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KEEPING TRACK OF FAMILY SEARCH INDEXING

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

With thousands of volunteers across the globe now assisting in the transcription of the more than two million rolls of microfilm in Salt Lake City, it is important for genealogists to keep checking on the indexing updates being published on a regular basis by the LDS FamilySearch Indexing teams.

In the first eleven months of 2012, these volunteers helped make more than 249 million additional records searchable on the FamilySearch website. In the full 12 months of 2011, only 92.5 million records were published. (Since 2006, more than 400,000 volunteers have helped get these records ready for website.)

Even if you are not a volunteer actively doing indexing, you should keep aware of new additions being made to the FamilySearch website. Periodically check https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/FamilySearch_Indexing_Updates to see the latest list of newly published records.

On December 22, 2012, the list of “Recently released projects” included

- Alabama – County marriages 1809-1950 (Part D)
- Delaware – Statewide Deaths, 1955-1961
- Illinois – Maywood-Herald Obituary Card Index, 1885-2002
- Illinois – Pekin-Times Obituary Cards 1914-2007
- Indiana – Starke County Marriages 1811-1972
- Texas – Naturalization records (Federal Courts) – 1906-1985

The same report also shows releases of baptismal records from Peru 1644-1921, Civil Registration birth records from two towns in Italy, and civil registration index cards from Montevideo, Uruguay for 1900-1937.

Many of these releases do not contain the full set of data yet. So you can keep track of the periodic reports on the “project completion percentages.” On the same webpage, there is a report of “percentage completed” for 204 different projects currently in progress. For example, the West Virginia – Naturalization Records, 1814-1991 is 97.68% completed, but the Naturalization Card Index for New York City, 1792-1906 (Part B) is only 11.78% completed. If you are using a database and not finding a successful hit, it may be that dataset is only a small fraction of the records to be digitized for that specific project. You can find a list of all projects being indexed at https://indexing.familysearch.org/projtab/current_projects.jsf. (Continued on page 9)

LONG-LOST CIVIL WAR FLAG

Contributed by Gretchen Furber

Brent Peterson, Executive Director of the Washington County Historical Society (Minnesota) is looking for a handmade flag created for a hometown Company at the beginning of The Civil War. All 94 Company C officers were from Stillwater, MN, and Peterson wants to donate the flag to Warden’s House Museum there.

In late 1862, the ladies of Oak Park and Baytown, Minnesota crafted “a silken flag valued at \$70” for their young Washington County Union Army (Company C, 8th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. Peterson has no idea what the flag looks like -- no known photos exist. But it might resemble a U.S. flag of the time with 34 stars, and have a "C" and "8" or "8th Minnesota Infantry" stitched in it somewhere, similar to the Minnesota flag pictured below.



Courtesy Minnesota Historical Society

In 1863, the Regiment’s first assignment was Fort Abercrombie, North Dakota during the “Dakota Wars.” <http://thisweekinthecivilwar.com/>

In 1864, Company C became a part of the Army of the Cumberland in TN & NC (later Sherman’s March), occupying Raleigh, NC at the end of the War.

In 1905, on the 40th Anniversary of the War’s end, survivors of Company C held their first reunion and started searching for the flag.

In 1907, a newspaper article mentioning Washington State, northern Wisconsin and Bayport last mentioned the flag.

What are the chances that this flag is in Washington State?

The last surviving men of Company C were:

James Mulvey – born in England

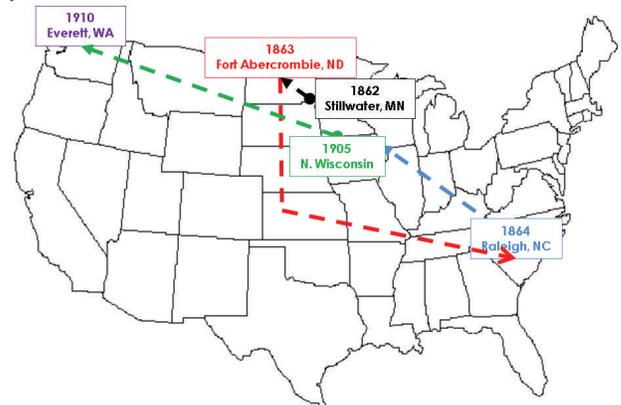
Hermann Heiforth - Prussian

William Hamilton – died in Tennessee

John Blake – died in Mellen, WI in Ashland County

Horace Voligny – the last living member, lived and died in Minnesota. His 2 sons, Oliver and Henry, however, moved to Everett, WA by 1910.

