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## HISTORIC NEWSPAPERS IN NEW YORK STATE

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

The Northern New York Library Network has partnered with the Empire State Library Network to provide an on-line database of newspaper images from across the state. The service is free for on-line access. You will find it at [www.nyshistoricnewspapers.org](http://www.nyshistoricnewspapers.org).

Start with the map of New York state showing all of the counties and a title bar that provides immediate links to details of the site, a listing of titles of all newspapers in the database, a link to a search engine, and link for making additional contributions to the database. You can search all newspapers in the collection, limit your search to a single county, or look only at newspapers in a given town. You can also pick one or more additional items by holding down the Control key in Windows or the Command key in Apple systems.

For Oswego County, seventeen newspaper titles are available with publication dates for the local papers from 1819 to current times. The *Fulton Patriot*, for example, has digital images from 1916-1936, with very few missing issues. It started in 1892 as a weekly publication with lots of local news about families in the Fulton area and visitors to local households. The search for a given surname will hone in quickly to the relevant stories.

A search in "All newspapers" in Tompkins County for the surname Lounsberry returns sixty-nine results between 1832 and 1892. The pages do not appear in chronological order. Most of the hits for this particular search occurred in the 1870's and 1880's. As you review the images, you see a bright red box around the location of the target search word, so you can then enlarge just that section of the entire news page for reading the .pdf file.

The website also shows a list of every library in New York that carries each specific newspaper title in their microfilm holdings and the specific dates held for that paper. These can often be obtained from the local library on interlibrary loan.

## NOVA SCOTIA ADDS VITAL RECORDS TO WEBSITE

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

On 23 June 2016, the Provincial Archives of Nova Scotia added over 27,000 new vital statistics to their online database at [www.novascotiagenealogy.com](http://www.novascotiagenealogy.com).

The records had been released on December 31 of the previous year and in the subsequent six months the new entries were digitized, indexed and checked for quality control. This batch of vital records represents births registered in 1915, marriages registered in 1940, and deaths in 1965. These dates represent the release date for each title of vital record made public in Canada. The delay from release of actual registration data is required out of concern for maintaining personal confidentiality of living persons and their families.

The notice also provides links to detailed text on each type of vital statistic and shows what the publicly available database offers for research purposes. For example, civil registration of births was required from 1864 to 1877. Then it lapsed until October 1908, when it was re-instituted. The additional links also show very clear examples of each type of record. You can purchase good quality images online, but note that the permission to download your desired record only lasts for three days. Don't forget to download your purchase in a timely manner or you may have to re-purchase it.

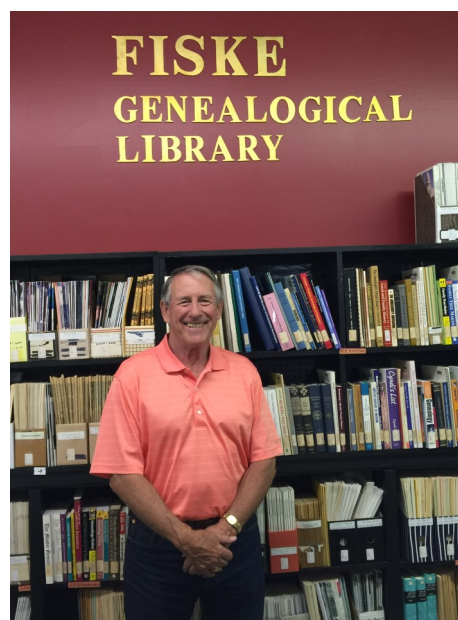
## BOOKBINDING AT THE FISKE LIBRARY

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

A generous gift from the Washington State Chapter of the Colonial Dames has enabled the Fiske Library to repair and restore frequently used reference books in the collection. The preliminary work will focus on our holdings of colonial records that will support lineage research in New England and the middle Atlantic States.

David Richardson, a skilled bookbinder with a personal interest in genealogy, will be doing the technical work. He has set up a workspace at the library and is doing much of the work on site.

