulated many other kinds of reference materials from the Library and Archives of Canada collections.

The form used for submitting your search inquiry is user-friendly. Entry of the surname HEADRICK and the given name of James returns one result: a James Headrick, age 32, arrived in Canada in 1821. Clicking on the surname links you to a summary of the resource materials for this record.

Under the heading of “additional information,” you learn that his voyage was organized by the Bridgeton Canadian Emigration Society and that this information came from a document entitled, “Scottish immigrants to Upper Canada on board the GEORGE CANNING” The specific reference to where that document is held in the library collections in Ottawa is given. This simple search yielded the date of immigration, the name of the ship, and the organization in Scotland that offered assistance to the Headrick family. This was my great-greatgrandfather, who left Glasgow when industrialization was putting many weavers out of business in the early 1820’s.

This search returned only the head of the household, not every name in the immigrant party.

Library and Archives Canada has a related site for immigrant arrivals at Quebec City from 1865-1900. You will find this database at :

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/passengers-quebec-1865-1900/index-e.html>. If you enter the surname COTE and the given name PETER, you get one result – a 25-year old passenger arrived in 1885. This links you to a summary page that tells you the specific arrival date, the name of the ship, and explicit references to microfilm roll and record group in the Archives in Ottawa. There is a link from this page to an image of the full page on which the immigrant was listed in the Passenger Arrival List. Peter Cote’s occupation is listed as “laborer.” He boarded the ship in Liverpool, England.

It may be helpful to download the image of the passenger list to your desktop and then open the photo image outside of the browser. It is possible to get greater magnification this way and the list becomes more legible.

By Gary A. Zimmerman

BOOK DONORS

Our special thanks to the following people who have generously donated books or archival material since the last newsletter. If the donation represents a duplicate to our collection, the better copy is retained for Fiske use and the other is placed in the surplus listing on line.

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FISKE LIBRARY—RECENT ACQUISITIONS

The following books have been added to the Fiske Library since August. They have a "New Book" tag at the top of their spine.

NEW ENGLAND

- Connecticut Loyalists (CT)
- Early Cornish (1666-1916) (ME)
- Early Massachusetts Marriages prior to 1800 (MA)
- Handbook of Old Burial Hill, Plymouth (MA)
- Loyalists of Massachusetts - the other side of the American Revolution
- Maine Place Names and Peopling of its towns
- Panorama of Olde Ipswich (MA)
- Quakers in the Colonial Northeast
- Saga of Cape Ann (MA)
- 350 years of Ipswich History (MA)
- 26 great migration colonists to New England and their origins
- Vital Records of Hampton to 1900 (2 vols) (NH)

MIDDLE ATLANTIC

- Biographical and Genealogical History of Newark and Essex County Vol 2 (1898)
- Genealogical and Biographical sources for New York City 1783-1898
- Lost Erie (PA)
- Marriage Records of the Tappan Reformed Church 1831-1901 (NY)



- Notices from NJ newspapers 1781-1790 vol 1
- PA and Middle Atlantic states genealogical manuscripts

SOUTH

- Orange County (VA) Marriages, 1747-1850
- Promised Land: the South since 1945
- Rockingham County (VA) Marriages 1778-1850

MIDWEST

- Davenport: where the Mississippi runs west (IA)
- Davenport: architecture, tradition and transition (IA)
- History and Memories of Carlisle County (KY)
- Memorial and Biographical Record of Kansas City and Jackson County (MO)
- Old settlers on Turkey Creek (Bourbon County KS)
- Past and Present of Rock Island County (IL)
- Poweshiek County Heritage (IA)
- The Swedes at West Rock (MN)
- Turkey Creek Valley: old settlers and a descendant (KS)

WEST

- Historic America: The Northwest
- Lawmen and Robbers
- Petaluma's Poultry Pioneers (CA)
- Westward on the Oregon Trail

FISKE LIBRARY—RECENT ACQUISITIONS

CANADA

- United Empire Loyalists 2 vols
- Pictorial Guide to historic Nova Scotia

COLONIAL AMERICA

- Colonists from Scotland: emigrations to North America 1707-1783
- Scottish-American heirs 1683-1883
- Scottish Soldiers in Colonial America
- The Americans: the colonial experience