Oliver’s grandson Mike reported in 2012 that he does not have it.



If you have any clues about the long-lost Civil War flag of Company C, 8th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment, please contact Brent Peterson at the Washington County Historical Society, P.O. Box 167, Stillwater, MN 55082. Phone: 651-439-5956. E-mail brent.peterson@wchsmn.org.

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MAPS OF SCOTLAND

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

The National Library of Scotland (NLS) has a website devoted to high-resolution maps with zoomable images at <http://maps.nls.uk> and offers an excellent resource for the genealogist. There are over 48,000 maps in the on-line collection.



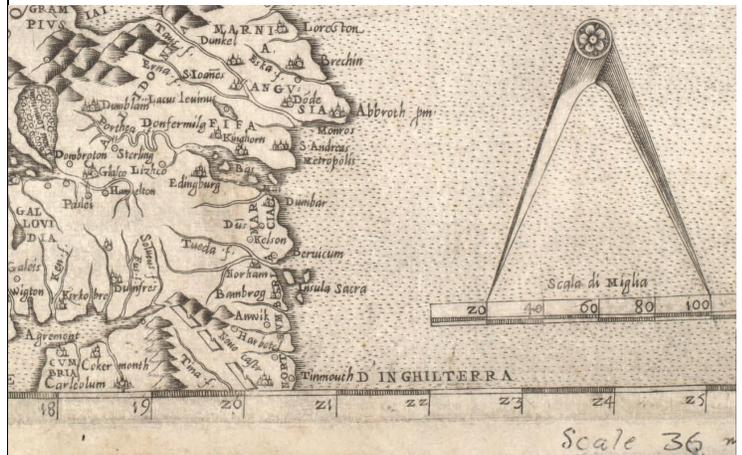
You can search "by place" if you know the name of a particular town or area of interest or you may browse by category. The collection is divided into categories like maps of Scotland, county maps, town plans and views, series maps, coasts of Scotland, military maps, and estate maps.

The series maps category covers maps published between 1795 and 1961 and is accessible at <http://maps.nls.uk/series/index.html>. The choice of maps is great - from one inch to the mile to 25 inch per mile resolutions sorted by year of publication. The Ordnance Survey maps and air photo mosaic maps are also included in the list. The 25 inch to the mile series published between 1855 and 1882 consisted of over 13,000 sheets. A second edition began in 1892 and subsequent mapping up to 1949 offers a further collection of over 17,460 sheets.

For some map series there are supplementary text pages that are also available for reading on line. NLS also offers hard copy versions of some of the maps for purchase, but the images on-line are free to browse.

Town maps and views are another important collection for family history research. Although there are maps from as early as the 1580's for Edinburgh

and St Andrews and 1661 for Aberdeen, it was not until the late 1700's that other towns began to have clear maps prepared. Between 1818 and 1826, about 50 plans of Scottish towns were published by John Wood. Explore the Town Plans 1580-1919 section of this collection at <http://maps.nls.uk/towns/index.html>.



The NLS utilizes LizardTech* technology for quick downloads and easy magnification of images in your browser. There is even an app from the iTunes store to permit viewing on the iPhone and the iPad.

The earliest map in the collection is dated 1558 (pictured above), and contains instruction for ordering and/or printing.

* Compression software and tools for geographic data, document management, and web distribution. www.lizardtech.com

INTERLIBRARY LOANS

Contributed by Joan Wilson

The Fiske Library has successfully shared its unique book collection by loaning 31 books during 2012 to public, private, and university libraries in 16 states and Canada through the OCLC Interlibrary Loan service. As a nonprofit organization, The Fiske Genealogical Library must charge a fee to cover mailing and its participation in the program.

However, many requests have been filled at no charge by the work of volunteers in scanning sections and sending electronically, consistent with copyright regulations.

WINTER CLASS INSTRUCTORS

Contributed by Karl Kumm

This winter the focus of the classes at The Fiske Genealogy Library will be on computer techniques. Each aspect in this study and its presenter is discussed below.

