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MOIRA E. CONNOR, FISKE NEWSLETTER EDITOR, RETIRES

Following their move back to British Columbia, Moira continued to produce the Newsletter four times each year from copy submitted by e-mail from Seattle, added the many illustrations which we enjoy, made the necessary changes after Seattle proofreading, and then sent it directly to G & H Printing in Seattle for printing and folding.

Because of the demands of her consulting assignments, and the recent upgrade of their home computer to Vista and MS Office 2007 (which makes it difficult to share files with Seattle colleagues who use much earlier versions of the technology), Moira has decided that now is an appropriate time to “retire” from the Newsletter.

Moira continues her interest (she’ll say obsession) in researching family history, and feels strongly that the results of research be consolidated into indexed book form so that others can easily access the information. She is currently finalizing a genealogy book for her mother that describes the family’s Scottish roots.

We all hope Moira will come down for visits and spend some time with her Fiske friends! Thank you, Moira, for your seven years of wonderful work for the Fiske.

This issue of the Fiske Newsletter is dedicated to Moira Connor who is retiring as editor after seven years of creative service.

Moira was a regular Thursday volunteer at the Fiske Library when she offered to take on the Fiske Newsletter. She brought technology to the publication through a fresh new layout, by linking web sites to the appropriate articles and by including various graphics and photographs.

Moira’s first newsletter issue was September 2001. In 2003, the Connors (who are Canadian), moved back to British Columbia where they consult in the technology field. They live outside Vancouver in a home overlooking the Fraser River...a quiet, peaceful retreat after a busy work day in the city!

DIT NAMES MAY COMPLICATE YOUR FRENCH RESEARCH

If you are doing French Canadian, Acadian or even French family history research you may discover one or more “dit” names for a person you are pursuing. The custom of using a second name to distinguish a specific individual or a specific group of individuals is unique to the francophone groups and in a few cases to Scottish lines. (During some periods in history, the Scots and the French had close ties politically and this may account for some similarity in their customs.)

Persons with “dit” names were not consistent in their use of the alternative name, so the genealogist may have to search for the original surname, the dit name, and the combination of surname and dit name.

You can find some useful background on how to do this research at the following web-sites: Denis Beaugard’s site at

<http://www.francogene.com/quebec/ditnames.php>

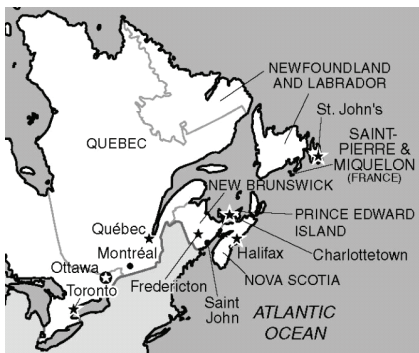
or Darlene Vaillancourt’s article at

http://genealogy.suite101.com/article.cfm/french_dit_names

or the American-French Genealogical Society’s version at <http://www.afgs.org/ditnames/index1.html>.

In the Fiske Library you will find a collection of dit names associated with many of Quebec residents identified in Rene Jette’s Genealogical Dictionary of Quebec Families (call CS88.Q4 J47).

By Gary Zimmerman



LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Volunteers at the Fiske keep the Library open for users. Consider volunteering once a month or more on a regular schedule, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday afternoon or Saturdays. It’s a great way to learn about the collection, and gain research expertise as you assist Library visitors.

Or perhaps you’d like to assist with a special project. We need someone to take over the book sales, processing orders, wrapping, and mailing books to buyers who have found our list on the web. Help is also needed maintaining the mailing list, processing new acquisitions, reshelving books, and with book repairs. Mary Peters needs help checking the books on the shelves as she updates the shelf list, and people call in regularly with specific small research projects that could often be completed in an hour or so.

Please contact one of the Board members if you can help.

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Anyone may subscribe to the Fiske Newsletter Reminder e-mail list, which will notify all list members when a new issue of the Newsletter has been posted for download. Fill out the form at <http://www.fiskelibrary.org/NewsLetter/subscribe.htm>.