EUROPE

- Alsace emigration book Vol 1
- Bygone Tenterden (ENG)
- Calendar of Swansea Freeman's Records (ENG)
- Castleisland church and people (IRE)
- Catalogue of searches in the genealogical records of England
- Central Hampshire Lay Subsidy Assessments 1558-1603 (ENG)
- Coroners' Records in England and Wales
- Cranbrook: a Wealden town (ENG)
- Directory of British Peerages (ENG)
- East Hampshire Lay Subsidy Assessments, 1558-1603 (ENG)
- Electoral registers since 1832 and Burgess rolls (ENG)
- Families of County Cork (IRE)



- Families of County Kerry (IRE)
- Genealogical Gazetteer of Scotland
- Guide to Genealogical Sources for Hampshire (ENG)
- High Street Petersfield (ENG)
- History of Lancashire (ENG)
- History of the landscapes of the parishes of South Harting and Rogate (ENG)
- In search of your German roots
- Local newspapers 1750-1920 (England and Wales)
- Marriage, census and other indexes for family historians (ENG)
- Militia Lists and Musters 1757-1876 (ENG)
- Office Holders in the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster from 1603 (ENG)
- Paradise on the Steppe (GER - RUSSIA)
- Parish Registers (ENG)
- Researching Armagh ancestors: a practical guide (North IRE)
- Resources for Family Historians in the New Forest area (ENG)
- Return of owners of land 1873, Sussex (ENG)
- Short history of Emsworth and Warblington (ENG)
- Sussex Coroners' Inquests 1558-1603 (ENG)
- The Monarchs of England

FISKE LIBRARY—RECENT ACQUISITIONS

- The Victorian country house (ENG)
- Tudor and Stuart muster rolls (ENG)
- Was your grandfather a railwayman? (ENG)

GENEALOGIES AND FAMILY HISTORY

- A complete record of the John Olin family
- Barshingers in America.... since 1735
- Colonial families of the USA 7 vols
- Descendants of Elijah Partridge (1763-1814) and Prudence Brown (1761-1844)
- Descendants of Micum McIntire
- Families directly descended from all of the royal families of Europe and Mayflower descendants
- Fifty ancestors of Henry Lincoln Clapp who came to New England (2 vols in one)
- Genealogy and history of Lanphear, Lamphier, Lanphere families in America
- Genealogy of the Southworths (Southards)
- House of Hawley
- Incomplete history of the family of Helen and John Dwan
- Joseph Elias Carroll and Kinsfolk
- Lewis Allen of Watertown Farms 1665 and his descendants
- Michael Prewitt, Sr and his descendants 1720-1977
- The Baptista megafamily
- The early Parsons families of the Connecticut River valley



REFERENCE

- 500 Brickwall solutions to genealogy problems
- A gallery of American samplers
- Beginning Mexican research
- Complete book of emigrants in bondage
- Dictionary of old trades and occupations
- Forgotten patriots: African-American and American Indian patriots in the
- Revolutionary War
- From A to B: migration research
- German-American names
- Handwriting of American records for a period of 300 years
- International Heraldry
- Irish immigrants in North America (parts 1-6)
- Kinship: it's all relative
- Loyalists in the American Revolution
- Omitted chapters from Hotten's original lists
- The Cherokee Nation of Indians
- The map catalog: every kind of map and chart on earth
- They came in ships: a guide to finding your immigrant ancestor's arrival record

SEARCHING FOR DEATH INDEXES AND RECORDS

Volunteers all over the country are working on the transcription of local records to be mounted on websites with good search engines. For some, this is working through major projects I have written about such as at FamilySearch Indexing (see page 2) (www.familysearchindexing.org) or the World Archives Project at ancestry.com (<http://landing.ancestry.com/wap/learnmore.aspx>). For others, it is working at the local level to mount useful research materials. For the practicing genealogist, these efforts all lead to many new resources to consult in your hunt for credible facts.

To find death records you might consider Joe Beine's website of Online Searchable Death Indexes and Records at <http://www.deathindexes.com>.

