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## FAMILY BIBLE COLLECTION AT TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES



Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

Tennessee State Library offers an online collection of 1500 family bibles. In a state that never required registration of births until 1908, this might be a useful resource. Remember that entries in a family bible are not always made close to the time of the event being recorded and may be subject to error.

You'll find these digital copies at <http://tnsos.net/TSLA/Bibleproject/>. Not all of the copies have reproduced with great clarity, but the information is there!

For example, on the marriages page of the Daniel 2.pdf document, we find a clear statement: "H. Clay Daniel to Lizzie G Brown, was married October 29th A.D. 1868, at the residence of her father, Robert A. Brown, of Cap County, Missouri, 3 mi. northwest of Harrisonville.

The next entry relates that Pearl Daniel was married on Jan. 13, 1892 to Austin Heaton Merrill in Harrisonville, Mo., at the residence of H. Clay Daniel.

The Births page in the same document begins with the Children of H. Clay and Elizabeth G. Daniel: Pearl Daniel was born at 5 o'clock and 30 minutes P.M. September 1st A.D. 1869 at Wayside Rest. The list continues on for seven more children to January 1888.

The following page begins to list the grandchildren of H. Clay and Elizabeth G. Daniels born between 1893 and 1923, with events in Nashville, Galveston, Joplin, Columbia TN, Harrisonville MO, and Bay St Louis.

## GENEALOGICAL "FACT SHEETS" FOR TENNESSEE COUNTIES

The Tennessee State Library and Archives website also has a section devoted to genealogical "fact sheets" for each county in the state at <http://www.tn.gov/tsla/history/county/factcounty.htm>.

Sorted alphabetically, you will find a list of records available on-line or by contact with the State Library or by way of requesting an inter-library loan to your local library for microfilm reels of data. The fact sheets begin with a listing of selected county histories, a second list of published local records for that county, an online inventory of local records for a given county that are on microfilm, and a listing of reels of microfilm available to you through interlibrary loan from the Tennessee Archives to your local library.

The Davidson County deed indexes from 1784-1871 are available via interlibrary loan, as are marriages from 1789 to 1863 and will books from 1784 to 1865. Similar listings are available for each county in the state. The list ends with a series of manuscript collections that are available at the archives with a detailed finding aid for each individual collection.

## LOCAL LIBRARIES IN YOUR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

There will come a time in every family research project when you should consult the local public (or private) library in the vicinity of where your ancestors were living. Many local libraries develop and retain archival files about the families in their service area. These resources often are never published to a wider audience. The local librarians however can often assist you in accessing this material.

In communities where there is an active historical society or genealogical society, there may be a collaborative effort between the society and the local library that makes even more local family information available. In larger cities, there may even be an opportunity for finding on-line information from these collaborative ventures.

The Spokane Public Library is a good example of this. On the second floor of the main library in downtown Spokane is located the Ned M. Barnes Northwest Room, which collects materials on the history of the "Inland Pacific Northwest." There are over 13,000 items about northwest history in this collection and many of them now can be viewed online. For example, there are now over 200 yearbooks from Spokane high schools available at <http://beta.spokanelibrary.org/yearbooks/>. The books can be viewed in your browser, or downloaded as a .pdf file or read in your Kindle or Adobe Digital Reader. There are over 1,000 other items from the digital collections online at <http://www.spokanelibrary.org/index.php?page=digicol>.

Some libraries place only an index of their holdings online and ask you to request the details that will aid your specific research task. The website of the Dayton Metro Library in Dayton, Ohio, offers a Dayton Obituaries Index at <http://www.daytonmetrolibrary.org/hobits-search>. The Index contains basic information on obituaries and death notices appearing in Dayton newspapers 1850-1890, 1903-1913, 1920-1931, 1951-1957, 1985-present, and additional years are being added to the index daily. Full-text obituaries are not available online, but you

can request a copy by returning an online form, by calling the library on the telephone or sending an e-mail to a specific department at the library.

