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Family History Microfilm No Longer Available on Loan

On September 1st, the delivery of FHL microfilm upon request was ended and now you should begin using digital copies that are accessible through www.familysearch.org.

The rapid advance in the digitization of microfilm has made it much easier to create digital forms of the images from microfilm. Every microfilm reel loaned in the past five years by the Family History Library has been digitized and is on line for easy access. Over 1.5 million reels of microfilm have already been digitized and offer about 1.5 billion images.

They continue to digitize microfilm at a rate of about 1,000 reels per day. It has been projected that every reel of film in their collection can be transferred to digital images by the year 2020.

As new records are obtained from around the world, they are directly converted to digital images and no longer even go into microfilm images. When you are looking for information to enhance your family research you have three important tools at the <https://familysearch.org> website. After signing in to the website, look at the SEARCH heading on the front page. Then

select Catalog, Books or Records. The Catalog covers all of the genealogical research materials in the Family History Library (including books, microfiche, microfilm, and all of the other resources in the familysearch collections). Under Books you will find digital copies of books at the Family History library as well as other cooperating libraries who share their genealogical resources. A Record search will lead to indexed digital records or to images available by image browsing.



This change will not eliminate the use of Family History Centers, for they will still have records that are not public

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Family History Microfilm

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and they have permission to keep any of the microfilm that they currently hold. The volunteers at the Family History Centers are still available to assist you planning your research. Read the full article at <http://media.familysearch.org/familysearch-digital-records-access-replacing-microfilm/>

~ Gary Zimmerman

Reclaim the Records

A new not-for-profit entity was formed in New York with the express purpose of locating public records that have never been released for easy public access. The group consists of genealogists, historians, lawyers, and open government advocates. They report that they “identify important genealogical records sets that ought to be in the public domain but which are wrongly restricted by government archives, libraries, and agencies.”

The group files Freedom of Information and Open Data requests to get this data released to a public venue. When “government” resists, they take them to court. When the data is released, they digitize the records and place them online for free.

Take a look at their website at <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/> and see how their initial court successes have led to useful releases of records in the New York and New Jersey area. The site also lists desired records where work is still in progress.

New Volunteer

Thanks to Nicholas Ross for volunteering at the Fiske during his summer vacation.

“I’m a Junior at Central Washington University. I’m hoping to continue my volunteering at



the Fiske Library going into the future, working either in the summers or during my breaks from University. I’ve been working on my own personal genealogies for almost 10 years now. I’m particularly interested in Norwegian, English and Scottish ancestries, as those are some of the main areas that my ancestors came from.

All of their “freed” data can be found on www.archive.org after it has been collated and placed in digital format.

An example of their success: [New York City Marriage Index](https://archive.org/details/nycmarriageindex) <https://archive.org/details/nycmarriageindex> describes the different types of records kept for marriages at different times. One database does not answer all of the questions you might have!

They have a free newsletter that gives updates on their progress. ~ Gary Zimmerman

Recent Library Acquisitions

Newly acquired books are processed by cataloguing, entering the Fiske Library holding information into WorldCat, and 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

Connecticut in the American Revolution: a source guide for genealogists and historians [E263.C5 G78 2016]

Massachusetts soldiers and sailors of the Revolutionary War, v. 14, Sha-Sth [E263.M4 E96]

Rhode Island in the American Revolution: a source guide for genealogists and historians [E263.R4 G78 2014]

Middle Atlantic States

Early settlers of New York State 1760-1942 [F118 .E384 1997 cd 183]

Abstracts of Cumberland county 1821-1850 (Pennsylvania) [F157.C8 W83 1991]

Cumberland County (PA) church records of the 18th Century [F157.C8 W824 1994]

Midwest

Obituaries of Benton county (AR) v.3 1905-1909, v.6 1919-1922, v.7 1923-1925, v.8 1926-1927 [F417.B4 E27 1994]

Divorces, separations, and annulments in Missouri 1769-1850 [F475.B53 1993]

History of Grant County (IN) [F532.G7 H56 1974]

History of Wayne county (IN) [F532.W5 H6 1884]

History of Czechs (Bohemians) in Nebraska [F675.B6 R67 1929]

Southern States

North Carolina in the American Revolution: a source guide for genealogists and historians [E263.N8 G78 2016]

American West

A bride goes west [F731 1969 PAWA]

European Resources

Guides to English Records – a collection of guides for researching English ancestors 2nd Edition [CS415 .B8 1998]

Harold, the last Anglo-Saxon king [DA154.85 .W35 2000]

The Plantagenet Encyclopedia [DA225 .P54 1990]

Family Genealogies

Harmons Cooper and Moses Slagle of Wayne County, Kentucky and Iowa and their descendants [CS 71.C777 1983]

