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RESEARCH COURSES ON-LINE AT *WWW.FAMILYSEARCH.ORG*

An excellent new resource is becoming available at the familysearch.org website and is free to all surfers on the worldwide web. It offers slide shows with audio comments, great visuals, and many accompanying handouts for download. The courses range from basic to intermediate and advanced topics for a genealogist.

You will find access at <https://www.familysearch.org/learn/researchcourses> and at this location you will encounter a long list of course titles and a very brief explanation of the topics to be covered. After several “featured” courses at the head of the list, there follows a section on beginning genealogy. Then you find a wide selection of topics under “Area Genealogy,” with multiple courses on each country or area. Currently, there are courses on various aspects of genealogical research in Australia, England, Germany, Ireland, New Zealand, Poland, Hispanic America (in Spanish), Russia and the United States.

Featured Courses

 Searching the Family History Library Catalog 5 minutes	Course Handout (PDF) Give Course Feedback
 Ireland Beginning Research Series: Church Records 39 minutes	Course Handout (PDF) Give Course Feedback
 5 Minute Genealogy Episode 1: Find NEW a Record in Five Minutes 5 minutes	Course Handout (PDF) Give Course Feedback

Several treasured books from the Fiske Library have been borrowed or are in use by patrons and not yet returned. Library volunteers are auditing loan records and missing shelf items this summer and will be contacting Library users in an effort to locate these items. If located, please call 206-328-2716 and someone will come to your address to pick them up or arrange shipment. Thanks!

There is a large set of special courses on skill building; for example, there are separate presentations on reading handwriting in a variety of different languages and at different time periods. If you have encountered handwritten records in Dutch, English Secretary Hand, French, German, Italian, Latin, Polish, Portuguese, Scandinavian Gothic, or Spanish, you will want to refer to these “short courses.”

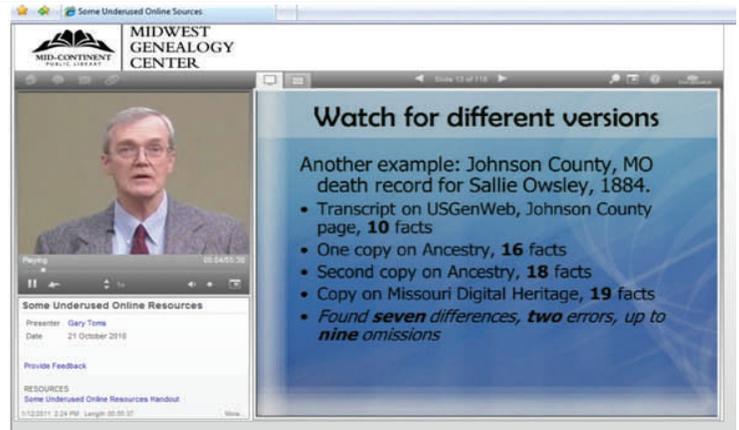
There are three separate courses on Dutch records: Dutch Lesson 1, 20 minutes, on the Dutch alphabet (with an accompanying handout in .pdf format; Lesson 2 on Dutch words and dates with two separate handouts; and a third lesson on Reading Dutch Records. The same general format is used for the other languages

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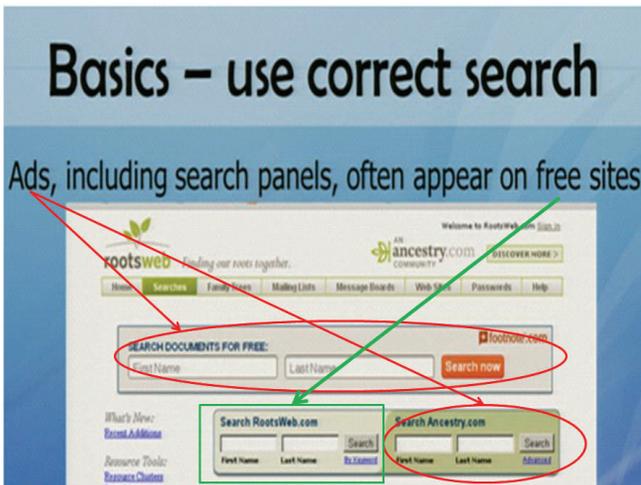
COURSES ONLINE, CONT'D.

as well, but the length and number of separate “lessons” does vary. The times are flexible, because you are asked to do practice exercises and then compare your work with the next slide – so you find yourself stopping the presentation, doing the “homework” and then returning to the slide.

