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## CAROLYN BLOUNT'S FAMILY RECORD

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Shake any family tree and a wide range of characters will fall out, from heroes to scalawags, from adventurers to stay-at-homes. It isn't something many would do; not everyone has the interest, skill, or perseverance of Carolyn Blount, who has just published

*Edward "Neddie" Browning Ward* (Outskirts Press, 2015) after more than thirty years of research. As she relates in her introduction to this 708-page book, she remembers with fondness and pride the stories told by her mother and grandmother of her early Seattle pioneer family that journeyed from the east coast to the Pacific Northwest in the mid-nineteenth century. Her great grandfather and great grandmother traveled by separate wagon trains, she directly over the Cascades to Grand Mound Prairie near Olympia and he to an area in Salem. They met, married, and came to Seattle to join Judge Thomas Mercer and the Denny party, the founders of the community on Puget Sound that came to be known as Seattle.

While taking classes in genealogy from Arthur Fiske, founder of the Fiske Genealogical Foundation, Carolyn discovered her fascination with family history research. Selecting her great, great, great grandfather, Edward "Neddie" Browning Ward, his many offspring, and their offspring as her starting point, she began searching surviving family records and those she could find in county, church and other sources for notice of Neddie, his twelve children, and their descendants.

When she began in 1982, computers and the Internet were not yet the useful tools they are today for family researchers. She and her late husband Dick

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traveled to locales in Maryland, Kentucky, Arkansas, and further west, tracing the path of her ancestors and collecting all the information she could along the way. When she learned of the Ward family in Kentucky and of the two tombstones discovered in a tobacco field in Daviess County, one of which bore the name Edward Ward, she tracked down a local historian who led her to the thicket where the tombstones lay, face down. One of them, when turned face up, was indeed marked "Edward Ward, Died Sept. 26. 1857, Aged 92 years." Carolyn was immediately able to confirm, having done the research, that this was the burial place and stone marker of her great, great, great grandfather Edward Browning Ward.

Tracking the family west was an exciting and sobering experience, she said. She was most moved by the extreme hardships and high risks these early pioneers and their families underwent: in the taxing work they did as laborers or farmers and in making the tedious and perilous journey west. As she reveals in her introduction, her quest turned up descendants from all walks of life - "college professors, entrepreneurs, engineers, doctors, lawyers, architects, scientists, writers, librarians, adventurers, soldiers, and farmers"; but she also learned of illegitimacies, incest, absconding parents, and a murder victim.

Besides the obvious pleasure she takes in her own deep interest in her family's past, Carolyn hopes her book will appeal to her grandchildren, or perhaps, she added, "their children," who will not know first hand of her odd hobbyhorse of genealogical research except through her book. It is also a model of sorts to those just taking up family research and should be useful for instruction in this popular activity.

But the interest of her book for the general reader resides in her offering not only a list of names, dates, births, and deaths but also, when the information was rich and available, narratives of her subjects' lives. A prime example is Jesse, the second child of Edward Browning Ward, and from whom Carolyn herself is descended. As a young man he fought in the War of 1812 and was with General Andrew Jackson at the defeat of the British at New Orleans. Injured in the battle, Jesse, with the rest of his company, made his way on foot to his home in Kentucky.

Later Jesse settled in Ohio County, Kentucky, where he was a flatboat man and floated boats down the Mississippi to New Orleans. There he sold cargo and "the lumber that made up his boat" and made his way home "on foot along the Natchez Trace through Indian Country." A letter survives from a later date from Jesse to his brother, Hezekiah, back in Kentucky, informing him of Jesse's plan to head "for the Oregon Territory" in an effort to find "a helthy part of the world" in which to live and raise his family. Jesse, his wife, and children settled near Salem, Oregon in 1853. His son Dillis and his bride came to Seattle in 1859 with the Mercer party to join the Denny group already established there.

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Carolyn, a senior member of the Ward clan, has given a lasting gift to the widespread family now living and to the generations that will follow. As bystanders we can wonder at her devotion and scrupulous attention to her project and enjoy the narrative treasures she has collected.

## FINDING UNPUBLISHED SURNAME RESOURCES

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

Genealogists frequently expend tremendous efforts to compile their own family stories but never get to the point where they publish the fruits of that effort. Some of those researchers get to the stage of writing a clear, factual description of the family but it never gets distributed beyond a limited number of family members.

Books We Own is a free on-line service that has a group of individuals who have books in their personal collections who will do “look-ups” upon request. The website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~bwo/index.html> may be just the place for finding new information about one of your searches. There is a section of this website devoted to Surname Resources at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~bwo/surindex.html> which you can reach by clicking the button at the top of the page on the left side titled “BWO Library”. From that page you will find family histories by surname on the right side of the page.

