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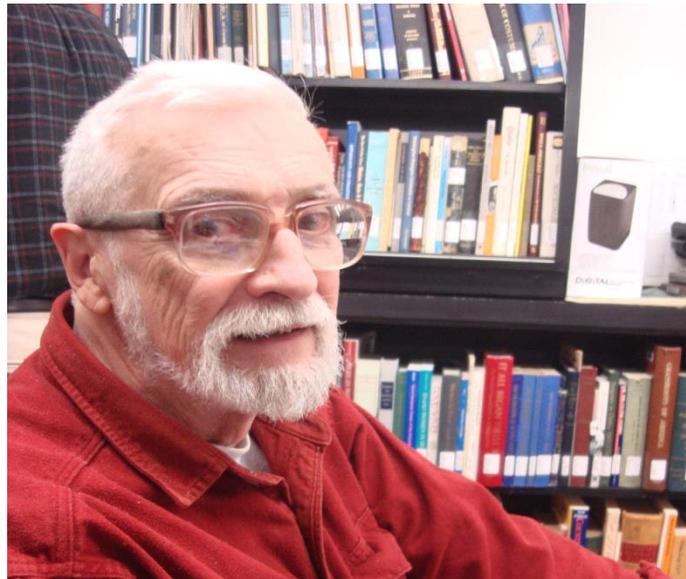
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Fiske Board Expands

Meet Karl Kumm

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Karl Kumm is well known for his generosity and dedication to the Fiske Genealogical Foundation Library. For almost six years he has coordinated the education series, determining interests, finding well qualified speakers, and running the classes. He also volunteers weekly at the National Archives at Sand Point, is active at the Seattle Genealogical Society and has participated in its Computer Interest Group almost since its inception. Recently he agreed to join the board at Fiske.

Karl explains, "As a genealogist, my commitment is not to find a large number of ancestors but rather to get to know who my ancestors were, how their times impacted their lives, and to identify the key decisions they made. These decisions reveal the values they lived by. I would much rather read a manuscript where I can hear their voices than collect another vital record. Because my ancestors have lived not just in North America and northern

Europe but also in Hawaii, Australia, India, China, Egypt and the Sudan, my searches have lead me to exotic repositories and wonderful places. Hanging above my dining room table are spears my grandfather collected in Africa. In my grandmother's journal, I read a description of her brother proposing marriage to a young Tasmanian girl on the stairway to her bedroom in 1896. In my great aunt's sketch book, I enjoy the images of Chinese junks she sketched as she traveled up the Yangsee River to her mission station with the Chinese Inland Mission before the Boxer Rebellion."

"Being part of the Fiske community allows me to satisfy my need to serve and help others. As an educator, it allows me to teach classes. Best of all, it allows me to associate with many wonderful people with whom I can learn, research and socialize."

It is a privilege to have Karl on the Fiske Board!

Amish Research in the Library of Congress

In late February, the Library of Congress published a new analysis of resources for doing Amish and Mennonite research. It is based on the holdings of the LOC and on published works found on the Internet and in other libraries. This material was compiled by Paul Connor, a reference specialist in the Local History and Genealogy Reading Room at the Library, and is a part of the Journeys and Crossings program at LOC.

Go to <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/journey/amish.html> and scan the full page. If you find a resource of interest, look for more details in the main catalog and in the prints and photographs catalog. Both of these catalogs are on-line. With that information you can refer to WorldCat to see if you can find the resource closer to your home.



Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

www.loc.gov

The Library of Congress website also offers digitized materials on the Amish in the American Memory collections at <http://memory.loc.gov>, in the American Folklife Center at <http://www.loc.gov/folklife>. There also is a useful discussion of German immigrants to America (including Amish and Mennonites) at <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/features/immig/german2.html>.

Maritime Treasures for The Great Lakes

Bowling Green University in northwestern Ohio has useful resources for the family historian who is tracing roots back to shipping and maritime-related industries in the Great Lakes region. As part of the Center for Archival Collections at the Jerome Library on the campus, these resources are found in the Historical Collections of the Great Lakes (HCGL). Web access is available at <http://www.bgsu.edu/colleges/library/cac/>.

HCGL collects materials related to commercial shipping, shipbuilding, navigation, maritime law, commercial fishing, shipwrecks, yachting, labor history, popular literature, freshwater ecology, recreation, and the history of Great Lakes ports. The website offers three Great Lakes databases on line: Vessels, Ports, and Maritime Personnel. You can search for a specific name or you can browse each of the three databases.