There is a section entitled “Research Principles and Tools.” The section on topics for United States Research offers over 40 separate courses, ranging in length from 16 to 60 minutes. Everyone should take a look at Gary Toms’ course on “Some Underused Online Resources” sponsored by the Midwest Genealogy Center in Independence, Missouri, but offered to the Family History Library for inclusion with these instructional offerings.



Whichever course you watch and listen to, be sure to sample the additional materials offered for download. Most will be available for reading in Adobe Reader. Also be sure to get the full sense of the audio-visual presentations. If you are working with an older computer, you may get a notice that you can't see the full picture without a 32-bit machine. However, if you click on the yellow band at the top of the page it, it will instruct your computer to look for Silverlight or a similar program and that will open the program and you see the speaker on the left and the slides on the right. If you don't have a way to open the presentation, you will still be able to see all of the slides and when read with the handouts that you download, you will get a good share of the course. (You may also be able to download some of the courses and listen to them in RealPlayer.)



On Slide 10 of 118, he notes the detectable difference between free sites and ads, which eventually ask for a membership before revealing information. Slide 48 lists unusual sites to search for photographs with good results.

Ancestral Images

Several sites devoted to this, and some images available in other material.

- **Dead Fred** is perhaps best known
- **Ancient Faces** is a very good site, and one of the largest
- **Family Photos Online**, small project, but good
- The page entitled, “**Orphan Photos & Rescued Family Memorabilia**” on About.com has an excellent selection of links

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CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

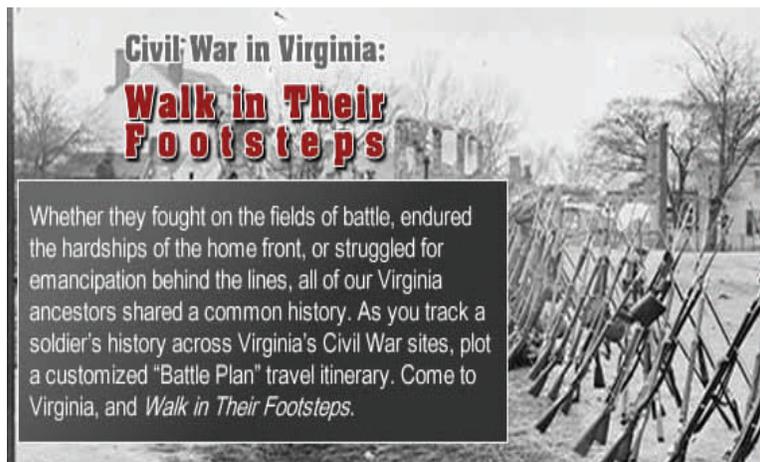
This year marks the first of four years of remembering the American Civil War. From now until the spring of 2015, there will be a series of initiatives to focus on the events of 150 years ago. If you have family members who were involved in the conflict or who lived through this period of history, you have a good opportunity to learn more about what they experienced in 1861-1865.

The Commonwealth of Virginia has created a website with a multi-media approach to the events that took place within that state's borders. You can start at <http://www.virginiacivilwar.org/> to get an introduction to many civil war exhibits and events planned during these four years in venues across the state.

The drop-down menu under "Resources" will connect you to the Encyclopedia Virginia: Civil War, American (1861-1865). This leads you to a series of articles about people and places of note during these years. The "Multimedia" link takes you to a series of audio and video programs on Civil War topics. Some of them are links to other websites, such as the Civil War Traveler, which offers walking tours and maps with podcasts for important civil war battlegrounds.



Rockbridge Historical Society is one of the oldest, largest, and most active, county historical societies in Virginia. Founded in 1939 by local citizens concerned about historic preservation and history education, the Society celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2009. It is a Virginia non-stock, 501 (c) (3) charitable corporation.