While many of the titles offered in this category are published and widely available, others have been “self-published” and often have a limited circulation. Scanning through the alphabetical entries will offer you considerable leads for further research.

You may find the phrase “self-published” in the description of the title and that may be a clue that there is limited distribution of the research. For example, under the surname Buker, the book “Descendants of Israel Hilton Buker 1757-1978” by Ione Bradford Supplee and Bertha Waters was never published, but a volunteer in Castle Rock, Washington offers to do look-ups in that source upon request.

In other cases, the term “self-published” only appears in the explanatory text that follows the

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## Barry J. Ewell, Genealogy Blogger

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

A healthy stimulant to energize your genealogical research can be found in the postings of Barry Ewell, on his blog at <http://www.genealogybybarry.com>. He covers a broad scope of topics that will enrich your skill at finding historical records, at learning more efficient research techniques, and organizing your results for posterity.

Over time, Barry has covered a multitude of topics and they are delivered in easy-to-assimilate presentations. It has been nine years since I first made contact with him by asking for his article on “Effectively Tapping into Local, County, State Historical Societies and Libraries.” I received a 69-page pdf document that still affords fruitful contacts. (I do admit that in nine years some of those URL’s have changed!)

In February, he distributed his “Google Guide for Genealogy: 1001 ways to search the Internet like a Genealogist.” It was actually the promo for a 508-page book that he has published, and that can be acquired through Amazon.com in either paperback or eBook. However, there is a companion slideshow based on the book that he presented to RootsTech 2016 that you can download for free at <http://genealogybybarry.com/how-to-search-the-internet-like-a-genealogist/>. With 96 slides you will get a good sense of how his teaching can stimulate your own on-line searching.

The slideshows are of particular interest – they can be downloaded as .pdf files that you can open on your own computer. For example, the presentation entitled “Use US census information and clues to find family history records” has 136 slides and covers census, vital records, probate records, and land records. It alerts you to what is valuable and what might be a pit-fall as your review each type of information. You can download it at <http://genealogybybarry.com/category/7-slideshow-series/barrys-genealogy-presentations/>.

Over the years, his topics have ranged widely over many relevant areas of genealogical practice. He groups them into nine categories: Digitizing, Genealogy Research, Genealogy Webinars, Writing History, Slideshows, Videos, Using Software, Inspirational (quotes and stories), and his Books. (There is a tenth category – Forgotten Recipes – which presents over 2400 food stories and are not necessarily genealogical in nature!)

## SPRING 2016 EDUCATION

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. Annual passes to the Fiske Library are \$50, and can be enhanced to \$85/year, which includes all three quarters of Wednesday 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 <https://fiskelibrary.org> for further information.



# SPRING 2016 EDUCATION

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

2016	Topic	Instructor	Location
<b>Thursday</b> April	Maritime Provinces	Gary Zimmerman	Pioneer Hall 1642 43rd Ave. E
Wednesday April	Adoption (DNA)	Diane Harman-Hoog	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday April	Family Search	Lou Daly	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday April	Doing Time For The Crime	Karen Sipe	Pioneer Hall
<b>Thursday</b> May 5	Norway—Researching Your Family Through Church and	Luci Baker Johnson	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday May	The Twists & Turns of a Family Tree	Kelly Green	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday May	Germans From Russia	Jean Roth	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday May	Virginia	Gary Zimmerman	Pioneer Hall
<b>Thursday</b> June 2	<b>Field Trip to Coast Guard Museum</b>		Pier 36, Base Seattle 1519 Alaskan Way S Seattle, WA 98134
Wednesday June	Advanced Techniques for Searching Libraries Around the World	David Brazier	Pioneer Hall

## Karen Sipe, Newest Board Member at the Fiske Library

Contributed by Karen Sipe

Karen Vaughn Sipe was unanimously approved as a new Board member, serving as Director of Education, at the February 15 meeting. She agreed to serve only as a short term member, because of other responsibilities she has assumed. She comes as a long-time friend of the Fiske Library, having been a popular speaker for many years. Her lectures are noted for student involvement as part of her teaching style.

Karen has been a long time volunteer at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) at Sand Point. She has contributed many records to Find a Grave, particularly those of Mt. Pleasant cemetery that she completely inventoried. She has also transcribed records for the Missouri State Archives and the Washington State Archives. She has been involved in genealogy for over 40 years. Her personal interests include the Vaughn family from Nova Scotia and New England. Three of her four grandparents have German heritage and all lived in Syracuse or Albany, New York. She is editing a book about the Youtsey family and her current attention has focused on DNA studies to successfully break down brick walls. She loves to travel for on-site research and has visited many state archives and courthouses.