- The five classes which **Gary Zimmerman**, Director of The Fiske Genealogical Library, will be teaching this term are all related to little-known computer-driven resources. As a part of this study, he will discuss French Genealogy on February 27.
- **Claire Smith**, a Certified Genealogist, leads a Computer group at the Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society on the second Friday of the month. She will update Fiske patrons on the fundamentals of on-line computer tools for genealogy.
- **Karl Kumm**, Education Director for The Fiske Library, will discuss in detail government records of the federal relief program Works Progress Administration (WPA) and how to access digital records from 1935—1943.
- **David Brazier**, Technical Director to The Fiske Library and Officer of The Pioneers of the State of Washington, will lead an in-depth exploration into the resources which can be uncovered using various computer programs and websites.
- **Carol Buswell** is a professional archival education specialist at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) at Seattle. She will review the topic “American History Digitized,” which she teaches as an on-line class at George Mason University. PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL DIRECTIONS BELOW FOR THIS CLASS ONLY.
- **Mary Kozy**, who has a website hosted by Rootsweb (<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~marykozy/>) will explain genealogy gadgets for the 21st Century.

Each class lasts from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There is a slide presentation with handouts for notes. Wi-fi is available and computers are welcome. The \$5 cost per class is payable at the beginning of the class and includes research time at the Fiske Library until closing. Annual patrons can be prepaid.

THE NARA CLASSROOM VISIT

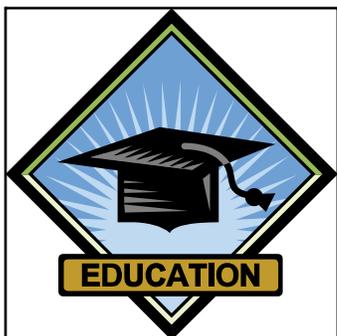
Please register in advance for attendance at the off-site class at the National Archives Seattle on March 6 by providing contact information to one of the sources below:

- Clipboard on Registration Counter at Fiske
- Contact Karl Kumm at 206-860-4151 or k.kumm@comcast.net
- Call 206-328-2716 during Fiske Library operating hours
- PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT NARA DIRECTLY

NARA is located on the second floor of the Archives Building at 6125 Sand Point Way NE. For Metro bus information, check www.triplanner.kingcounty.gov,

Please indicate whether you are interested in carpooling. Parking is free at this facility.

Outside societies are welcome to join the Fiske Class. Please register your group with Fiske for head count by calling 206-328-2716.



WINTER 2013 CLASS THEME: COMPUTER SECRETS

***DUE TO
CONSTRUCTION
IN FISKE LIBRARY,***

All classes will be held from 10:00 am to 12 Noon in Pioneer Hall at 1642 43rd Avenue E. in Seattle (above the Fiske Library).

Tuition is \$5 per class or \$35 per quarter. An annual library pass with educational privileges is \$85.

Winter 2013	Topic	Instructor
Wednesday January 16	Finding Your Gold with Google	Gary Zimmerman
Wednesday January 23	Basic Computer Use & Genealogy	Claire Smith
Wednesday January 30	Calendars and Time in Genealogical Research	Gary Zimmerman
Thursday February 7**	FDR's Gift to Genealogy—The WPA	Karl Kumm
Wednesday February 13	Surname Searching	Gary Zimmerman
Wednesday February 20	Expert Searches in Library Catalogs and FirstSearch	David Brazier
Wednesday February 27	French Genealogy	Gary Zimmerman
Wednesday March 6	Fold3 and the NARA Website <u>SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 4</u>	Carol Buswell NARA Sand Point Classroom
Wednesday March 13	Michigan Genealogical Research	Gary Zimmerman
Wednesday March 20	Genealogy Gadgets for the Twenty-First Century	Mary Kozy

**** Please note change to a Thursday Meeting**

FISKE LIBRARY—RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Newly acquired books are processed by cataloging, entering the Fiske Library holding information into WorldCat, affixing ownership barcodes to bound books (on the back cover and on the title page). Once they are finally on the shelving in the library, they appear in our “acquisitions list” in the Newsletter. Library of Congress call numbers [in square brackets below] will quickly lead you to the material on the shelf at the Fiske Library. If the LC number is followed by PAWA, the book must be retrieved from other library collections within the building. Ask a volunteer for assistance.