Recent Library Acquisitions

German Carolinians in the lineage of Emmett Rendol Felts [CS71.F325 1982]

Robert C French / Essex county NJ 1725-1813 [CS71.F876 1998]

Records of the Gates families of America from the colonial period to 1860 [CS71.G259 1997]

Griffith-Sexton, Cooper-Adkins, Spencer-Tate, McCammon-Bland families of Kansas; and their antecedents in Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Virginia and New York [CS71.G853 1978] 1991 Supplement to the above [CS71.G853 1978 supplement]

Parke Society Newsletter (periodical 2000-2014) [CS71.P235a]

Genealogical-biographical compilation of the Sutherland and Broadhead families [CS71.S958 1990]

Ebenezer Washburn – his ancestors and descendants with some connected families [CS71.W315 1913x]

Washington Young of Wayne county, Kentucky and his descendants [CS71.Y7 1976a]

Reference

The sleuth book for genealogists – strategies for more successful family history research [CS16 .C85 2000]

Searching for American newspapers for genealogical research [CS21 .C37 1995]

DNA and genealogy, by Fitzpatrick and Yeiser [CS21 .F52 2005]

The genealogists' question and answer book [CS21 .M37 2002]

Courthouse research for family historians [CS49 .R66 2004]

Avotaynu – the international review of Jewish genealogy vols 15-32 (1999-2016) [DS101 .A87]

The American history sourcebook [E173 .A5144 1988]

Genealogical records: the Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy 1750-1930 [E184.F89 H5 1998 cd 183]

Guide to dating old family photographs [TR147 .W35 1993]

Newsletter Submissions

Have you discovered a particularly useful resource in your research, or broken through a brick wall? Would you be interested in submitting an article for the newsletter? Articles can be 1-2 pages long and may be subject to gentle editorial comment.

Is there a class you'd like to see offered or is there a research issue on which you are stuck? Your editor would like to feature a semi-regular column with your input.

Our newsletter is published in September, December, April and June. Deadlines are the 20th of the month preceding publication.

Please send queries or submissions to editor@fiskelibrary.org.

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.

Dorothy Amis Estate	Rosie Bodien Estate
Family History Library	Linda Fogarty
Grays Harbor Genealogical Society	Judith Gunderson
Patt Hanson	Sally Jarvis
Lynn Junell	Arlys (Reitz) LaFehr
Helen Lewis Estate	Michelle Lyons
Mercer Girls Chapter, NSDAR	Doris J Stiefel

Thank you to our Patrons

Many thanks to our patrons for the monetary contributions made to the Fiske Library. We depend upon your support in our effort to continually make improvements to the library.

Fall 2017 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.

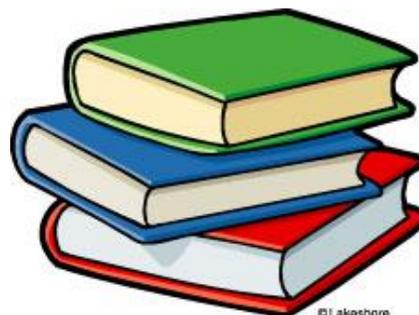
Ongoing Educational Opportunities

Brick Walls Workshop

Offered the second Thursday of every month from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM at the National Archive (NARA) 6125 Sand Point Way.

Instructor: Karen Sipe.

Public transport: #74 Bus





FALL 2017 EDUCATION

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

2017	Topic	Instructor	Location
Wednesday September 13	Fundamentals of Genealogy	Winonia Laird	Pioneer Hall 1642 43rd Ave. East Seattle, WA 98112
Wednesday September 20	Organizing Your Family History in order to Stay Sane	Mary Kozy	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday September 27	Scotch-Irish: Settlers in the Wilderness	Janet O'Connor Camarata	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday October 4	University Library Visit	Evelyn Roehl	Suzzallo Library University of Washington
Wednesday October 11	Top Ten Tech Tools	Jill Morelli	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday October 18	Teasing Out your Grandparent's DNA with Visual Phasing	Larry Pike & Karin Borgerson	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday October 25	Tools for interpreting Your DNA Results	Mary Kozy	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday November 1	NO CLASS		
Wednesday November 8	King County Library Free On-Line Research	Nancy Adelson	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday November 15	Free Web and Wiki Workshop	Lou Daly	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday November 22	NO CLASS		
Wednesday November 29	Worthwhile Wikis Workshop	Lou Daly	Pioneer Hall

Genealogical Collections at Fiske Library now have Finding Aids

Developing Finding Aids for collections donated to the Fiske Library, usually following the death of the researcher, is a long term project undertaken by Carolyn Blount. Carolyn began taking classes from Arthur Fiske in about 1983. She has been one of the regular weekly volunteers for almost 30 years, also serving as treasurer and secretary, and for the last five years has been working on this project.