The campus library has many other resources for genealogy of northwestern Ohio families, many local government records and a large manuscript collection with good finding aids on-line. Check it out!

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Searching for Swiss Emigrants

BERN, Switzerland, March 10 -- swissinfo.ch is launching a multimedia networking platform for Italian-speaking Swiss emigrants and their descendants. People from around the world who have their roots in Ticino and the valleys of the southern Graubunden tell of their ancestors. In its Swiss-Italian Migrations special, swissinfo.ch - the international voice of SRG SSR idee suisse - takes an in-depth look at this wave of emigration.

The 19th and early 20th centuries saw tens of thousands of people emigrate abroad from remote areas of Ticino and the Italian-speaking valleys of Graubunden. They journeyed to Australia, the United States and to other countries in Europe in search of a better life.

swissinfo.ch is devoting a multimedia special - in English and Italian - to this emigration wave. The reports, with many videos and slideshows, explain the historical reasons behind the outflow of people from Switzerland. Included are interviews with migration and genealogy experts. Background information and documentary features give readers a clear impression of southern Switzerland then and now. swissinfo.ch also visits descendants of emigrants and reports on their lives in the 21st century.



The dossier allows people who live abroad but have Italian-Swiss roots to find out more about their ancestors. In addition, swissinfo.ch offers a blog in

which they can swap family histories in text and photo form. A genealogy database enables users to search for people and families with roots in Italian-speaking Switzerland. swissinfo journalists reporting from Australia, California and Britain will be blogging about their own experiences.

Link to the swissinfo "Swiss-Italian Migrations" in

English: <http://www.presseportal.de/go2/swissinfo2> or in

Italian: <http://www.presseportal.de/go2/swissinfo1>

swissinfo is one of the enterprise units for Switzerland's public-service radio and television broadcaster, SRG SSR idee suisse. Its goal is to inform Swiss people abroad of what is going on at home, and to raise awareness about Switzerland beyond its borders. To do so, swissinfo operates a news and information platform in nine languages at <http://www.swissinfo.ch/>.

BOOK DONORS

The following people have generously donated books and material to the Fiske Genealogical Library since the last Newsletter. Their thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Nancy Bain
 Carolyn Blount
 Family History Library
 Jim Gunderson
 Karl and Judith Kumm
 Mary Peters
 Tom Samuelson
 Alvy Ray Smith
 Antoinette Waughtel Sorensen
 Mary Stevenson
 Ruth Wright

FISKE LIBRARY—RECENT ACQUISITIONS

The following books have been added to the Fiske Library shelves since August. Check the on-line catalog for shelf location.

NEW ENGLAND

- Red House: New England's oldest continuously lived-in house
- The Narrow Land: folk chronicles of old Cape Cod (MA)
- The Puritan dilemma: the story of John Winthrop
- Vital Records of Topsham Vol 1, Births (ME)

MIDDLE ATLANTIC

- City of Independence / Philadelphia before 1800
- Germantown 1683-1933 (PA)
- Monocacy and Catoctin Vol III (MD)
- Pennsylvania in 1800
- Salem County in the Revolution (NJ)
- Sussex Co Land Deeds 1807 (DE)

SOUTH

- 202 Early marriages abstracted from Orange Co Will Books (NC)
- Austin: a historical portrait (TX)
- Goochland County Marriages 1730-1810
- Hampshire County Minute Book Abstracts 1788-1802 (VA, WV)
- Hampshire County Minute Book Abstracts 1817-1823 (VA, WV)
- Hippocrene USA Guide to America's South – the Atlantic States
- Women in Texas: their lives, experiences, accomplishments



SOUTH OF THE OHIO RIVER

- Bath County Deaths 1852-1859 (KY)
- Bath County Marriages 1811-1850 (KY)
- Bath County Wills 1811-1824 (KY)
- Bourbon County Marriages 1788-1850 (KY)
- Bourbon County Wills and Estates 1816-1824 (KY)
- Bourbon County Wills and Estates 1825-1831 (KY)
- Mercer County Marriages 1786-1850 (KY)
- Minute book of Williamson Co 1799-1865 (TN)
- Probate Genealogy of Williamson Co (TN)
- Shelby County Marriages 1792-1850 (KY)
- Shelby County Potpourri (KY)
- *Virginia Settlers* periodical 1980-1997