NEW ENGLAND

- West Parish Meetinghouse built 1717 in West Barnstable MA [BX7255.M37 B376 1959]
- History of Kingston NH 1694-1994 [F44.K47 H57 1994]
- Winthrop Fleet - Massachusetts Bay Company immigrants to New England 1629-1630 [F67 .A53 2012]
- Vital Records of Athol MA [F74.A87 V83 1910]
- Barnstable at 350 [CT] [F74.B14 B63 1989]
- Brief History of East Haddam CT [F104.E15 S7 1977]
- Marriages in Goshen CT [F104.G6 H5 1984]
- An address delivered before the Tolland County Historical Society at Tolland CT 1861 (on the early history of Tolland) [F104.T6 W2 1986]
- Old Houses on Nantucket [NA7238.N3 D8 1986]

MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES

- Alive in the spirit since 1813: the Arcade NY United Church of Christ, Congregational [BX9886.Z7 A7383 1990]
- Men from Morris County, New Jersey, who served in the American Revolution [E263.N5 H64 1979]
- Historic Utica - four walking tours in the scenic and historic districts [F129.U8 H58 1996]

SOUTHERN STATES

- Pictorial History of Brewton (AL) [F332.B74 P53 1998]
- Ozar'Kin: the people who settled the Missouri Ozarks (Quarterly serial 8 years complete Spr 1999 - Win 2006) [F472.O9 O9]
- South Carolina County Maps [G1306.P2 P8 1994]
- Tennessee County Maps [G1336.P2 P8 1988]

UPPER MIDWESTERN STATES

- Warren County's Involvement in the Civil War (OH) [F497.W2 B64 1991]
- Tombstone Inscriptions in Wayne County (IN) Vol II [F532.W5 Y68]
- Township Map of Jo-Daviess County (IL) [G1408.J6]
- Township Map of Kendall County (IL) [G1408.K4]
- Township Map of Livingston County (IL) [G1408.L6]
- Township Map of Perry County (IL) [G1408.P4]

WESTERN STATES & PROVINCES

- Far Western Frontiers [F591 .C365 1972]
- A new significance - re-envisioning the history of the American West [F591 .N47 1996 PAWA]
- Women's Voices from the Oregon Trail [F597 .B975 1993 DPSE]
- Voyages of Enlightenment: Malaspina on the Northwest coast 1701-1792 [F851.5 .V3 1977]
- California Historical Society Quarterly Dec 1956 - Sep 1962 [F857 .C25]
- San Jose - California's First City [F869.S394 B44 1980]
- St. Paul, Oregon 1830-1890 [F884.S17 M34 1980 PAWA]
- Clark County (WA) Pioneers - a centennial salute [F897.C6 H37 1989]
- Civil War veterans buried in Stevens County (WA) [F897.S9 M39 2007]
- Brief Historical Sketch of Port Townsend (WA) [F899.P85 W4 1965]

FISKE LIBRARY—RECENT ACQUISITIONS, CONT'D.

- Many Tender Ties - women in fur-trade society, 1670-1870 (Western Canada) [F1060 .V36 1983]
- Vancouver's Past (BC Canada) [F1089.5.V22 H84 1974]
- *The Spires*, Gonzaga University 1997 annual [LD2001.G65 S65]
- Island Timber - a social history of the Comox Logging Company (Vancouver Island) [SD538.3.C2 M34 2000]