Here you will find an up-to-date listing of other web-sites which offer specific details, by geographic locations, of relevant records. The site is organized with current links to "general listings" for each state and then to "county specific" links in each state. This later category holds the efforts of local genealogical societies, public libraries, and even governmental agencies. It is very clear which links give free information and which will require a fee to get the final details. The site also includes separate links for large cities, where a great number of deaths are within one jurisdiction.

Conway Public Library in the county seat of Carroll County, New Hampshire is using its own volunteers to transcribe births, deaths, and marriages in the county. As transcriptions are completed they are offered on-line in one of three databases, one for each type of record. A death record search at <http://conway.lib.nh.us/vitals/vitalstoc.htm> for only the surname ROGERS returned 14 separate hits – each with very detailed information taken from the death records. Here you find the complete name of the decedent, the date of death, the age (in years, months, and days), the place of birth of the decedent, the father's full name, the mother's full name, and the birthplace of each parent.

By Gary A. Zimmerman

COOK COUNTY NATURALIZATION "FIRST PAPERS" RECORDS

There are over 500,000 naturalization petitions in the archives of the Cook County Circuit Court in Chicago, Illinois for the period from 1871 to 1929. Eighty percent of these records are Declarations of Intention to become a citizen filed between 1906 and 1929. That is the first step in becoming an American citizen. With a grant from the National Archives, the Circuit Court has begun to transcribe these "First Papers" or declarations of intent – some 150,000 are already completed and may be searched on line at <http://www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org/NR/default.aspx>

These records represent only about 1/3 of the total declarations that will be entered into the database. As new blocks of records are transcribed, they will be added to the working database.

You can search on a full name or on only a surname. When the results are returned you can click in the line that describes the record and full details are returned at the bottom of the page.

If you search on the surname ABBOTT, you receive a chart with five separate individuals listed with birth date, birth town, birth country, and occupation. If you click within any specific record, you get the additional information, usually current address in Cook County, departure city when enroute to the United States, arrival date in US, and date of declaration of intent.

Percy Abbott entered the United States on 05 March 1918, having come from Shanghai, China. He was a native of Braidwood, Australia, and born on 03 May 1886. He identified himself as an "actor." His current residence in Chicago was listed and he declared his intention on 10 December 1920 to become a citizen.

This project does not include any documents before 1906 or after 1929. In that latter year, the Circuit Court gave up the granting of citizenship and all later citizenship actions were handled in the Federal court system.

By Gary A. Zimmerman

Winter Class Descriptions

Winter trimester will commence on January 21 with a class on Quaker Records taught by Gary Zimmerman who is returning to the Fiske classroom after spending the Fall trimester in Europe. In addition to instructing additional classes on Pennsylvania, Colorado and Western New York, he will also acquaint us with some of the interesting material that has recently been added to the Fiske collection.

Karen Sipe will offer two classes during the Winter trimester. The first, "Analysis of Data" will be a workshop where small groups will examine some data and then analyze what they have uncovered and suggest some subsequent steps for research. Karen may then provide additional data and that data will be analyzed in light of the preceding analysis. Come to this workshop to sharpen your analytic skills. Karen's second offering will focus on Probate records which often offer significant genealogical information.

The off site visit will be to the University of Washington Library, Seattle. Two weeks preceding the visit, Karl Kumm will teach a class on Suzzallo Library resources to advise us of the holdings and to prepare us to locate colonial sources at the graduate library. You do not need to make a reservation for the Suzzallo Library visit but if you would like a seat in the van from the Fiske, please contact Karl Kumm either by phone or email. Phone: (206) 869-4151. E-mail: k.kumm@comcast.net. Members of other genealogical societies are welcome to join us in the Allen Library Auditorium at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 25th February, 2009.

Many genealogists are both eligible and keen to join lineage societies. Charlotte Kennedy will instruct a class in how to prepare such an application to a variety of societies.

By Karl Kumm, Education Coordinator

To supplement the final class, the presenter is providing the following information about the many treasures at the Western New York Library Resources Council that you might want to take a look at before his March 25th class. "Western New York Legacy: a digital library of historical treasures" is an amazing resource that can be found at www.wnylegacy.org.

Some of the highlights of the collection include the contributions of Amherst Museum, in Amherst, New York. Its digital version of the 1965 book by Sue Miller Young, "History of the Town of Amherst NY 1818-1965" is the only place this book can be found in our local area since no WorldCat library in Washington state owns this book.