NORTH OF THE OHIO RIVER

- Bartholomew County early marriage returns 1821-1838 (IN)
- Bartholomew County marriages 1839-1850 (IN)
- Decatur County marriage records 1822-1839 (IN)
- Floyd County marriages 1819-1830 (IN)
- Jennings County marriage records 1818-1840 (IN)
- Pioneer Families of Clark County (IN)
- *Quarterly* of Southern Indiana Gen. Society 1997-2008
- Story of Marshall County (IN)
- Washington County marriage records 1815-1828 (IN)

FISKE LIBRARY—RECENT ACQUISITIONS

WEST

- Frank Matsura: frontier photographer (Okanogan county WA)
- Historic houses of the Pacific Northwest
- Lake Chelan in the 1890's (WA)
- Men of the West / Life on the American Frontier
- National Bank of Commerce of Seattle 1889-1969
- Some northwest pioneer families
- Stone by Stone on the Oregon Trail
- The night the mountain fell, and other stories of north central Washington history
- Yellowstone Pioneers / Hamilton Stores and Yellowstone national park

CANADA

- Index to *Generations*, vols 1-56 (NB)
- Our Native Peoples: Kootenay

REFERENCE

- Bonded Passengers to America
- Book of Costume
- Caring for your family treasures / heritage preservation
- Evolution of American Taste
- Fashion à la carte, 1860-1900
- Fashions and Costumes from Godey's Lady's Book
- Grassroots of America / index to the American State papers
- Heritage of her own / a new social history of American women
- History of Costume / from ancient Egyptians to 20th Century

- How to Know American antique furniture
- I see by your outfit
- Montgomery Ward catalog 1894-95
- Uncovering your ancestry through family photographs
- What's in a name?
- Who's Who in the World – 2004

EUROPE

- Aettebok for Hosanger fram til omlag 1960 (NOR)
- Estonian Churches
- Manchester and Salford in the 1890's (ENG)
- Native art of Norway

GENEALOGIES

- Brief Account of the families White and Clarke
- Burton families (periodical 1967-1997)
- Families Boser-Boeser- or Besser from Baden to USA
- History of the Roush (Rausch) and Allied Families (vols III and IV)
- Rathbone Genealogy - 1574 to date
- Rev Joseph Tarkington, Methodist Circuit Rider
- Royal Ancestors of some American families
- The Ogle Genealogist (periodical 1995-2000)



The Volunteers' Corner:

Leslie Strom

I'm Unique, Just Like Everybody Else

I've been doing genealogy research for years, mostly in a dithering fashion. I had a fair amount of old records to start with, and for years I put them in folders and constructed written charts. Lately I've been focusing on specific people. I'm a dilettante compared to the scholar / volunteers you'll find in the Fiske who can help you when you come visit, but here is my short list of helpful tools that worked for me when I started:

Number your people. You are 1. Your dad is 2, your mom is 3. Every male's number is double his son's. His wife is plus one. This will come in handy when working with Scandinavian names or families who never moved and recycled a dozen given names on the fifteen children in each family. You think I'm exaggerating? I'm not. Ask the Jacoby sisters: Mary, Ann Mary, and Mary Ann.

Hit the easy ones first, and build a framework. You can get names from living relatives, build your chart, then check out the census records and vital records. Save the tougher research for times when you're not inclined to dither.

Use a genealogy program on your computer. Lots of clubs and groups are out there who can show you how to use the one you choose.

Back up your data. Back up your computer. Just do it. Do it now. Go. Do it. I use a thumb drive (\$5 for a gigabyte) for genealogy files, and a portable drive for the whole machine. When my computer drive crashed last month, I got to rebuild my genealogy file in Reunion for the Macintosh from the paper charts I kept. This time, I'm using citations to show where the information comes from. Which brings me to:

Cite and verify your research. It's a nuisance, but it's the only thing that distinguishes your work from that of a hack. You know. Those people who put their family trees on the Internet

that shows they're descended from Adam and Eve, or Elvis by way of the Dalai Lama. You can scan book pages on the library's copier and email pdfs to yourself.

Check out books.google.com and key in the name of some lost ancestor. Up will come scanned volumes, some you can download for your own amazement. People are adding to this collection every day. It's really cool.