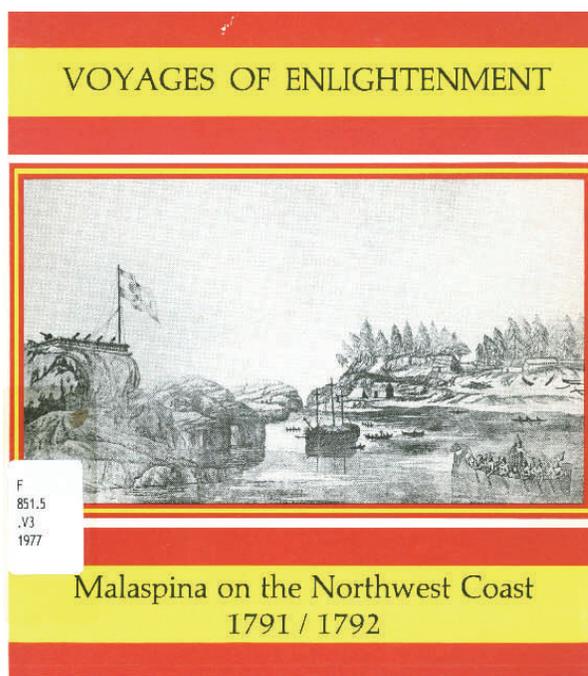
PUBLISHED AMERICAN GENEALOGIES

- Buffum Family, Vol II [CS71.B9294 1975]
- The Lillibridges of the world [CS71.L728 1994]
- Supplement One to The Lillibridges of the world [CS71.L78 1994 Suppl.]
- The Swartwout chronicles 1338-1899 and the Ketelhuyn Chronicles 1451-1899 [CS71.S974 1899x]
- Reflections along the wayside of life (biographical work of Judge J.T. Ronald of the Shoreline WA area) [CT275.R773 R66 2003 PAWA]
- Book of Distinguished American Women - new, revised edition [CT3260 .W5 2003]
- More than petticoats - remarkable Washington women [CT3262.W27 B73 1998 DPSE]

RESOURCES FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

- The Old World and the New 1492-1650 [CB401 .E43 1970]
- Heraldry for the local historian and genealogist [CR21 .F75 1997]
- Visiting your ancestral town [CS14 .S36 2010]
- Who Do You Think You Are? - essential guide to tracing your family history [CS16 .S646 2009]
- Bellevue-Redmond LDS Family History Expo 2012 [CS2 .B45 v. 12]
- United Empire Loyalists - guide to tracing Loyalist ancestors in Upper Canada [CS83 .M4777 2006]

- Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Poland [CS873 .F54 2007]
- Particular Places: an introduction to English local history [DA1 .L483 1989]
- Württemberg Place Name Indexes [DD801.W625 M56 2000]
- Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Germany and Austria [DS135.G3 G85 2001]
- O'ahu Cemetery - burial ground and historic site [DU629.O33 P87 1998]
- Who was who in the Civil War [E467 .W46 1995]
- America in 1876 - the way we were [E661 .W47 1976]
- The Times Atlas of the World - Mid-Century Edition 5 vols [G1019 .T652 1955b]
- AA Big Road Atlas Britain 9th Edition [G1812.21.P2 A8835 1990]
- Changes in the land - Indians, colonists and the ecology of New England [GF504.N45 C76 1983]
- George Washington's Revolutionary Marshals [HV8144.M37 V53 2004]
- Victorian Comfort: social history of design from 1830-1900 [N6450 .G5 1961]
- LINGUA English-Norwegian/Norwegian-English dictionary [PD2691 .L56 2003]



GENEALOGY AND THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

The Library of Congress (LOC) is a remarkable resource for anyone doing genealogical or local history research. The LOC has over 21 million catalogued books and over 109 million items in the non-classified (special) collections. The collection includes more than 60,000 genealogies from around the world and more than 100,000 local histories from the United States. Many of the genealogy holdings were self-published and contributed to the LOC by the authors themselves. The LOC collection does not collect primary sources such as state, county or church records.

A good introduction to these resources can be found on the website for the Local History and Genealogy Reading Room at <http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy>. Even if you never go to Washington DC, this site will offer considerable resources to your research. In the upper left hand corner of this webpage, link on the “Tours and Research Orientations” heading, and find links to three videos. Select the one entitled “Pursuing your Family History in the Library of Congress.”

This 48-minute presentation, narrated by James P Sweany, head of the Local History and Genealogy Reading Room, offers an excellent introduction to what is held in the LOC collections and what is excluded from the collections. It includes a short instruction on how to most effectively use the on-line LOC catalog for finding genealogical resources. It also introduces you to bibliographies and research guides that have been prepared by LOC staff to locate digital resources on a state-by-state basis.

The Library of Congress will allow some materials to be available through interlibrary loan program and the video shows what you could expect to get through this program. Then you learn about the Sloan Foundation’s gift to the LOC to finance the scanning of books at LOC and publishing them as electronic files available at the Internet Archive at www.archive.org. So far, 65,000 titles have been scanned from the general genealogy collection (CS spine labels, US local histories (F below 1000) and US History (E). This last category includes works in American history, civil war regimental histories, African American history and Indians of North America.