A search for Zimmerman entries in this database for the year 1912 yields 17 entries for 9 specific deaths. The same death may appear on several consecutive days in one or more of the local newspapers and there may be both a short death notice and a longer obituary story with more details of the person's life. The response from your search query will give the name of the deceased, the newspaper name, the specific date of publication, and the details of its location in that day's issue (volume, issue, page, and column of the information). There is a brief synopsis of the information in the article giving date of death, age at time of death, location of the death, place of birth if given in the article, details of immigration if given, and place of burial. That gives enough information to let you know if it will be worthwhile to request a copy of the original article from the Dayton librarians. (Ancestry.com has copied this database and notes that they offer it to their subscribers, but they are not responsible for the quality of the information. It appears to be exactly the same information as found on the current website at the library.)

In Oregon, the Medford Public Library redirects you to the local Jackson County Genealogy Library, which is operated by the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society at <http://www.rvgslibrary.org/>. Here you will find separate databases on vital records, pioneer settler records, land records, obituaries, court records, memorials, family records, and cemetery information for the entire county. The Land Record section alone offers a place-names database for all areas within the county, a deed index for the years 1853-1899, and a database of all 6,268 land patent claims. (For \$10.00 you can purchase all abstracts for one name from this last database.)



## Early Oregonians Database

Contributed by Cindy Walton

A new research resource is now available in celebration of 150 years of statehood of Oregon. The early Oregonians database is a project intended to document all people who lived in Oregon prior to 1860. This includes information from census, death, probate and other records.

There are over 103,000 entries so the databases continue to grow as more data is reviewed.

The initial information comes from 1850 and 1860 federal censuses for Oregon. Volunteers and student interns reviewed the information and combined entries that appeared on both censuses. The 1850 census for Oregon Territory included what became Washington Territory in 1853. People living in or born in that part of the Oregon Territory prior to 1853 were included in this database as Early Oregonians. As later census information was available online, staff searched for individuals who meet the Early Oregonian criteria and added additional information and people.

Various records from the Oregon State Archives such as probate records, death certificates and marriage records were also searched to identify people who appeared to meet the criteria. As additional features of the database become available, researchers will be able to view a list of associated records for individuals and request copies from the Archives.

Additional information in the profiles comes from numerous sources. The source field in some profiles includes references to secondary sources and publications. Family tree data from various websites is also included.

You can search for Early Oregonians at the Oregon Secretary of State online at <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/prs/personProfileSearch.do?earlyOregonian=true&searchReset=true>

To begin, enter a name, either first or last. At least one character is required in a name field and the application cannot search for middle names. The database displays the results as an exact match unless a wildcard character is used.

After the search criteria are entered, click on search and the database shows the search results in a list. Click on the hyperlinked name and the database takes you to the Person Profile. This page represents all the information that is gathered on this particular

individual. The Person Profile also lists any additional information, such as associated records and federal census records, in their own tabs. State census records are displayed in the associated records tab. You can also navigate between Person Profiles by clicking the "Next" and "Previous" links or use the page numbers at the top of the page. The database will only display 20 results per page. Clicking on the numbered pages will navigate through the search results.

A location can also be used in searching. Only one county can be selected. The list includes all current Oregon counties plus additional counties of Champoeg, Clark, Island, King, Lewis, Pacific, Pierce, Thurston, Tuality and Vancouver.

A wildcard character (\*) can be used along with at least two other characters. For example, searching for Smith as the last name and Jo\* for the first name will return all the people with the last name of Smith and contains Jo in the first name. The wildcard can be used on either the first or last name.

Three special characters can also be used in the search: the apostrophe ('), dash (-), and space ( ).

The Early Oregonians Index is also available at [ancestry.com](https://ancestry.com). The information provided is an overview of the data contained at the URL of the website. Click on the words to the right of the URL that says 'View Website'. A pop-up window will appear. Choose the orange button that is labeled 'Open website'. This will open a new window at the Oregon Secretary of State website. This site has additional information that is not listed on the [ancestry.com](https://ancestry.com) site.

Under 'Person Profile' there may be information on mother and father. Date and place of marriage may be available as well as associated records. Associated persons may also be listed with identified relationships. Lastly, all censuses are listed.

If you have ancestors who migrated to Oregon prior to statehood and through 1860, this is a good source to fill in the gaps of your research. One caveat: note the citations at the bottom of the page: if the record accessed is from findagrave, the information may not be completely reliable but this will give you a good place to start looking for additional information.