Check military records of US ancestors. After you've perused the censuses, take a run at military records that can be had from the National Archives and on line. Widow's pensions come with affidavits that are packed with information.

Spend time at the Fiske - the variety of information is amazing. Arthur Fiske's card catalog along the back wall is pretty impressive. Ask for a tour of it. There are also gummy, tattered notebooks of hard-to-find materials people have assembled on towns and family names. The databases and internet resources are fantastic.

Step back and feel it. Sometimes you run into birth and death dates and realize some Puritan lived to be 90, or another family lost most of their children to the Plague before they took off for the New World. These are people and families with rich lives. The thrill of the data-chase is terrific, but sometimes a story is just too compelling not to stop and take a closer look at the worlds in which they lived. They're all part of you.

Don't get too cocky. There are tens of millions of Mayflower descendants. We're not exactly unique. It does feel like it, though, when we can prove it.

Volunteer. Join us at Fiske, have fun, make new friends, and discover genealogical treasures.

A Comprehensive Catalog of Digitized Books at One Easy Stop: the Brigham Young University Endeavor

by Gary Zimmerman

A rapidly growing, free resource on-line is found at the Family History Archives in the Digital Collections at Brigham Young University. You can begin your search at <http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/index.php>. With the participation of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, the Clayton Library in Houston, and the Mid-Continent Library near Kansas City, the BYU librarians have assembled over 30,000 items in a fully digital format that is easily read in an Adobe Reader.

This is a collection of published genealogy and family histories, but it also includes county and local histories, genealogy periodicals, and gazetteers.

The home page allows you to do a key word search – for a surname, an author, or a word in a title. Just type a single word under surname search, the program adds the word “family” and you quickly get a list of relevant materials in an easy-to-read list showing title, author or creator, subject headings, description of the key persons in the book with birth and death dates and locations, and the source of the actual book that was digitized. The subject headings are very detailed – with far more entries than a normal library might consider prudent – and will give a lot of genealogical information about the item.

I tested the surname search by writing in the word PARTRIDGE. The computer added the word “family” and quickly returned a list of 13 items for my review. The first item on the list was a book about the Bennett family, but the subject headings showed there to be 14 surnamed families, including the Partridge family. The description identifies the immigrant Ephraim Bennett, with his birthplace in England and date of birth, as well as the names and dates for his parents, and then reports his marriage in Salt Lake in 1870 to his wife, with her birth and death dates. The source of this entry is identified as the Family History Library at www.familysearch.org

All of that data was from the first entry in the table of search results to my initial query. The title of each book in that table of results is a hot link to the digital copy of the book itself. In this system, you see one page at a time and have to load the individual pages into your browser. You can also download the entire book – in this case, it would be 48 Mb transferred to your computer at one time as a .pdf file to be read in Adobe Reader. Once you download the entire book it is easy to search for any specific word in the Adobe Reader.

There are additional options for searching the website. Instead of limiting your search to the family, the author or the title, you can search all three categories at the same time. You can do a browse of all titles in the book collection, or you can limit your search to a specific collection, such as oral family histories or gazetteers. The gazetteers currently available are only 23 in number, but very useful for doing European research – Spain, Austria and Hungary are featured so far with excellent clarity in the figures. The Hungarian resource is much like the German Meyer’s Orts in its description of the towns and the location of records, courts, and various administrative offices in pre-World War I Europe.

Finally, there is an “advanced search” option – which allows you to pick a specific database or the materials from a specific collaborating library to limit your search.

The Family History Library website at www.familysearch.org has a direct link to the BYU Family History Archives. It is found in the drop-down menu under the heading “Search Records” and is entitled “Historical Books.” Touch that with your cursor and you are suddenly at the search page on the BYU website.

Keep watching this site. New books are being added on a regular basis.

Spring Class Descriptions

The Spring Trimester seminar series at Fiske will provide a wide range of lecture, discussion, and hands-on learning and sharing.

Three of this term's classes are focused on helping you improve your genealogical computer skills. "Searching Family Names On-line" and "Family Search Labs.org" will be taught by Fiske Board President Gary Zimmerman. The off-site visit will feature John Lamont, a knowledgeable genealogist and a History Librarian at The Seattle Public Library who will teach "Introduction to Seattle Public Library Data-bases" for two hours in the Central Library starting at eleven a.m. on 6 May 2009. Note the time change and please pre-register for this class as the Central Library lab has limited seating. (Send e-mail to k.kumm@comcast.net)

Popular presenter Karen Sipe will offer an introductory-intermediate class on National Archive records of immigration and passenger lists to help us research our elusive ancestors outside US borders.