A more useful portion of the site is not linked to the homepage. Go to www.virginiacivilwar.org/footsteps_main.php for an experience called "Walk in Their Footsteps." You select the regiment in which your ancestor served. If you are not sure of the exact regiment, hit the "begin" button and enter just the number. You are presented with a list of all regiments in the war, union or confederate, with that number – select one. Entering "14th" and then select 14th New Jersey Infantry. You can go to Overview or to "Battles."

Overview will give you a synopsis of when and where the regiment was formed and provide a chronological discussion of the movements of the regiment. From there you are led to a new page called "engagements." A time line on the left side of a map of Virginia presents all battles in which that regiment was involved on Virginia soil. Scroll down to the late spring of 1864 and choose Cold Harbor.

Now you can read details of that particular battle, watch a video with commentary on how the battle proceeded with pictures of re-enactors moving through the events, or listen to a podcast for the walking tour around the Cold Harbor site. With that information about this aspect of the war, you can click on a link that shows all other regiments from both sides that participated in the same battle.

While this site will not get down to details on a specific individual, it is a rich source of insight as to how any combatant fared during a specific period of their Civil War service.

FISKE LIBRARY—SELECTED RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Newly acquired books are processed by cataloging, entering the Fiske holding information into WorldCat, affixing ownership barcodes inside and on the back cover, and then placing on the shelves. The Library of Congress call numbers in the following list are in brackets [].

GENERAL REFERENCE

- Genealogical Research: Methods and Sources [CS16 .G43]
- Bringing your family history to life through social history [CS16 .S862 2000]
- Locating your roots: discover your ancestors using land records [CS49 .S65 1984]
- The Dawes Commission and the allotment of the five civilized tribes 1893-1914 [E78.I5 C37 1999]
- Scottish Highlanders, Indian Peoples: thirty generations of a Montana family [E99.S2 H68 1996]
- Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy 1750-1930 (6 volumes of Hinshaw) [E184.F89 H5 1998 cd 192]
- Letters from the Promised Land: Swedes in America, 1840-1914 [E184.S8 L47 1980]
- Military Records: Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865 [E548 .F36 1996 cd 119]
- Liberty's Daughters - the Revolutionary experience of American women 1750-1800 [HQ1418 .N67 1980]
- Women in the Military - an unfinished revolution [UB418.W65 H64 1982]

NEW ENGLAND

- Walter Barefoote [and the Piscataqua Region] [F37 .B37 1941]
- Massachusetts Genealogical Records, 1600s-1800s [F61.F3 M3 2000 cd 526]
- Connecticut Family Histories, 1600s-1800s [F93 .C66 2000 cd 179] (CD contains 3 vols of Genealogies of CT families and 3 vols of Jacobus' Families of Ancient New Haven)

MIDDLE ATLANTIC

- Philadelphia Quakers 1681-1981 [BX7649.P5 W46 1981]
- New Jersey Biographical Index 1800s [CT249 .S56 1997 cd190]
- County and Family Histories: Pennsylvania, 1740-1900 [F148 .F346 1998 cd 193]

THE SOUTH

- Virginia Land, Marriage and Probate Records, 1639-1850 [F225 .F36 1999 cd 513]
- Virginia Genealogies #1, pre-1600 - 1900s [F225 .V91 1996 cd 162]
- Bound Away: Virginia and the Westward Movement [F229 .F534 2000]
- Annals of Augusta Co, Virginia [F232.A9 W2 1988]
- Virginia Road Orders [HE356.V8 V57 2004 cd]
- 1890 Knox County, Kentucky census [F450.K6 E3680 1980]
- Index to Clay County [KY} Ancestral News 1985-1993 [F457.C57 M46 1994]
- So close from home - the legacy of Brownsboro Road [KY] [F457.J4 R45 2007]
- Southern Biographies and Genealogies, 1500s-1940s [CS69 .F36 1998 cd 500]

THE WEST

- An Enduring Legacy, 4 vols [UT] [F826 .E54]
- Campfires in the Valley [WA] [F899.K5 S46 1976]

EUROPEAN RESOURCES

- Song for Every Season: a hundred years of a Sussex farming family [CS439 .C7376 1971]
- English Civil War 1642-1651 - an illustrated military history [DA415 .H4 1994]
- Colonial Wars Sourcebook [DA68 .H39 1995]
- Scottish Parish Records: Scotland North [DA755 .S36 2001x CD racks]

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ACQUISITIONS, CONT'D.