Civil War Diaries and Personal Narratives

1960–1994

A SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY
OF BOOKS IN THE GENERAL COLLECTIONS
OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

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Albert E. Smith, Jr.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS WASHINGTON • 1998



Private Achille Ferris, Company H, 8th Texas Cavalry

91. HENRY GERRISH, 1839–1925

Letter to Lyman : the personal letter of a Civil War Soldier to his grandson, Walter Lyman Medding, recounting his wartime experiences / by Henry Gerrish ; edited, published, and printed by Walter Sherman Medding ; introd. and geneal. chart by Richard Steele Medding. — [Springfield, Va.] : Medding, 1978. — 38 p. — [2] leaves of plates : ill. E523.5 7th.G47 1978

No span of coverage discernible.



Company B, 170th New York Infantry, in Front of Petersburg, Virginia

The video also introduces you to the Microfilm Reading Room at LOC and the collection of American city directories. The American Memory Collection is described in detail, as is the Chronicling America project with its digital copies of early newspapers.

After you have viewed the video, explore more of the genealogy and local history website. Look at the new database of telephone and city directories by location and year. Look at the section on bibliographies and guides prepared by LOC staff at http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/bib_guid/bibguide.html.

The Ask A Librarian page at <http://www.loc.gov/rr/askalib/> can be particularly useful. You can find an interesting list of digital resources for individual state histories at <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/statememory/>.

EFFECTIVE SEARCHING AT INTERNET ARCHIVE

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

If you are interested in locating digital books from the Library of Congress that have been posted at www.archive.org under the auspices of the Sloan Foundation grant, go to the “advanced search” page at the internet archive website. The link is just to the right of the search box near the top of the homepage. On the advanced search page, drop down to the “Custom Field” dropdown options. In one custom field drop-down menu select SPONSOR and then enter SLOAN FOUNDATION. In a second custom field drop-down list select CONTRIBUTOR and then enter LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. These two entries will limit your search to the works added under the Sloan grant.

Now at the top of the page enter the topic that you want to research. For example, if you enter the word OREGON and then hit the enter tab, you will get a list of 175 books about Oregon that are fully available in digital format for free.

KEEPING TRACK, CONT'D.

An alternative place to keep track of FamilySearch indexing is found on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/familysearchindexing. It is necessary to sign up for Facebook to access this data. Comments are visible without it.

Genealogy in Time is a Canadian on-line newsletter that is free and each issue highlights new genealogical databases posted on-line. You will find it at www.genealogyintime.com. This publication also lists newly posted resources from many other countries and states. Their postings are quite clear about which databases are free and which require a subscription. You can add the Genealogy in Time newsletter to your blog reader or get on their mailing list and receive their periodic issues in your e-mail. If this is a new source, I highly recommend it to you.

Those interested in volunteering to index records can take a “test drive” at <https://indexing.familysearch.org/newuser/testdrive/testdrive.jsf>.

GENEALOGY BLOGGING

Contributed by Joan Wilson

Blogs (short for weblogs) are in fact journals of opinions and information. Bloggers are persons who write blogs. Blogger services are web services for publishing blogs.

The website at <http://blogfinder.genealogue.com/> is a good starting point for genealogy bloggers. It is currently tracking 1,783 genealogy blogs and sorting them by recent activity, geographic locations, and new sites.

Most good quality blogs are interactive, allowing visitors to leave comments and even message each other. These comments are mostly opinions and rarely contain new data.

You can search for a blog on a specific topic in the blog directory or you can search for a specific term in all of the blog posts that have been included in the BlogFinder database.

ITALIAN INDEXING GUIDE

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

The FamilySearch indexing projects described elsewhere in this issue rely on capable volunteers to do the indexing work. The program has developed some very useful training guides which are found on the FamilySearch website. Although designed for instruction the indexers, they can be accessed by anyone. For example, the Italian Indexing Guide for the Births past 1875 project has a four page guide at <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/italian-indexing-resource/>.

The photo of a typical post-1875 birth record in Italy identifies the specific elements that were required by law for the record and the remainder of the guide teaches about the numbers, the format used by the Italian authorities and has an excellent guide to reading Italian handwriting during that era. You don't have to commit to being a transcriber to open and save the .pdf file for the guide.

FISKE LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Wednesday	Noon to 6:00 pm-EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1
Thursday	1:00 pm to 6:00 pm-EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1
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

OUR APPRECIATION FOR BOOK DONATIONS

We appreciate the contributions by the following supporters of the Fiske Library. Since the last newsletter, the following donated titles have been catalogued and added to the collections on the shelves. There often is a lag between the date of the actual donation and the completion of the cataloguing, book repair, and placement in the active collection. Each of these titles may be located through the WorldCat catalog, available from the home page of the Fiske Library website.