There will be two classes on Civil War Records in which Gary Zimmerman will discuss the available records for the North and for the South. He will also take us to the Alps with a class on Genealogy in Switzerland. Karl Kumm, the Educational Director, will teach us how to find those supremely interesting oral histories that add so much to our knowledge of our ancestors as people. He will also present a class on Colonial Maritime Records.

In an interesting departure from the regular class sessions, Eldon Davis will help you find others at Fiske who may be searching for records relevant to your family. During this two-part workshop you may find a gene cousin right here amongst your fellow Fiske classmates!

Eldon has successfully demonstrated this concept in a class with 13 members, most of whom considered themselves to be casual researchers, but who had a

common surnames and four common ancestors — **gene cousins!**

Prior to the first session of Eldon's workshop, each class attendee will prepare alphabetical lists of their direct ancestors' surnames as follows:

List your surnames in alphabetical order in Column One. No given name is necessary at this time. You can take the various lines as far back as the mid 1600s although that is not necessary. In Column Two, write opposite each surname the state or country where members of this surname lived. In Column Three, list the year of birth of the most recent ancestor of that surname (for example):

<u>SURNAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Burton	NY>OH	1709
Case	NY	1855
Goldsmith	MA>CT>VA	1700
Hall	NJ>NY>MI>MO	1687
Homan	NY>OH	1888
Overton	Can>SD>UT	1850
Tuthill	NY>PA	1710
Wells	CT>NY	1650

Bring **two** copies of the surname pages with the contributor's name, email address, and phone number at the top of each page. One copy will be passed around to the other class members and the second copy will be used to check against the lists from the other people. When you find a common surname write the contributor's name next to that surname.

In Workshop #2 we will focus on getting together those people who have found common surnames from the Workshop #1 activity. Once you are matched up, you can go to a deeper level of detail. With this additional information you will soon discover if you have a common ancestor and thus a gene cousin. Then you will move on to another person with whom you have a common surname.

Now is a good time to begin your surname lists!



2009—SPRING 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.

Spring 2009	Topic	Instructor
April 1	Searching Family Names On-line	Gary Zimmerman
April 7	Holy Week	No Class
April 15	NARA Records of Immigration and Passenger Lists	Karen Sipe
April 22	Oral Histories: How to Find Your Family's Oral History	Karl Kumm
April 29	Civil War—The North	Gary Zimmerman
May 6 11:00 a.m. - 12:45 Note Time	Introduction to Seattle Public Library on-line Data-bases. At SPL Computer Lab. Limited to 25 participants; please pre-register with Karl Kumm at k.kumm@comcast.net (Please reserve a seat for Fiske van.)	John Lamont, SPL Genealogical Librarian
May 13	Civil War —The South	Gary Zimmerman
May 20	Colonial Maritime Records	Karl Kumm
May 27	Genealogy of Switzerland	Gary Zimmerman
June 3	Finding Your Gene-Cousin Part 1.	Eldon Davis
June 10	Finding FamilySearch Labs	Gary Zimmerman
June 17	Finding Your Gene-Cousin Part 2.	Eldon Davis

Suffolk County Long Island Newspapers

Those who attended the Winter Trimester Fiske class on Long Island, New York, taught by Karl Kumm, will be interested in the recent addition of Suffolk County Historic Newspapers to the internet.

The Suffolk Historic Newspapers database is a free, searchable online collection of historic newspapers from a number of towns in the county. The project is a cooperative venture involving Suffolk County's fifty-six public libraries, local and regional historical societies, and the local business community. The newspapers cover the period from 1839 through 1960.

The digitization allows searching of previously unindexed microfilm resources across any or all of the newspapers, covering any time period. The articles can be viewed separately or as they appear on the full page. They can be printed, saved to your local computer and/or emailed.

Newspapers currently available are
The Long Islander (Huntington, 1872 – 1960); *The Corrector* (Sag Harbor, 1839 – 1871);
South Side Signal (Babylon, 1869 – 1879);
The Long Island Traveler (Southold, 1880 – 1892);
The Port Jefferson Echo (Port Jefferson, 1892 – 1931);
Sag Harbor Express (Sag Harbor, 1885 – 1898) ;
Suffolk County News (Sayville, 1888 – June 10, 1942);
Sayville Weekly News (January – April 1888).