EUROPEAN RESOURCES, Cont'd.

- Oxford Companion to Irish History [DA912 .O94 1998]
- The Village Labourer vol II [HD594.6.H35 1948]
- Lavenham: industrial town [HD9861.8.L38 B475 1989]
- Merchant Class in Medieval London [HF3510.L8 T4 1962]
- The Castle in Medieval England and Wales [HN398.E5 B74 1995]

CANADIAN RESOURCE

- Politics of Nova Scotia, vol 1, 1710-1896 [F1038 .B39 1985]

FAMILY GENEALOGIES

- Yankee Clippers, Golden Slippers and more - genealogy of Robert Bennett who came to America in 1639 and participated in the establishment of Newport Rhode Island [CS71 .B469 1987a]
- A C Fridrich Karow and Auguste Rohrbeck Karow and their descendants [CS71.K169 2010]
- Kittredge Family in America [CS71.K6385 1936]
- Moir Genealogy and collateral lines [CS71.M82 1913]
- Wallace-Frierson and allied families [CS71.W22 1982]

CLASSES TO RESUME

The Fall Term of Genealogy Classes at the Fiske Library will resume on September 21. The full schedule will be outlined in the Fall 2011 issue (Volume 19, Number 1) of this newsletter. Mark your calendars!

No pre-registration is necessary.

NEW VOLUNTEERS!!

The Fiske Library has been very fortunate to welcome two new volunteers this summer.

Gretchen Furber is newly retired from the King County Library System and is available one Saturday every month.

Clare Livingston, a native of Buffalo, New York, has volunteered to assist with special projects. She comes to the Library on Mondays, as well as other days until projects are completed.

As a non-profit organization with no employees, our volunteers are what keep us running. Please consider joining us if you have time during the open hours posted on Page 7.

RESEARCH RESULTS

1. A recent visitor to the Library asked for help in identifying the significance of the graphic on a family tombstone.



The anchor was regarded as a symbol of safety and was adopted by Christians as a symbol of hope and steadfastness. The banner signifies National Order, Knights of Columbus.

2. Several Library patrons have begun research using Library computers. If you are working on the names below, please contact us for results:

Smith-Ladd	Burke-Cass
Comstock	Cook-Benjamin
ME Wallace	ME Schurtz
Marcy	Chandler Hicks

FOR PROMPT RESPONSES, PLEASE REMEMBER TO ADD RESEARCH NAMES IN THE SPACE PROVIDED WHEN SIGNING THE GUEST BOOK.

ON-LINE DATABASES AT ALLEN COUNTY LIBRARY

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

The Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, has been a destination for family history researchers for many years. The Genealogy Department is competently staffed, is widely supported with resources to keep their collections current, and their publication of PERSI has become an asset to every genealogist. Their on-line presence is growing with digitized books and records and a coverage area that goes beyond just Wayne County families.

Begin your exploration of the Allen County Library at the home page for the genealogy department: <http://www.genealogycenter.org/Home.aspx>. In the bar at the top of the page, choose the link to "databases." Two major divisions in the website are shown here: the Databases & Files and the On-Site Databases. Unless you are going to Fort Wayne, you will focus on the first category, since all of the on-site databases can only be accessed from within the library itself.

There is a large collection of Allen County, Indiana records, including an index of death records from the 1870's to the 1920's, transcriptions of cemetery and burial records, and there is an index to Fort Wayne and Allen County obituaries from 1841 to September 2010. There is a growing number of historical records for the local area as well, including digitized scrapbooks, township histories, and copies of early biographical works. Each collection is indexed and searchable.