Carolyn Blount	Kathy Durgan	Maureen McDonald	Tillicum Chapter
Laurie Clark	Judith Evenson	Mary Peters	WSSDAR
David Douglas Chapter	Judith Gunderson	Daniel Peterson	Jimi Vernie
WSSDAR	Judith Kumm	Lynn Pittier	Sandra Warren
Valerie Davis	Clare Livingston	Martha Richards	Gary A. Zimmerman

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plus Full Year Seminar Series

(30 sessions) \$85

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FINDING A VETERAN'S GRAVE

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

If your family had a veteran of an American war, it is possible that he was buried in a national military cemetery or in a private cemetery with a military marker placed on the grave. The US Veterans Administration has a nation-wide gravesite locator database at <http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/index.html>. The database includes burials in the VA National Cemeteries, in the various State Veteran Cemeteries, in several other military and Department of the Interior cemeteries and in some private cemeteries where government-sponsored grave markers have been placed.

Burials in Arlington National Cemetery are registered in a separate database at <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/GravesiteLocator/GravesiteLocator.aspx>. This site offers satellite imagery to show you the exact location of a specific grave and a clear picture of the marker on the site. If you intend to visit Arlington, the site will give you specific walking instructions to get from the front gate to the grave and the path is also presented as an overlay on the satellite image of the cemetery. All of the same information is available with an app for your mobile phone or digital notepad.

If your American veteran was killed and buried overseas, you should use the American Battle Monuments Commission website at <http://www.abmc.gov/home.php>. The ABMC manages 24 overseas military cemeteries and has 25 other markers and monuments for American service men who lost their lives. The Commission is primarily concerned with World War I and World War II burials. They have about 125,000 burials and another 94,000 individuals who are commemorated on the Tablets of the Missing.

They also have some Korean War veterans in their database. When you find a veteran listed in this search, you may also get a sketch of their military career.

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

 **The Korean War Honor Roll**

Michael F. Zimmerman

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Born 1927

Sergeant First Class, U.S. Army
Service Number 13198560
Killed in Action
Died September 2, 1950 in Korea

Sergeant First Class Zimmerman was a member of the 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. He was Killed in Action while fighting the enemy in South Korea on September 2, 1950. Sergeant First Class Zimmerman was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

 **THE WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL**

Dale E. Zimmerman

Seaman, Second Class, U.S. Navy

Service # 9418061

United States Naval Reserve

Entered the Service from: Ohio
Died: 19-Mar-45
Missing in Action or Buried at Sea
Tablets of the Missing at Honolulu Memorial
Honolulu, Hawaii

Awards: Purple Heart - Buried at Sea

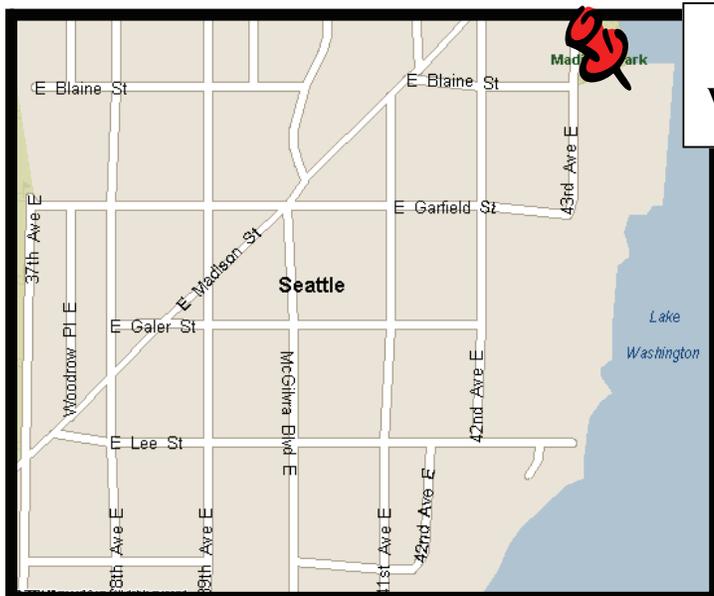


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