According to the website, there are plans to add an additional twenty-eight newspapers in the future, extending coverage back to 1791.

To access and search this resource click on the following URL: <http://shn.suffolk.lib.ny.us>

The logo for Suffolk Historic Newspapers features the word "Suffolk" in a large, blue, serif font, with "Historic Newspapers" in a smaller, blue, serif font stacked to its right. A blue horizontal line is positioned below the text.

Fiske Library Thanks Its Many Volunteers

Progress is slowly being made in entering the Fiske Library collection into WorldCat, the worldwide consortium of over 10,000 libraries available on the Internet. Volunteers have entered over 7,000 books, periodical titles, and video materials into the Internet, making it possible for people in the United States and around the world to access our collection via computers and to request reference assistance using materials in our collection.

In addition, a cadre of volunteers has been working on special projects to make the Fiske collection even more accessible. Joan Wilson has been cataloging the blue notebooks so that they will be shelved in the proper location in their states and counties. Amber Brock is writing finding aids for the archival collections housed at Fiske. Marjorie Reeves inventories materials being donated to Fiske as well as making a detailed survey of the CD collection. She makes sure that each CD opens on the Fiske computers and then indexes all of the material on each CD. Charlotte Thompson shelves books that users have used plus reads the shelves once a week looking for books and materials out of order, and items that are miscatalogued for the purposes of Fiske library users. Jimi Verni puts surplus and duplicate books and journals on a spreadsheet so that they can be sold to raise money for the Fiske Library. Dave Brazier keeps the Fiske website current and fills in when needed. Gary Zimmerman does everything 24/7/365.

We also have a strong team of volunteers who keep the Fiske library open and help users conduct research, including weekend monitors Leslie Strom, Larry Pike, Karen Stahl, Eldon Davis, and Carlidine Van Allen. The library is kept open Monday through Thursday by volunteers Ann Owens, Mary Peters, Helen Barton, Gary Zimmerman, Carolyn Blount, Carol Matzke, Jimi Vernie, and Kathryn Allahyari.

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

The European Reading Room at the Library of Congress has published a new page on the Germans in America at

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/european/imde/germany.html>

with links to several other projects in Europe that are collaborating on a transatlantic digital library dealing “with themes of common European-American interest and significance.”

Have you recently visited Roots Television, a fun website with lots of great genealogy videos you can watch for free online?

It has something for everyone - how-to, DNA, immigration, preserving the past, military, books, the PBS Ancestors series, conferences - you name it! You can even upload your own family history videos through the RootsTube channel.

Just click here to watch:
<http://www.rootstelevision.com>

FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER AND PATRONAGE INFORMATION

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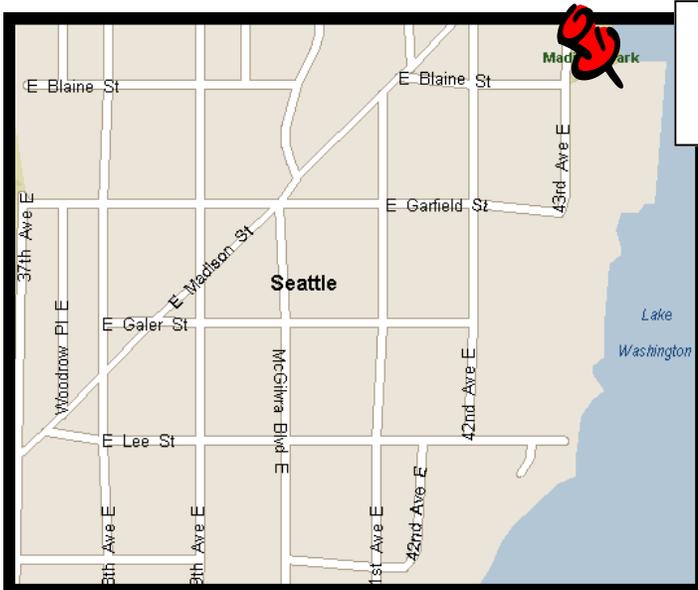


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HOW TO FIND US!



**Fiske Library is located
on the lower level of the
Washington Pioneer Hall.**

- 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.