Biographical sketches of several New Hampshire and Vermont towns and vital records from Massachusetts are the first beneficiaries of this program. If you happen to know a member of the Colonial Dames, please extend a word of appreciation for their support of our library.



David Richardson, photo by Cindy Walton, editor

## BOOK REVIEW: MASSACHUSETTS AND MAINE IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

### A Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians

by Eric G. Grundset

Contributed by Mary Peters

This is number 6 of the series published by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The purpose of these guides "is to provide information on numerous subjects relating to" the colonies which became the United States. This 942-page volume is a finding aid for resources in Massachusetts and Maine.

This guide lists thousands of books, articles, journals, research centers, online sources, etc. that one might use in doing research in Massachusetts and Maine.

The first chapter discusses strategies for research in these states. In 1778, Maine was formed from York, Cumberland, and Lincoln counties of Massachusetts. Revolutionary records for Maine soldiers will found in Massachusetts. The Massachusetts State Constitution was adopted in 1780 and is still in force today. Massachusetts supplied nearly a third of the soldiers during the Revolution. You may find Loyalists in eastern Massachusetts. They created the first loyalists corps in Freetown in 1774.

Chapter Two: Major Research Centers in MA & ME and Elsewhere with Revolutionary War Collections.

Chapter Three: Geographic Factors Affecting Research in MA & ME

Chapter Four: Pre-Revolutionary Events in the Province of MA

Chapter Five: General Histories of the American Revolution in MA

Chapter Six: General Revolutionary War Sources It does not cover resources in NARA.

Chapter Seven: The Government of MA as a Colony and a State

Chapter Eight: Massachusetts Finances and Taxation during the Revolutionary Era Taxes can be used to establish residence for a patriot or for patriotic service when paying supply taxes.

Chapter Nine: Massachusetts Land Records

Chapter Ten: Massachusetts Military Records

Chapter Eleven: Spies and Espionage in MA during the Revolution

Chapter Twelve: Naval and Maritime Records of MA & ME during the Revolution

Chapter Thirteen: Prisoners of War, Prisons, and Prison Ships

Chapter Fourteen: Records and Sources Relating to Veterans

Chapter Fifteen: Regions, Counties and Localities in MA & ME

Chapter Sixteen: The People of MA & ME This chapter covers religions, societies, ethnic groups, women & children

Chapter Seventeen: Lineage Societies in MA & ME Related to the Am. Rev.

Chapter Eighteen: Prominent Residents & other Active in MA & ME This chapter lists bibliographies for people such as Abigail Smith Adams, Thomas Gage, Mara Sargeant Grace, and other men and women you may not have heard about. Perhaps you might find a woman patriot listed here.

If you are researching either Massachusetts or Maine, you will want to spend some time reviewing this addition to the Fiske Library.

## Expanding Genealogy with DNA

Contributed by Karen Sipe

Over the last forty years, researchers have seen incredible changes in the world of genealogy. Such changes and enhancements include, indexes (book form), release of the 1900-1940 census, digitizing of records and the whole world of computer genealogy and online research.

DNA testing has become more affordable, which has helped to create Genetic Genealogy as a topic of its own. This infusion of science into family history has already provided researchers with answers to many family mysteries as well as creating new mysteries to pursue.

Why consider DNA? A question with many answers similar to, why do genealogy? Some people are just curious about the whole concept of receiving DNA information, which is their own, others hope it will help them break through a genealogical brick wall. It is even possible to learn which part of your DNA has been inherited from which ancestor couple.

DNA, Deoxyribonucleic Acid, is a mouth full and working with DNA is a brain full. It takes a lot of work to integrate your DNA test results into your genealogical studies. The best test to start with is Autosomal DNA. It provides the widest number of your ancestors. Think of a V, you are on the bottom and your father's line goes up the left while your mother's line goes up the right. Two other tests, the Y-DNA tests only your paternal line, father, to father, to father. The maternal line is tested via mtDNA and like the father is specific, this time mother, to mother, to mother. Autosomal DNA covers the whole V.