## FOREMOTHERS OF OUR COUNTRY: WOMEN IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Contributed by Michele Genthon

If asked to contribute names of women who were critical to the American Revolution, we might first think of **Betsy Ross** who sewed the American flag that spurred on the Patriots or **Abigail Adams** whose letters to her husband encouraged him to “remember the ladies.” Women did more than sew and support their husbands in the Revolutionary War, however, but few of them are extolled in the history books.

We all learned in school that Paul Revere rode around the countryside warning Patriots that “The British are coming,” but few of us learned that **Sybil Ludington** did the same thing. The only difference was that this sixteen-year old girl rode twice as far as Revere.

Many women contributed to the war effort. They defied their husbands and used their gender against the enemy:

**Mary Murray**’s husband supported the British but Mary sided with the Patriots. When she heard the British would entrap retreating Americans, she invited the British officers to tea and delayed them long enough for the American troops to escape.

**Hannah Arnett** heard some of the Patriots were considering joining the British. She burst uninvited into their meeting and proclaimed them cowards. Her threat to abandon her marriage if her husband left the cause persuaded

her husband to speak in favor of the Patriots and prevail.

**Nancy Hart**, not pleased when forced to cook for some British soldiers, killed two of them with their own muskets. She also disguised herself as a crazy man and wandered through a British camp gathering intelligence.

Other women engaged in espionage:

**Prudence Wright** with several women of Groton, Massachusetts, dressed in their husbands’ clothes, waylaid a British soldier on a bridge and removed secret messages from his pocket for the local Patriots.

**Elizabeth Geiger** carried a message for the Patriots, but was stopped by British soldiers. While they sent for women to perform a search of her person, she memorized the message, ate it, and delivered the message by heart.

**Lydia Darragh**, a Quaker, heard the British plan a surprise attack on George Washington. Rationalizing that too many would be hurt if she did nothing, she slipped into Washington’s camp to warn him.

Women even fought as soldiers:

**Deborah Sample**, known as “America’s First Woman Warrior” disguised herself as a man and, when discovered, simply re-enlisted in another unit under another man’s name.

**Margaret Corbin** loaded cannons for her husband. When he was mortally wounded, she took his place and was herself wounded. She is buried at the United States Military Academy.

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**Mary Ludwig Hays**, another woman who took her husband's place, was also known as "Molly Pitcher," because she had provided water to the soldiers in her husband's unit.

When **Catherine Moore Barry** learned that General Cornwallis would soon overrun General Morgan's troops, she slipped down short cuts and trails around Cowpens, South Carolina, rounding up more Patriots to join—and win—the battle. A county in Georgia is named for her, as is War Woman Creek.

The bravery, patriotism, and ingenuity of these women, and doubtless many more, led to the creation of this country. Any of us would be proud to claim them as ancestors.

**Looking for a fun and busy  
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We are currently in need of people with the following experience and skills or the desire to volunteer in a fun and fulfilling environment!

- ◆ Computer experience
- ◆ Housekeeping & maintaining supplies
- ◆ Dusting and straightening book shelves
- ◆ Listing surplus books
- ◆ Assignments such as indexing
- ◆ Mailing operation-including packaging and delivering books

Please contact Gary Zimmerman or Mary Peters for additional information.

## FINDING A LOCAL LIBRARY

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

Wikipedia maintains a useful tabulation of U.S. State Libraries and Archives at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_U.S.\\_state\\_libraries\\_and\\_archives](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_libraries_and_archives) and many states keep a list of all public libraries within their state. In some states it will be under the State Library and in others it will be a function of the State Archive.

The Arizona State Library maintains a directory of libraries across the state at <http://www.azlibrary.gov/library-directory>. Each library is designated as one of eight different categories. You can search for all libraries or narrow your search to one category – such as “public libraries.” This leads to one long webpage with an alphabetical list of the public libraries, their address, key telephone number, and live link to their webpage.

The State Library of Delaware maintains a contact list for all libraries in the state at <http://lib.de.us/list-of-libraries/> and also has a map where each library is flagged in a color that indicates the type of library at a given location. Public libraries are blue, academic and school libraries are green, and special libraries are red.