The Newsletter also is available by surface mail for \$6 per year. All current patrons of the library who hold an annual card may receive the hard copy newsletter, although they are urged to use the electronic format whenever possible. New visitors to the library (or those returning after an absence of three years) will receive two free issues of the hard copy. They may continue to receive the newsletter in this manner by submitting the \$6 subscription fee.

If you receive the hard copy version of the newsletter, please advise the Library of any change in your address. If you routinely spend winter months in a different location, see the following article so that the proper address will be used and you will not miss out on any Fiske news.

Snowbirds Take Note

It is summer and the birds have returned to the Pacific Northwest. Hopefully, all of the readers of this newsletter will receive their copy and none will be returned to us by the postal service. However, if you routinely fly south during the winter, our newsletter cannot be forwarded to you under current postal regulations. Instead it gets returned to the Library with a notation that you are “temporarily away.” Give us a second address where you can receive mail during the winter months and let us know which specific months you are regularly away from your primary residence. We will sort our database in advance of each mailing to ensure that you get your copy of the Newsletter and the library won’t have to pay the return postage informing us that you are temporarily away!

Georgia Research Online

If you have family roots in the state of Georgia, you will want to browse through the New Georgia Encyclopedia that can be found at www.georgiaencyclopedia.org. While specific individuals may not appear in these articles, there is a great deal of information that will stimulate your thinking about where your next steps for research might be. Did your family participate in the land lotteries used to allocate Cherokee land when it was opened for white settlement? Search the Encyclopedia for “Land Lottery” or go to “Cherokee Removal” if your family was involved in the Trail of Tears or go to the Yazoo Land Fraud if your forebears made an unwise investment in western land.

The Encyclopedia offers well researched text, images and multi-media links, and even a list of resources for further reading or a number of further websites to expand your research on a topic. The information about the early settlement of each county in the state is particularly helpful.

If your family did not come through the South, you might find more relevant information at the Encyclopedia of Cleveland History at <http://ech.cwru.edu> or the Encyclopedia of Chicago, <http://encyclopedia.chicagohistory.org>.

Gary A. Zimmerman

New Acquisitions Are Tagged

In response to requests from frequent browsers of the library, new books will now carry a distinctive spine label to identify them as recent additions to the collection. When a book arrives at the library it is cataloged, entered into WorldCat, and assigned a proper spine label to determine its place on the shelf. Each issue of the Fiske Newsletter carries a list of those books which have been acquired for the collection since the previous newsletter. Books on the list on pages 4 and 5 in this issue will wear a blue label with a bright red **NEW!** in a yellow sunburst on their spine until the next newsletter is published.

FISKE LIBRARY—RECENT ACQUISITIONS

The following materials have been processed since the previous newsletter and are available for research. Materials received by donation to the Library will appear on these lists as they are added to the catalog.

New England

- History of the Town of Durham (NH)
- History of Windham County (CT)
- Vermont Genealogy (selected issues 1997-2001)
- Complete Great Migration Newsletters, vols 1-10

Middle Atlantic and South

- Saints and Sinners at Jersey Settlement (NC)
- Traveling The Trace (TN)
- Rockdale: Growth of an American village in the early industrial revolution (PA)
- Virginia Immigrants and Adventurers 1607-1635: A biographical dictionary
- Marriage notices in the South Carolina Gazette and its successors 1732-1801
- Marriages of Williamson County 1804-1850 (TN)
- Kentucky Pioneer and Court Records
- Concise history of Kettocton Baptist Association – Primitive Baptist (VA)

Midwest

- Bible records from Ohio Daughters
- Early minute books of the Chancery Court of Fayette County (OH)
- Biographical sketches of Lawrence County (IN)
- Finnish experience in the western Great Lakes region
- Wisconsin Land and Life

- History of Gentry and Worth Counties (MO)
- Garland County Tombstone Inscriptions – Vol 1, Eastern (AR)

Southwest

- The New Handbook of Texas (6 volumes)
- Black residents of Tucson and their achievements 1860-1890 (AZ)

California History

Native Americans

The Cheyennes: Indians of the Great Plains

The Indian in American History

Short History of the Indians of the United States

Pacific Northwest

Washington Ghost Towns

Portland: A Pictorial History (OR)

Cowlitz County Probate Records – vols 1-4 (WA)

Honor Roll of Yakima County 1917-1918-1919 (WA)