Where do I go to be tested? Three companies known as the "Big Three," Ancestry, Family Tree DNA (FTDNA), and 23andMe, are the most recommended. For about \$100, either of the first two companies are good, but they provide you with very different information. Ancestry has very few tools and all contact is via their internal messaging system. To get the most out of your efforts and inquiry, you should be prepared to submit a public tree for your family, not required. FTDNA has much better tools, and contact information for your matches. You can add a family tree or list of surnames. Unlike most previous researched trees, you now need as broad a tree as possible. Include and expand ALL those allied and collateral lines.

If you are serious about integrating DNA into your genealogy consider starting with Ancestry and transferring your results to FTDNA for a small fee. If you aren't sure how serious you are going to be about DNA, or know you are just curious to see what all the talk is about, you might be happier with FTDNA.

Start with yourself and then become a salesperson and convince your parents to get tested. Siblings do not share the exact same DNA you received from your parents so siblings are great to test. Testing older relatives from both your paternal and maternal side can help you understand where in your pedigree chart to look for a shared ancestor. Many of us do not have parents or older relatives and since this is a party, the more the merrier, turn to your cousins.

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Genetic Genealogy is a lot of work. Simply testing will not give you the answers you are seeking any more than finding a land record or adult baptism can be relied on to provide you with parent links. DNA has a high learning curve, but it is well worth the time invested to add this tool to your GPS, Genealogical Proof Standard, conducting an exhaustive search. It can and does break through long standing almost impossible brick walls.

Over the last ten years or so DNA has been recognized as an integral part of a genealogical quest. For about a year or so, the DAR, Daughters of the American Revolution, has been accepting DNA as part of the supporting proof for proving one's lineage to a Revolutionary supporter.

I recommend you join us in the world of DNA. It is fun, fascinating, fact-filled and frustrating. Start now by following the DNA groups available on Facebook such as, the International Society of Genetic Genealogy – ISOGG, and DNA Detective along with blogs by Roberta Estes, Blain Bettinger, Judy Russell and Kelly Wheaton.

## Clarification of Newsletter Options

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

This issue of the Fiske Genealogical Foundation Newsletter completes twenty-three years of its publication at the library in the basement of Washington Pioneer Hall in the Madison Park neighborhood in Seattle.

Most of our readership now accesses our newsletter online in an electronic format with color photos and “hot” links to worthwhile websites that support genealogical research.

Some of our readers prefer to receive a printed, hard-copy version of the newsletter through the postal service. We offer a couple of these free copies to first time patrons of the Fiske Library, after two issues, we expect them to shift to a mail subscription at \$6 per year. (Annual membership also allows for a free paper copy of the newsletter.)

On-line subscribers receive a brief e-mail notice that a new issue of the newsletter is available on the website. If you want to “subscribe” to the newsletter go to the home page at <https://fiskelibrary.org> and find the “sign-up” section near the bottom of the page. Enter an e-mail address and press “OK.” As an alternative, when you sign in at the library or in a class meeting, add the word “NEWSLETTER” and include your preferred e-mail address and you will be included in the next announcement that a e-newsletter is waiting for you.

Back issues of the Fiske Newsletter from July 2002 to the present are also available on the website at <https://fiskelibrary.org/NewsLetter/default.htm>. You can search for any topic in this entire run by using the Google search entry form at the top of that page. It will return hits from only those issues that you see on that page and you can then open them directly in your browser or download them as a .pdf file.