In Georgia, there is a Public Library Service at <http://www.georgialibraries.org/directories/publiclibdir.php> which gives you access to libraries in every county in the state. In Bibb County, you quickly locate the Genealogical and Historical Room in the Washington Memorial Library in Macon, Georgia, with a website at <http://www.bibbib.org/genealogy-archives/>.

Not every state is so well organized that you can find a common list of public libraries, but you will still find individual communities with a public library that can offer you assistance with your family history research.



## Fiske Genealogical Foundation

### Winter 2015 Classes

#### *Tools and Resources*

All classes are scheduled from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

2015	TOPIC	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION
Wednesday, January 21	Maps as Tools for the Genealogist	Gary Zimmerman	Pioneer Hall 1642 43rd Ave. E. Seattle, WA 98112
Wednesday, January 28	WorldCat Discovery	Dave Brazier	Pioneer Hall
Thursday, February 5	Electronic Note-Taking: OneNote and Evernote <b>(note: different day of week)</b>	Laurie Clark & Jim Sipe	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday, February 11	Primary or Secondary? Understanding Your Sources	Karen Sipe	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday, February 18	Finding Manuscript & Archive Collections	Gary Zimmerman	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday, February 25	Using Court Cases in Genealogy	Karen Sipe	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday, March 4	Field Trip to Gallagher Law Library	Judy Davis	University of Washington Law School
Wednesday, March 11	Local Government Records	Gary Zimmerman	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday, March 18	Wills and Probate Records	Claire Smith	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday, March 25	Fraternal & Social Organizations' Records	Gary Zimmerman	Pioneer Hall

Classes sponsored by the Fiske Genealogical Foundation are open to all. Most classes are held in the street-level room of Pioneer Hall, located in Seattle's Madison Park neighborhood. Tuition for all classes is \$5 individually, or you may buy a quarterly pass to the weekday seminars for \$35. Annual passes to the Fiske Library are \$50, and can be enhanced to \$85/year, which includes all three quarters of weekday classes (30 classes), plus full use of the library and a subscription to the quarterly newsletter. Please call the Fiske Genealogical Library at 206-328-2716 or visit [www.fiskelibrary.org](http://www.fiskelibrary.org) for further information.

## Winter Class Focus: Tools and Resources

As dedicated genealogists, we continuously hone our technical skills and learn about tools and record sets that may lead to new discoveries. This winter's classes have been planned with those goals in mind.

Gary Zimmerman's class on maps as genealogical tools will open the series on Wednesday, January 21. Later in the term he will teach about manuscript and archive collections, local government records, and the records kept by fraternal/social organizations (e.g., the Masonic Lodges, Odd Fellows).

*WorldCat* is a familiar and powerful tool for family researchers. In 2014, OCLC (the library consortium that provides *WorldCat*) launched *WorldCat Discovery*. Come hear Dave Brazier explain how this new centralized index will allow searches across a vastly larger universe of electronic and physical information sources.

Retaining and organizing all the stuff one finds online is often a daunting part of genealogy. The software programs *Evernote* and *OneNote* have been around for a number of years to help with these tasks. Expert users Jim Sipe (*Evernote*) and Laurie Clark (*OneNote*) will give a joint presentation on these great tools.

Karen Sipe will teach two winter classes. In the first, she will look at how we analyze records and determine whether they are primary or secondary. In the second, she'll teach us how to use legal court cases to find ancestors. We'll follow that up the next week (March 4) with a field trip to the Gallagher Law Library (University of Washington), for some hands-on practice.

Wills and probate records can also be rich wells of family information. Claire Smith from Bainbridge Island will join us on March 18 to cover this always-interesting topic.

Please join us for some or all of these upcoming sessions!

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## Research at DAR Library Now Free to the Public

Contributed by Mary Peters

On Friday, October 24, 2014 Eric Grundset, Director of the DAR Library, one of the country’s premier genealogical research facilities, announced that the library is now FREE to all researchers. The fee was eliminated as part of ongoing efforts to make the extensive DAR genealogical resources more accessible to the public.