## USING ONE-STEP WEBPAGES

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

Stephen P Morse of San Francisco has developed a series of very useful tools for extracting information from published databases. It was originally developed to ease a search for information from the passenger manifests offered through the Ellis Island website (currently found at [www.libertyellisfoundation.org](http://www.libertyellisfoundation.org)). By creating an expanded search form that permitted more parameters in a single search, it was often possible to find relevant responses very quickly from the Ellis Island database.

At <http://stevemorse.org/ellis2/ellisgold.html> you will find his “One-Step Gold Search Form” which quickly searches ship arrivals at Ellis Island from 1892 to 1924, but using more parameters for a search than can be done with the simpler forms offered by the Ellis Island site.

He also has a “White Search Form” for searching arrivals from 1892 to 1957, using a different set of input information. In both the Gold and the White forms, you need to have your own access to the Ellis Island databases, but by using Morse’s search forms you insert more details into a single search.

There is a third form designed to maximize the information considered in New York City arrivals between 1820 and 1957 by combining the databases at Castle Garden, Ellis Island, and using data from the customs service and the barge office landings. This form does require access to ancestry.com to get full use of the databases consulted for this date range.

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# FISKE LIBRARY SPRING ACQUISITIONS

Newly acquired books are processed by cataloguing, 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

Female index to "Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England" by James Savage [F3 .S2 1860 Index]

The old post road = the story of the Boston Post Road [F5 .H6 1962]

## MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES

Irish immigrants of the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank (4 volumes) [F128.9.I6 R527 2007]

Somerset County Historical Quarterly [NJ] Volumes 1-8 (1912-1919) [F142.S6 S6]

German church records of Westmoreland County [PA] 1772-1791 v. 1 of 4 [F157.W5 R83]

York County in the American Revolution [PA] [F157.Y6 H4 1971]

Trinity Lutheran Church of Reading, Berks County [PA] Part 4, Burials 1754-1812 [F159.R2 T75 1990]

## THE SOUTH

Landmarks of Old Prince William [VA] [F229 .H32 1964]

Old Homes of Page County, Virginia [F232.P2 K4 1977]

## THE MIDWEST

Nordaendene i Amerika, 2 vols (Norwegians to America) [E184.S2 U45 1907]

A farewell to famine (Irish immigrants to Arkansas and Iowa) [F396 .R44 1994]

Des Moines county [IA] marriage books 1 and 2 1835-Jan 1847 [F627.D4 M37 1979]

Des Moines county [IA] will books 1 and 2 [F627.D4 W55 1983]

Mobridge [SD] – its first 50 years (2nd edition with comprehensive index) [F657.W2 M61 1980]

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Bigger Pastures (Sheep ranchers in Klickitat Co, WA) F897.K6 V56 1992 PAWA]

Across the Olympic Mountains – the Press Expedition 1889-1890 [F897.O5 W6 1967 PAWA]

Skagit County grows up 1917-1941 [F897 .S5 S54 1983]

## CANADA

La ville de Québec, histoire municipale II. Régime anglais, (1759-1833). III. Jusqu'à la Confédération (1833-1867). IV. jusqu'à 1929 [F1054.5 Q3 V5]

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Mariages de Charlesbourg (St Charles) 1679-1970  
[F1054.5.C47 P6 1972]

Mariages de Loretteville (St-Ambroise-de-la-Jeune-Lorette) (1761-1969) Village des Hurons (Notre-Dame-de-Lorette) (1904-1969) [F1054.5.L66 P7 1970]

An index of Irish marriages from the registers of St. Patrick's Church, Quebec, from 1856 to 1973. Vol 3, Parts I and II [F1054.5.Q3 I53 v.3]

Mariages de Notre Dame-de-Foy (1699); St. Colomb (1855); St Michael's Chapel (1869), St. Felix (1862), and St-Charles-Garnier (1944) (1699-1950) [F1054.5.S57 P65]

Grosse Île - Gateway to Canada 1832-1937  
[JV7285.I75 O33 1984]

## PUBLISHED AMERICAN GENEALOGIES

In the heart of the Shenandoah Valley –  
Descendants of Edward Beard 1716-1806  
[CS71.B42 1974]

Brumage – Brummage / The are the same family -  
Monongalia and Marion Counties [WVA]  
[CS71.B62975 1988]

Some Earlier Americans – Boles and Bowers  
Relatives ca 1700-1970 [CS71.B688 1970]

Descendants of Nathaniel Brickett of Newbury,  
Massachusetts [CS71.B8487635 1998]

The Bruce family – descending from George Bruce  
(1650-1715) [CS71.B889 1977]

John Bruce of the Shenandoah [CS71.B889 1987]

Conrad Emery and his descendants [CS71.E535  
1970]