Shelton: The First Century 1885-1985 (WA)

Talkeetna Cronies (AK)

- The Beaver (Oregon State College yearbook) 1924, 1925, 1926
- Tye (University Washington yearbook) 1953-1956
- Fifty dollars an acre: history of the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard 1891-1916 (WA)
- Fair Winds of Change: A History of the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard 1916 - 1941



FISKE LIBRARY—RECENT ACQUISITIONS

(Continued from page 4)

- 2007 Directory of Washington Libraries

Europe

- Northern Roots: who we are, where we came from, and why we speak the way we do (ENG)
- Return to Albion: Americans in England 1760-1940
- AA Book of British Villages
- Stavanger – byen og menneskene (NOR)
- Stavanger – bilder fra en svunnen tid
- Migration from Finland to North America the years between the US Civil War and the First World War
- Bibliography on Finnish emigration and internal migration
- Scandinavian immigration and settlement in Australia before WWII

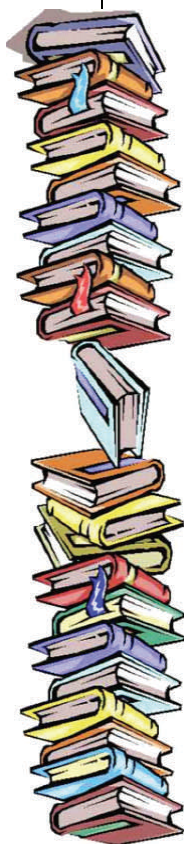
Genealogies

- Footprints through time: a Macy family newsletter
- Fix Family
- Descendants of Robert Sattley of Ferrisburgh, Vermont

Reference

- French forces in America 1780-1783
- Tracing Your Roots
- Religion in America: history and historiography
- Joint Discussion on Foreign Missions – 1885 (Cumberland Presbyterian)
- American Frontier thesis: attack and defense
- Centenarians: the story of the 20th Century by the Americans who made it

- History of American Labor Movement
- Peopling of America: perspectives on immigration
- The Septs: newsletter of the Irish Genealogical Society International (vols 20-29)



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FamilySearch Record Search

A great new resource is now available for genealogical record searching and there are no fees for access. Go to <http://search.labs.familysearch.org> but please note that it is a “pilot site” which is still undergoing development.

This continuously growing resource is made possible by the many volunteers who responded to the call put out about a year ago by FamilySearch and who began a careful transcription of microfilm records in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Because volunteers continue to scan film, make detailed transcriptions (which are checked several times before being entered into the search database), the volume of records for searching on this site is continually expanding.

Searching is easy to do and the format of the results presented is easy to read, to magnify, and to move around because of innovative new techniques being developed in the “labs” at FamilySearch. Already, there may be something for nearly everyone mounted on the pilot site.

The records include census and lists, court and legal documents, passenger arrival lists, civil war pension index cards, and a host of vital records. Some records are available only for browsing at this point – but the images are exceptional clear and they are presented for easy moving from one page to the next.

A few examples will illustrate what you might find. Under searchable records, you will find Philadelphia City Death Certificates from 1803-1915. Under records for browsing you will find Philadelphia Marriage Indexes from 1885-1951. Under “search” you can look for specific heads of household in the 1855 and 1865 Massachusetts State Census. Under “browse” you can page through the Wisconsin State Census for 1855, 1875, 1885 and 1895.

The Washington State Death Certificates from 1907 to 1960 are searchable. The information presented in the results abstracts additional information not found in a similar search of the Washington State Death Records at www.ancestry.com; however, by comparing the two databases you gain additional information that is not available from either database alone.

When using the pilot site, be sure to read the full description at the beginning of each database. This will describe what specific records have been included in the database and will often link to sample pages to illustrate what information is found in each column or on each page of the register images. In some cases, there will be a notation that it is “an early access collection” which means that more entries will be added as the transcriptions are completed. The Civil War Pension Index Cards were last updated on 9 May 2008 and the notation states that the index is “90% complete.” (That particular database is actually being indexed by footnote.com and shared with FirstSearch.)

Come back to the site frequently, because new databases are added on a regular basis. You will be glad that this service is available. Note that as a “pilot” site, some things may change as users send feedback to the labs at FamilySearch and they make appropriate modifications to further enhance the user experience.