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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

Vital Records of Gray, Maine, to the year 1930 [F29.G77 B57 2004]

Mayflower families through five generations, vol. 23, part 2, John Howland [F63.M39]

Western Massachusetts Families in 1790, 2 volumes [F63 .W47 2012]

Records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, 5 volumes in 6, 1628-1686 [F67 .M34]

Vital records of Phillipston [MA] to the end of the year 1849 [F74.P56 P5]

John Winthrop – America's forgotten founding father [F67.W79 B74 2003]

## MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES

Abstracts of Chester County, Pennsylvania Land

Records, vol. 3, 1745-1753 [F157.C4 B79 2000]

Early church records of Chester County, Pennsylvania, vol. 3 [F157.C4 R43 1995]

## THE SOUTH

Page, the county of plenty (VA) [F232.P2 P3x]

Families of Cabarrus County, North Carolina, 1792-1815 [F262.C12 M37 2004]

Houses Virginians have loved [NA7235.V5 R6 1954]

## THE MIDWEST

Centennial celebration Putnam County, Ohio, U.S. A. : held at Kalida, Sept 1,2,3 1934 [F497 .P98 1934]

Images of America: Salem Ohio vol.II [F499.S2 S52 1999]

Probate Court records, Cook County, Illinois, 1872-1873 [F547.C7 M33 1992]

Vital records from Chicago newspapers, 1833-1839 [F548.25 .C55 1971]

Vital records from Chicago newspapers, 1848 [F548.25 .C55 1980]

Chicago ancestor file 1974-1984 (Chicago Gen. Society) [F548.25 .M67 1985]

A view of historic Naperville (IL), revised editions [F549.N3 T69 1979]

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## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Oregon Historical Quarterly (additional issues 1970-2005) [F871 .O47]

Stories, legends and some Oregon history [F876.6 .H65 1996]

Who's Who For Washington 1949-50 [F890 .C37]

Coastal Exploration of Washington [F891 .W76 PAWA]

Pacific County (WA) and its resources [F897.P2 P33 1979]

Arlington (WA) Times Obituaries 1926-1930 [F899.A7 A75 2003]

Northwest passages: history of the Seattle District US Army Corps of Engineers, Vol II, 1920-1970 [F899.S457 W55 2006 [PAWA]

## PUBLISHED AMERICAN GENEALOGIES

Sketches of the Bartlett family in England and America [CS71.B33 1876]

Dunham genealogy – Deacon John Dunham of Plymouth, MA 1589-1669 [CS71.D917 1907] [F899.S457 W55 2006 (PAWA)]

Haley and related families [CS71.H168 1979]

Hiestand family of Page County, Virginia [CS71.H6345 1974]

Genealogical History of James Winslow McCurdy and Neil Barclay McCurdy [CS71.M133 1963]

The Martzes of Maryland [CS71.M388 1973]

Mauck-Brubaker families of the Page Valley of Virginia [CS71.M4455 1980]

William Armistead Payne and Martha Jane Lucy Tindall / their families and descendants [CS71.P19 R36 2013]

From Norway to Goodhue County (MN) [CS71.R826 2001]

Sawyer families of New England, 1636-1900 [CS71.S272 1995]

Ancestry trails and tales, Swartz-Luther newsletter and allied families Vols 5-6 bound in one book [CS71.S3985]

Wakeman genealogy II, vols 1 and 2 [CS71.W15 1989]

Nehemiah Wood of Shenandoah county, Virginia / with forebear, descendants and allied families [CS71.W875 1980]

## EUROPE

The German Research Companion, revised edition [CS613 .R56 2000]

Beginner's guide to Norwegian genealogical research [CS912 .T48x 1984]

Genealogical maps and guide to Norwegian parish records [CS913 .T54 1988]

Davis genealogy [CS2391.D38 S43 1929]

Population movements in England and Wales during the industrial revolution [HB2045 .P66 1969]

## FISKE SPRING LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

In search of the "Forelorn Hope": a comprehensive guide to locating British Regiments and their records (1640-World War I) [UA649 .K56 1988]

### REFERENCE WORKS

Military service records at the National Archives (also noted as Reference Information Paper #109) [CD3042.H68 P53 2007]

Index to genealogical periodicals, together with "My Own Index", by Donald Lines Jacobus, 3 volumes in one [CS42 .J22 1981]

Directory of family associations, 3rd edition [CS44 .B45 1996]

Encyclopedia of local history and genealogy: census encyclopedia series 1, vol. 2 [CS49 .J3 1979]

Compendium of American genealogy, volumes 1-7 complete [CS69 .V53 1968]

Register of the National Society of Colonial Dames in the state of New York, 6th edition 1926-1941 [E186.4.A8 N7 1926]

Official state atlas of Kansas [G1455 .E9 1982, 1887]

The United States Exploring Expedition, 1838-1842, and its publications, 1844-1874 [Z7405.E9 U63 1942 PAWA]

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# DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY OF AMERICA

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This valuable online resource has been available for less than two years. Its mission: to make cultural and scientific works more accessible to the public - so it appeals not only to genealogists, but to others as well. The website has an unusual link at <https://dp.la> .