Since its founding in 1896, the DAR Library has grown into a specialized collection of American genealogical and historical manuscripts and publications, as well as powerful on-site databases. The DAR Library collection contains more than 225,000 books, 10,000 research files, thousands of manuscript items, and special collections of African American, Native American, and women’s history, genealogy and culture. Nearly 40,000 family histories and genealogies comprise a major portion of the book collection, many of which are unique or available in only a few libraries in the country.



There are other ways people can utilize DAR Library resources. People can search the Online Library Catalog and other DAR genealogical databases through the Genealogical Research System (GRS) at [www.dar.org/grs](http://www.dar.org/grs). The GRS is a free online resource provided by the DAR to aid general genealogical research and to assist with the DAR membership process. You can find publications and guides at <http://www.dar.org/library/publication-guides> compiled by the DAR

Library which are also a valuable resource that can be purchased through the DAR Store at <http://www.dar.org/dar-shopping/dar-online-store/museum-shop>. If you have questions, you can contact a DAR member or ask Mary Peters, who volunteers at the Fiske Library on most Wednesdays.

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<b>Wednesday</b>	12:00 noon to 6:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Reserved for research groups (greater than 8 persons) from outside the greater Seattle Area. Contact the Library to make reservations.
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am to 3:00 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month

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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.

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# FISKE LIBRARY WINTER 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 "Recent 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

Guide to the manuscript collections of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, first edition [F3 .N47 2002]

Bradford's History "Of Plymouth Plantation" [F68 .B801 1898]

Extracts from the records of Colchester [CT] [F104.C6 1983]

## NEW YORK AND MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES

Scots in the Mid-Atlantic States 1783-1883 [F106 .D634 2002]

New York Colonial Muster Rolls 1664-1775 / report of the state historian, 2 volumes [F118 .N57 2000]

Index to DAR Bible Records of Jefferson County, New York [F127.J4 J35 1993]

Cemetery Records of the Township of Hampton, Washington County, New York [F127.W3 H57 1993]

Obituaries, death notices and genealogical gleanings from "The Saugerties Telegraph" Vol 1, 1848-1852 [NY] [F129.S4 K57 1989]

Marriage records of Hunterdon County NJ, 1795-1875, Vol 1 [F142.H9 D2 1986]

More Records of Old Hunterdon County, 2 vols [F142.H9 D19 1998]

Hunterdon Historical Newsletter (Quarterly, gift covers Vol 22-50 1986-2014) [F142.H9 H86x]

Lesser crossroads [Somerset Co NJ] [142.S6 M715 1948]

Western Maryland Genealogy (quarterly, gift from vol 6 to 19, when it ceased publication in 2003 [F186.9 W47]

## UPPER MIDWEST

Webster County, Kentucky, Vital Statistics [F457.W5 B739 1987]

Ohio Wills and Estates to 1850: an index [F478 B45x 2012]

History of the Welsh Settlements in Licking County, Ohio [F497.L6 S75]

Michigan Military Records [F565 .S58 1969]

Legends of Le Detroit (includes genealogical information on French families in Detroit [F574.D4 H2 1884]

Maple Plain and Independence, Past and Present, 1868-1968 [MN] [F614.M25 M3 1968]

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Cogswell Courier (more than 25 years of the Cogswell Family newsletter) CS71.C678

Hawkes Happenings (published by Hawkes Family Association) [CS71.H934]

Autobiography of Levi Hutchins [CS71.H974 1865]

Genealogy of the Lewis Family in America, from the middle of the 17th C down to the present time [CS71.L675 1893]

Pioneer Lewis Families, vols 1-6 [CS71.L675 1978a]

Nevin and Boyd Genealogies, preface, contents, index [CS71.N527 1971]

Those Prolific Pains [CS71.P3436] (new periodical)

Together we are Strong / Strong newsletter [CS71.S923] (new periodical)

## REFERENCE WORKS

Long-Distance Genealogy [CS16 .C78 2000]

Dutch Systems in Family Naming – New York and New Jersey [CS42 .G452 1954]

Historical and genealogical record of the Michigan Daughters of the American Revolution, 1940-1952 [E202.5 .M5151]

Geographica – the complete illustrated atlas of the world [G63 G473x 1999]

History of Perth County to 1967 [Ontario CA] [F1059.P3 J58 1967]

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Washington Pioneer Hall.**

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- 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.