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Future Family Search Databases Include:

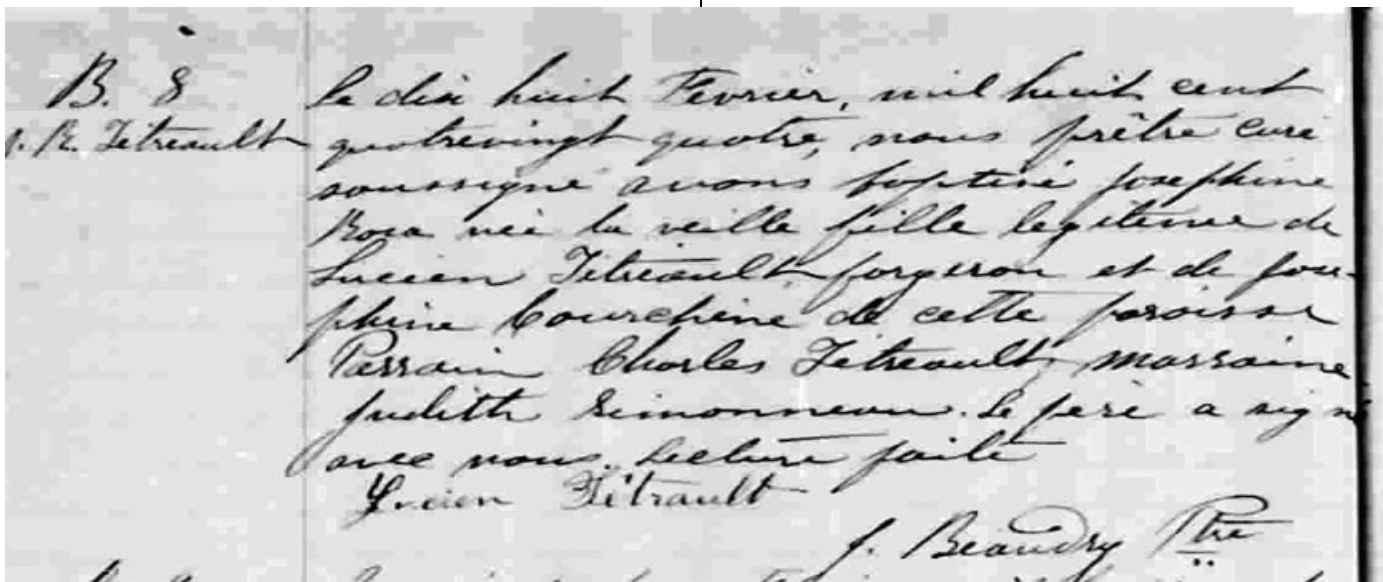
- Cheshire - Poor Law
- Cheshire - School Records
- Cornwall Parish Registers
- Essex Parish Registers FSI Waypointing
- Florida 1885 Census
- Florida 1935 Census
- Hidalgo - Censo de Mexico de 1930
- Indiana Marriages 1882- April 1905

Drouin Genealogical Records Digitized Online

Joseph Drouin founded the Drouin Genealogical Institute in 1899 and began publishing books of transcribed vital records of French-Canadian families. Over the years the Institute collected and microfilmed nearly 15 million records. Joseph's son, Gabriel, continued his father's work. They created separate indexes, known as the Men Series and the Women Series, that cover many of the marriages in their files. The index covers French-Canadian marriages from 1760 to 1935, listing the parish where the marriage was performed. However, the index did not include some of the records and it excluded many Protestant marriages. While the indexes were helpful, the microfilm needed to be consulted to find those omitted vital records.

Genealogical Society in Manchester, New Hampshire; the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana; and the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston, Massachusetts.)

The Canadian branch of ancestry.com is now posting an on-line search engine linked to digital copies of the Drouin records showing the corresponding vital record entry in the church registers. Canadian subscribers and "world" subscribers to ancestry have access to this database. Even without a subscription, you can learn more about the database at www.ancestry.ca.



(Digital Image of the Baptism of Josephine Rosa **Tetreault** 18 February 1844 in Dunham, PQ as found in the new Drouin Image Collection.)