Carolyn took the Archiving class offered by NARA to help train her for the task of indexing these documents. As a result of her experience, she offers some tips to others wondering what will become of their own genealogical collections. Researchers might now consider the following:

- A description of the collection with a pedigree chart visually showing the relationship between family surnames in the front of each file or notebook.
- Elimination of duplicate materials, especially Xerox copies of journal articles without source references.
- Identify photographs.
- Computer print-outs from various web sites are not of value to others when so easily accessible.
- An index, created by the researcher for his/ her own collection, would be wonderful!

The first seven collections were posted to the Fiske web site several years ago, and were reviewed in an earlier edition of this Newsletter. Ten more collections have just been added. These collections contain many original documents, correspondence, photographs and biographies of families that ended up in the Pacific Northwest.

On the Fiske home page scroll down to “Finding Aids for the Archive Collections...”; this link takes you to the Index. A link on the general index takes you to a .pdf file with full itemized description of what is available noted as “xx page index.” <https://fiskelibrary.org/FindingAids/archives/>

Collections previously linked to the Fiske web page include:

Karen Bridgeman, **BRIDGEMAN**

Bacon Clark, Ruth Margaret Clark, **CLARK**

Paul Gibbs, **GIBBS**

Pat Hanson, **HANSON**

William Merritt Smith, **SMITH**

Ginny Wisner, **WISNER**

Bryan Young, **YOUNG**

Collections newly linked to the Fiske website include the following.

- Dorothy Hale **AMIS**, 3 Boxes, 37 Folders, 13 page index
Information on the collateral lines of her husband, Paul Courtland Amis back to Virginia and includes information from her collaborator, Elizabeth Steadman Owings.
- Audrey **BOWNE**, 8 boxes, 21 Notebooks, 70 page index
The goal seemed to be to obtain information on all existing Bowne families. Pages are primarily computer print-outs from various web sites, chronologically arranged by date of birth. Earliest American Bownes were from Monmouth County, New Jersey.

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- Jacqueline **CEDARHOLM**, 3 Boxes, 27 notebooks/folders, 35 page index
Material on the Morgan Morgans Coal Mining family from Tydfil, Glamorgan, Wales to Pennsylvania, and Placer County, California where he discovered the Sutter Gold Streak and was superintendant of the Norton Black Diamond Coal Mines. The entire town later moved to Black Diamond, Washington. Material on Jacqueline's father, Peter Francis Cedarholm of Ringavarum, Ostergotlands, Sweden is included.
- Mildred Baptista Eaton, **EATON**, 12 boxes, 63 page index
Materials on Mildred's Baptista and Videtta families who came from the Azores to Petaluma, California in the late 1800s and her husband's family, the Eatons of Maidenhead, England.
- Sue Eidal, **EIDEL**, 6 boxes, 24 page index
The collection is of the Eidal and Churchill families who came to Ellensburg, Washington in 1887. The Norwegian Eidal families are traced back into the 1500s.
- Bess Giesler Morgan, **FIX** Collection 1 box, 3 page index
Morgan's manuscript and collection of FIX papers tells of descendants of Henry Fix, eldest son of Jacob Fix, the weaver, of Birdsboro, Berks County, Pennsylvania, by 1739, Virginia and Ohio.
- Priscilla Greenlees, **GREENLEES**, 1 box, 2 page index
The Greenlees collection comprises a single box of information on the Colstad and McKenzie family of Attleboro, Massachusetts
- Euretta V. DeBoer Shirley, **SHIRLEY**, 9 Boxes, 16 page index
Nine boxes of materials on the Dutch DeBoer family and Shirley's husband's family illuminate their migration from Holland and Sweden through Iowa and Nebraska. There are many family photos.
- Virginia LeMay Stender, **STENDER**, 17 bins, 37 page index
Stender's interest was primarily in lineage associations and her materials reflect her dozen memberships and their royal connections. The collection may also be of interest because of her brother's well known collection of historic automobiles at the LeMay Museum in Tacoma.
- William Thomas Van Kleek, **VAN KLEEK**, 17 boxes, 39 page index
The VanKleek collection consists of files on many of the collateral lines that joined the family of Simeon Van Kleek as William VanKleek updated an earlier version of the VanKleek family from Holland. Many early family photos are included.

Legacy 9.0 User Group Starting at Fiske

If you are interested in joining some other beginners who use Legacy 9, please join us on the second Wednesdays of the month from 1 to 3 pm. A few of us real beginners want to learn from each other. Come to the first meeting Sept 13 and help decide how this group will operate. We will meet in the Pioneer Hall room where the classes are taught.

Look forward to someone joining me.