History of the Fitch family, A.D. 1400-1930 / a record  
of the Fitches in England and America [CS71.F545  
1930]

Hibbard Morrill and his descendants 1640-1910  
[CS71.M677 1910]

The Vanderlip, Van Derlip, Vander Lippe Family in  
America [CS71.V2285 B66 1914]

## EUROPE

Fitch family history – English ancestors of the Fitches  
in colonial Connecticut [CS439 .F512 1990]

## REFERENCE WORKS

Elements of genealogical analysis – How to maximize  
your research [CS9 .A53 2014]

Guide to Genealogical Writing [CS16 .S855 2014]  
[CS9 .A53 2014]

Répertoire des mariages de L'Ancienne-Lorette  
(Paroisse de l'Annunciation) (1695-1966) [CS88.A51  
P76 1968]

Mariages de Beauport (1673-1966) [CS88.B4 P6  
1967]

Mariages du Comté de Portneuf [1679-1900]

Recensement de la ville de Québec en 1818 [CS88.Q4  
R43 1976]

Mariages de Comté de Québec [CS88.Q4 R67]

Répertoire des mariages de Saint-Charles de Limoilou  
(Québec) (1896-1971) [CS88.S2135 R63 1973]

Mariages de St-Roch de Québec (1829-1900)  
[CS88.S353 P66 1978]

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Répertoire des mariages de la paroisse St-Sauveur de Québec (1867-1971) [CS88.S3556 R63 1976]

Directory, Stalag XVII-B Survivors [D805.G3 A5 1994]

The European Story [D805.G3 E77 1980]

Til I come marching home – a brief history of American women in World War II [D810.W7 L36 1995]

Virginia in the American Revolution – a source guide for genealogists and historians [E263.V8 G85 2015]

## Community Events

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies is holding a week long conference on Jewish Genealogy in Seattle, WA. It will take place at 9 AM Sunday, August 7, 2016 to noon Friday, on August 12, 2016.

There will be approximately 325 events from lectures, presentations, meal events and computer workshops.

The conference will be held at the Sheraton Seattle Downtown Hotel, 1400 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA, 98101.

You will find additional information online at [www.iajgs2016.org/about/](http://www.iajgs2016.org/about/).

## OUR APPRECIATION FOR BOOK DONATIONS

We appreciate the contributions by the following supporters of the Fiske Library. Since the last newsletter, donations 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.

Melvin Brown	Mary Peters
Carol Jean Gaffney	Seattle Genealogical Society
Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island	Steve Solomon
King County Library System (Bellevue Regional Library)	Mary Fields Stoebeck
Richard W Lewis	Clarence Henry "Tom" Tombarge estate
Mercer Girls Chapter, NSDAR	Thomas W Turner
Lynda Ott	Jimi Vernie
Carol Pattison	Gary A Zimmerman

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surname heading. For example, under the surname heading, Allen, appears the entry,

"Allen Family of Sandwich, Dartmouth."

This was written in 1938 and the self-published notation occurs only in the text of the description. The owner of this book describes the text as:

"The history of the Allen family, some of the Sherman Family and some of the Braley Family, all handwritten." (After preparing this paragraph I found that mimeographed copies of this document began to circulate and can be found in a number of WorldCat libraries.)

Please note that the second link of the 2007 Fiske article has been changed from

<http://www.drizzle.com/~jtenlen/index.html> to Jenny's Projects at [jtenlen.drizzlehosting.com](http://jtenlen.drizzlehosting.com). It includes the Washington and Oregon biographies Project.

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## USING ONE-STEP WEBPAGES

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It draws upon ancestry databases but uses a different search program than found in the proprietary ancestry.com searches.

Morse has gone on to extend the One-Step concept to create a number of other enhanced search forms.

These are available at <http://stevemorse.org/index.html#other>. In many of these searches access to ancestry.com is required to get the full benefit of the search, but the multiple parameter searches are done with the One-Step format. You can cover arrivals at Baltimore, at Galveston, New Orleans, Philadelphia, and San Francisco using this technique.

There are One-Step forms for Hamburg passengers and for Canadian arrivals.

The same technique can also be used for separate census searches in the United States, in Canada and in Britain. Morse also has created search forms for New York Birth Records, Marriage Records and Death records. Some of these forms are designed to search databases at familysearch.org in Salt Lake City and at the Italian genealogy group website in New York.

Morse will be a speaker in Seattle in August 2016 during the annual meeting of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies. His topic on Sunday, August 7, from 4:30 to 5:45 pm in Grand Ballroom D, Seattle Sheraton Hotel, will be "One-Step Web-pages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools."

## FISKE LIBRARY HOURS

<b>Monday</b>	10:00 am to 3:00 pm
<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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- 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.