Only a few libraries in the United States have purchased the 2366 rolls of microfilm (including the American-French Genealogical Society in Woonsocket, Rhode Island; the American Canadian

The Drouin records include Quebec vital and church records, Quebec notarial records, Acadian Catholic church records, Ontario French Catholic records, early U.S. records from French-Canadian churches in New England, and a variety of miscellaneous French records. Most of the records are in French and the digital images are in the handwriting of the priest or notary who created the original record.

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HELP DETERMINE 2009 FISKE SEMINAR TOPICS

Please look at the survey found at <http://www.fiskelibrary.org/Websurvey0809.pdf>. If you have Adobe Acrobat, you can fill out the form and submit it on-line. If you have Adobe Reader, you can fill out the form and then print your answers. (You cannot save a page from Adobe Reader, but you can print a page.) Please send your response to survey@fiskelibrary.org or send a printed copy by mail to Fiske Library Survey, 1644 43rd Ave E, Seattle WA 98112. Karl Kumm will consider this input as he determines the class schedules for the coming season.

GLO Records Website 10 Years Old

May marked the tenth anniversary of the Bureau of Land Management's website for searching patent records from the General Land Office. Over 4.2 million records have been posted but that figure is still less than half of the total number of documents to be digitized. The work is being done by a team of ten BLM employees who scan and post the records held in the BLM archives. They add about 200,000 records per year.

The website is found at www.glorerecords.blm.gov. Images of the surveys are now being loaded to accompany the patent image series that has been on the site from its inception. If you have not explored the site for these images it may be worth re-visiting the GLO collection. The survey images are a work-in-progress, but you will find that surveys from twenty states plus the District of Columbia have been published. When these images are completed, digital images of the surveyors' field notes will be added to the site. Even now, some of the maps show names of neighbors and other details of the land at the time of a survey.

Franklin Blanding submitted a military warrant to the General Land Office in Arkansas Territory, based on his service as a private in the 25th Regiment of US Infantry during the War of 1812. For this service he was entitled to 160 acres of land. (The National Archives has images of these warrants that were turned in and received land from the Federal government.) Blanding received his land in a tract set aside in Arkansas for military bounty warrants, and you can see the survey map at the GLO website.

First, search for the patent to learn the details of the land description. You find that Blanding's 160 acres were the southeastern quarter of Section 24 of Township 5 South in Range 2 West of the 5th Principal Meridian. Then, move to the Survey search and enter the Section, Township and Range, being sure to indicate North or South for the township and East or West for the Range. There is a drop down menu to select the proper meridian as the reference line. The original survey was done on this section in October 1820, and the patent was issued to Blanding in November of that same year, under the authority of President James Monroe. If you look further in the site, you will find some re-surveying was done in the 1850s of the northern half of Section 24, which may have re-defined the northern boundary of Blanding's property slightly.

Later in the 19th Century, when a large number of land purchases were being made, the process of issuing the patent bogged down and it sometimes took several years for the new landowner to receive his patent.

The BLM site has an excellent discussion in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section of the site, along with a glossary of terms found in surveyors' documents. Be aware that the dropdown menus at each stage of the game will show you which states have been digitized and added to the site. If you can't find a given county in the database, check back as more records are added. By the way, the counties in this database are the present day boundaries of the county lines. You may have to do some mental juggling to associate this information with the contemporary county boundaries at the time the patent was issued. Rest assured, however, that it is the county boundary that moved, not the land of your ancestor.

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FISKE LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Wednesday	Noon to 8:00 pm
Thursday	3:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Friday	Reserved for research groups (greater than 8 persons) from outside the greater Seattle Area. Contact the Library to make reservations.
Saturday	10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Sunday	2nd and 4th Sunday of every month

ANNOUNCEMENTS



New Books identified in this issue of the newsletter on pages 4 and 5 have a distinctive label on their spine that will help browsers spot the most recent additions to the collection.

See story on Page 3.

2008-2009 Wednesday Seminar Topics

Vote for your favorites at
<http://www.fiskelibrary.org/Websurvey0809.pdf>.

Volunteer to present a topic of special interest to you.



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- The Washington Pioneer Hall faces onto 43rd Ave E. The Fiske Genealogical Library is located on the lower level of the building.