In addition, the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society has mounted seven volumes of the Buffalo Address Book and Family Directory for the period from 1883 through 1894. Unlike other early city directories, this directory is organized street-by-street, with each dwelling identifying all adults in the building, not just the head of household. It is easy to use the search function to find any particular surname. This Historical Society has also contributed a collection of 29 maps and manuscripts from the War of 1812. The manuscript images are followed by a transcribed text so it is easy to decipher what was originally written.

Also digitized at the site are the two volumes of the 1884 History of the City of Buffalo and Erie County and an 1878 History of Niagara County, New York. The State University of New York at Fredonia has digitized a collection of Holland Land Company maps and survey documents.

Other participants in the Western New York Library Resources Council include the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, the Buffalo Museum of Science, and the University at Buffalo making this site a truly great online resource!

By Gary A. Zimmerman



2009—WINTER CLASSES AT FISKE

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 pass with educational privileges is \$75. All sessions are led by Gary A. Zimmerman, unless otherwise indicated.

Winter 2009	Topic	Instructor
January 21	Quaker Records	Gary Zimmerman
January 28	Analysis of Documents	Karen Sipe
February 4	Pennsylvania Research	Gary Zimmerman
February 11	Using UW library for Colonial Research	Karl Kumm
February 18	Colorado Research	Gary Zimmerman
February 25	Visit UW Library	Meet at Allen Library Auditorium or reserve a seat in the van from the Fiske Library
March 4	New Material at Fiske	Gary Zimmerman
March 11	Probate Records	Karen Sipe
March 18	Lineage Societies	Charlotte Kennedy
March 25	Western New York	Gary Zimmerman

Your family history research often requires good maps as reference sources. Your federal tax dollars provide one approach to finding useful maps – in the National Atlas of the United States. The current and earlier versions are available online. The time you spend in becoming acquainted with these books will be worthwhile and what you learn may be very enjoyable.

In 1874, the national atlas was published as the “Statistical Atlas of the United States,” and was based on the results of the 1870 US Census, with contributions from several different branches of the federal government at the time. Just ahead of the nation’s centennial celebrations in 1876, this book was the first time the government had used a bound collection of maps and charts to describe its citizens. Following each census through 1920, a similar “statistical atlas” was produced.

It was then another 50 years before the atlas was published in 1970. The United States Geological Survey was the lead agency and produced an

oversized, 12-pound book of 400 pages with 765 maps and charts, entitled “The National Atlas of the United States of America.”

In 1997, Congress authorized a new edition of the National Atlas. In this iteration however, the publication makes use of more modern technology and delivers electronic maps online. Now you can go to www.nationalatlas.gov and explore many facets of the national atlas and select combinations of information to generate downloadable maps and charts for your own use. As you select the layers of information that you want on your map, you can view it in .gif format in your web browser or you can retrieve it as a .pdf file for Adobe reader.

You will also find complete versions of the original Statistical Atlas of 1874 and the 1880, 1890, and 1970 atlas editions at the website for American Memory, hosted by the Library of Congress at <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/census.html>.

By Gary Zimmerman



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

CHECK THESE SITES

Looking for a newspaper article that features an ancestor in Washington?

The Washington State Library has a contract for the next two years to digitize historic newspapers from Washington State between 1880 and 1922.

These will be made available to the public as part of the next phase of the Library of Congress' Chronicling of America database.

There are more details at the LOC website, <http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/index.html>

While you are at American Memory (see article on Page 10), take a look at the Railway Maps of the Midwestern states (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, and Nebraska) prepared in 1897-98 by Frank Galbraith. This series of informative maps can be viewed in your browser at great magnification and you can see the rail routes used by the US Mail system in the 1890's. Note that the towns on the maps are the post office locations of the time.

Go to <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/rrhtml/rhome.html> and enter Galbraith in the search box.

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on the lower level of the
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- Drive east on E Madison Street to the third crosswalk after reduced speed zone of 25mph. The crosswalk has a yellow blinking light. A one-way street sign is on your right.
- Turn right and follow E Blaine Street to the end of the street.
- The Washington Pioneer Hall faces onto 43rd Ave. E. The Fiske Genealogical Library is located on the lower level of the building.