Mary Peters

Information on the Legacy 9.0 genealogy program may be found at

<http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/Features.asp>

New Online Delights

The Forgotten 1885 Federal Census

The Family History Daily website, a genealogy information site, has an article on accessing the less well known 1885 Federal Census. Explore the rest of the website as well; it has some interesting features.

<http://familyhistorydaily.com/free-genealogy-resources/the-forgotten-federal-census-of-1885-online-for-free/>

The Métis Nation of Ontario

has announced the completion of the Ontario Métis Root Ancestors Project. The Metis are the descendants of First Nations people and colonial-era Europeans. The project includes over 100,000 historic records providing valuable genealogical information. The records can be accessed on the Metis website.

<http://www.metisnation.org/>

How Old Do I Look?' This is an interesting free Microsoft site: <https://how-old.net/>

Point it to any photograph and it will instantly estimate the age of each person in the photo.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Fiske Library will be closed for Thanksgiving on Wednesday and Thursday, November 22-23, and re-open on Saturday, November 25. At end-of-year the library will be closed on December 18th and re-open on Saturday, January 6, 2018.



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Get involved Creating New Resources

Contribute to “History Unfolded”

Looking for an easy way to make a big difference? Newspapers.com invites you to participate in the History Unfolded project run by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum! The full blog article is available at

<https://blog.newspapers.com/make-a-difference-with-history-unfolded/>

What is History Unfolded? History Unfolded is a project that seeks to expand our knowledge of how American newspapers reported on Nazi persecution during the 1930s and '40s so we can better understand what Americans knew about the Holocaust as it was happening.

To help achieve this, the History Unfolded project asks people like you to search local newspapers from the 1930s and '40s for Holocaust-related news and opinions and then submit them online to the museum.

Who Can Contribute? Everyone! History buffs, students, teachers . . . All you need is an interest in the Holocaust and access to a newspaper from the 1930s or '40s, either online (using Newspapers.com, for example) or through a physical archive, such as a library. Simply create an account with History Unfolded, and away you go!

Transcribe original documents for Digital Maine

Digital Maine has set up an easy to use online system for transcribing original documents from their archives. In the process you have access to a rich cache of historical and genealogical information. I have been working on family letters from the Civil War.

The project and registration process is explained at <http://www.digitalmaine.net/projects/>

Carefully read the instructions and then begin. The transcription screen shows a digital image on the right, while a box on the left is open for input. Transcriptions are kept online for review by another person, so the work is cross checked for accuracy. You may also engage in that work.

I found it easiest to open the image in a new window (one of the options) where it can be enlarged. I then open a Notepad file to transcribe on top of the image. When I revert back to the original screen, I transfer [cut/paste] the Notepad text to the transcription box and review it before saving.

DID YOU KNOW?

Thousands of United States-born women lost their citizenship through marriage between 1907 and 1922. During that time period, a married woman's citizenship status was determined by her husband's nationality. In 1922, Congress passed the Cable Act, which allowed women to retain their citizenship after marriage. It did not, however, restore U.S. citizenship to women who had previously lost it through marriage.

FISKE LIBRARY HOURS

Thanksgiving: Closed Wed./Thurs., Nov. 22-23; reopening Nov. 25
Year-end: closed on December 18th, re-opening on Saturday, January 6, 2018.

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

Be sure to check our website frequently for late-breaking news on schedule changes or other information not in the current newsletter. <https://fiskelibrary.org/>

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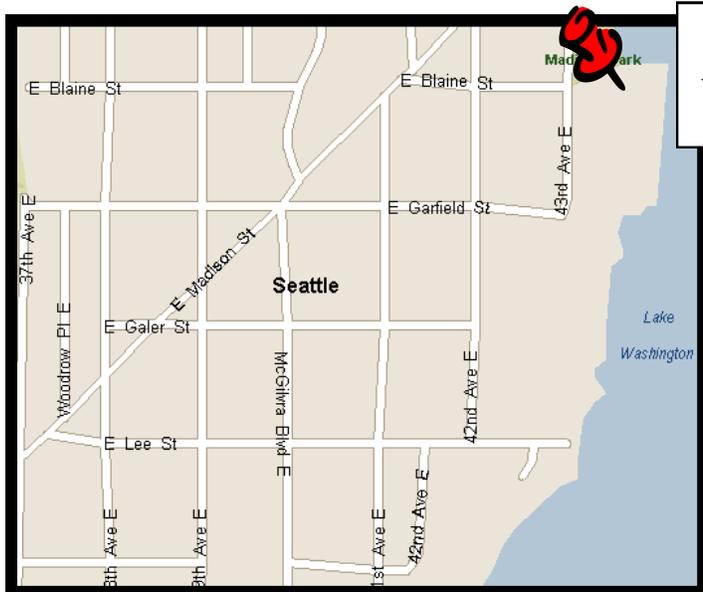


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on the lower level of the
Washington Pioneer Hall.**

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