The DPLA does not own any of the items in its catalog but it allows users to access them through their website as well as through various regional hubs. It serves as an information portal that does not work like a “normal” search engine. It displays information by timelines, maps, a bookshelf format, subject, and partner.

There is one limitation - it is only accessible by public domain works that are licensed for library access. That means that millions of items are online, but not everything. DPLA also does not offer look-up services.

If you have problems accessing DPLA you can email DPLA at [info@dp.la](mailto:info@dp.la) for assistance. Because of it's unconventional url it is sometimes blocked by network filtering software.

There are videos and tutorials available on the website at <https://dp.la/info/help/tutorials/> that will help you better understand the DPLA. Anyone can browse, search, and view exhibitions in the DPLA without creating a user account. However, signing up lets you save searches and items and create playlists for your own use or you can share with others. Some of the tutorials include:

- The Digital Public Library of America: An Introduction
- How to Search DPLA
- Creating and Using Your DPLA Account
- A Growing Source for Free Genealogy

In addition, DPLA is available on social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and more.

On June 22, 2016 DPLA and FamilySearch announced that they are partnering to expand access to FamilySearch's growing free digitized historic books online. This means that over 200,000 family history books will be available through DPLA later this year. DPLA users will then be able to access digital books on FamilySearch.

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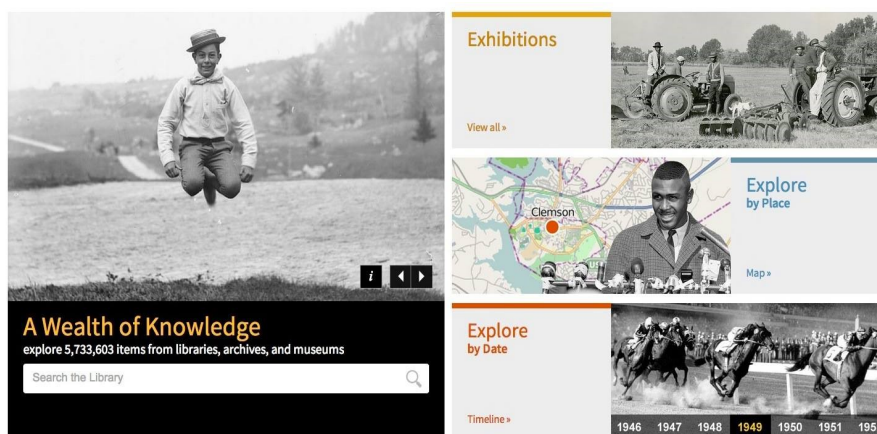
This is important because FamilySearch includes family history and genealogy history publications from the archives of some of the most significant family history libraries worldwide. Included in the collection are family histories, county and local histories, genealogy magazines, gazetteers and more. Tens of thousands of new publications are added annually.

The best way to discover objects in the DPLA is through the **standard search** located on the home page on the left side about half-way down. Enter what you want to look for - it can be a subject, a name or a place. Then click on the magnifying glass or use the enter key on your computer. The search results page will automatically list 10 results at a time. You can increase that by selecting your preference.

The DPLA has three options for looking at the search results. You can view them by a list, a map and a timeline. It will automatically default to the list view. If you want to switch between views, just click on the list or click on the pin to display a map. There is also a timeline icon.

You can also browse through subjects and partners or explore the map or timeline. There is a series of curated exhibitions that you can view that were developed by DPLA partners.

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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.