There is a nice collection of Indiana Resources that goes well beyond just the immediate vicinity of Allen County. From the databases page, select the link to Indiana Resources.

The database on Indiana Orphans includes children who were raised by someone whose surname is different from that of the child, so it may include children who were adopted from an orphanage or raised by a relative with a different surname. The sources for entries in this database come from published county histories and from local genealogical society newsletters. The database gives the name of the child, the birthdate, the time period when with the foster family, and a specific citation where the relationship is documented. For example, Nathaniel Johnson (or Johnston) was living in the 1830's and 1840's with the John Burns family in Clinton County, Indiana and the source is cited as an entry in the Clinton County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Vol 4, no 3, published in Fall 1995.

There is a small database that identifies some 1420 Indiana soldiers who lost their lives in Europe during World War I. The search engine will return the soldiers' name, rank, cause of death and city of residence.

There is a larger database of pre-1882 Indiana deaths, which gives a surname, first (and maiden) name, data of death, county of death, names of father and mother, an explicit source of information, and occasionally additional notes. The state did not collect death information prior to 1882.

Another section of on-line archives is identified under the heading Other States Resources. There seems to be a strong emphasis on Maryland, Michigan and Virginia resources. Cemetery inscriptions, military records, and pension records are represented here. There are separate listings and search engines for War of 1812 Pensioners living in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Indiana. Many of the cemetery lists were created by volunteers, who subsequently submitted their results to Allen County Library to be used by other genealogical researchers. The Library has now created these searchable databases.

The final group of records is found under the heading of "Our Military Heritage," at <http://www.genealogycenter.info/military/>. It is organized by specific periods of conflict and appears in chronological order, from the Colonial Wars up to the Afghanistan and Iraqi Wars. There is a great deal of New England and Middle Atlantic state information here.

There is a searchable index to American Prisoners of War 1812-1815, listed in an entry book in Ottawa, Canada. The same volume has a list of American prisoners of war who died in the hospital in Dartmoor, England during that conflict. The search returns the name of the deceased, his home town in America, and the ship upon which he was captured.

Another interesting database in the Military section identifies volunteers and enlisted men and officers from the State of Vermont who were involved during the Spanish-American War in 1898. For example, Pvt. Nelson E. Bishop, Co. A, Rutland, died Sept. 13, 1898, at Orwell, of typhoid fever. From the name in the search results you can go to an image of the actual page in which the name appears.

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

THANK YOU!!

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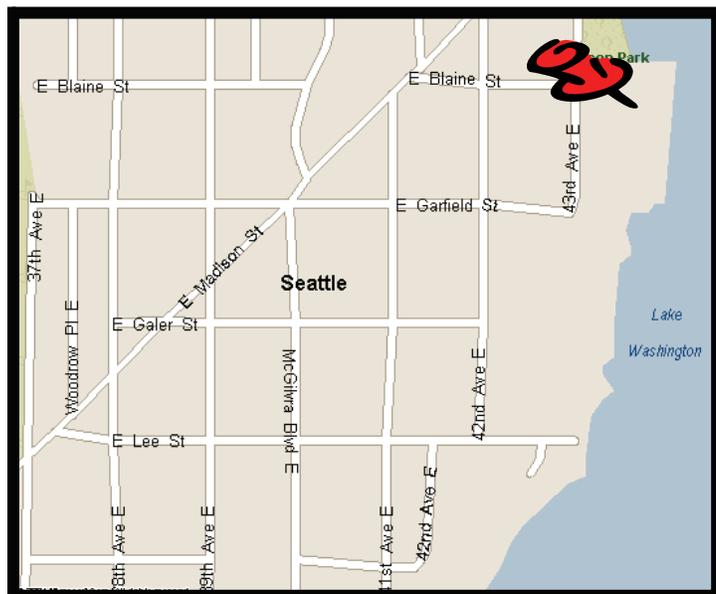


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- Drive east on E Madison Street to the third crosswalk after reduced speed zone of 25mph. The crosswalk has a yellow blinking light. A one-way street sign is on your right.
- Turn right and follow E Blaine Street to the end of the street.
- The Washington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