



# FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION

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## SWEDISH IMMIGRANTS TO THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

Immigration from Sweden to the United States really began in the 1840's when a number of migrants settled in western Illinois, Iowa, central Texas, southern Minnesota and Wisconsin. By the 1860 US Census, there were about 18,000 Swedish-born residents in the country. Following the Civil War, migration accelerated, in part due to crop failures in Sweden. By the 1870 census the number of Swedish-born residents in the US had increased to over 97,000. During the 1880's another 300,00 Swedes arrived. (1887 was the peak year with over 46,000 arrivals in that one season.)

By 1910, more than 12 percent of Minnesota's population were Swedish-American although the city of Chicago alone had more than 100,000 Swedish-Americans in the same census year! You can learn a lot more about the growth of the Swedish-American communities at the website of the Minnesota Historical Society at <http://www.mnhs.org/newspapers/swedishamerican/migration>.

Newspapers in the Swedish language became an important factor in keeping the immigrant community together. Somewhere between 600 and 1,000 Swedish language newspapers appeared in the migrant communities across America. By 1910, it has been estimated that the total circulation of Swedish-American newspapers that year was about 660,000 copies. That figure was second only to the much larger German language newspapers in America and it exceeded the Norwegian and Yiddish newspapers during the same period. There is more information about these newspapers at <http://www.mnhs.org/newspapers/swedishamerican/publishing>.

The Minnesota Historical Society has accumulated a large collection of digitized Swedish-American newspapers from across the country.

## SWEDISH IMMIGRANTS TO THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST (CONTINUED)

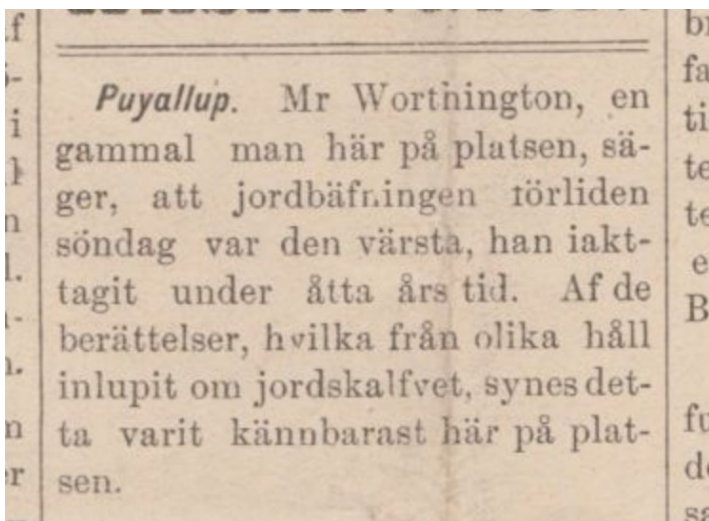
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Most of this collection is now available online for free access to the resource. The titles of the newspapers, the towns in which they were published, and the dates which are available for access can be found at <http://www.mnhs.org/newspapers/swedishamerican/titles>.

There were four Swedish-American newspapers in Washington in consecutive runs between 1891 and 1922 that appear in the Minnesota Historical Society database. The ownership and titles of the newspapers changed periodically, but there was a continuous run during this time period with the following titles:

1891-1902	Westra posten
1902-1903	Westerns tribun
1903-1914	Pacific tribune
1914-1922	Svenska Pacific Tribunen

Here is a sample of an article from the front page of the December 4, 1891 issue of the Westra Posten published in Seattle. It is a short item about an earthquake felt in Puyallup, but outlying areas did not find it as significant as that reported by Mr. Worthington.



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## English Translation

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Puyallup. Mr. Worthington, en gammal man här på platsen, säger, att jordbävningen iörliden söndag var den värsta, han iakttagit under åtta års tid. Af de berättelser hvilja från olika håll inlupit om jordskalfvet, synes detta varit kännbarast här på platsen.

Puyallup. Mr. Worthington, an old man on the spot, saying that the earthquake felt on Sunday was the worst he had observed in the past eight years. Of the stories received from different locations about the earthquake, this appears to have been felt mostly here in Puyallup.

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# Get Past That Brick Wall Using the FAN Club

Contributed by Cindy Walton

Do you have a brick wall you just can't get past? Have you tried using the genealogical methodology known as the FAN club (**F**riends, **A**ssociates, and **N**eighbors)? This principle is used to prove identity, origin, and parentage of an ancestor and focuses on people that your ancestor may have interacted with in the context of that interaction.

Context helps us decide whether a piece of information applies to our ancestor, or how we should interpret the details. We need to decide how much faith we have in the information contained in the source.

There are six basic questions to ask ourselves about the material we have collected. You might want to record this information on a spread sheet.

1. Who are the people of your ancestor's FAN club that you know of?
2. What did they do together – land transactions, legal transactions, etc.
3. When did this occur –look at the date and the stage of life of your ancestor. Was that action common for the life stage in that place and time and for someone of that class and gender?
4. Where did the association occur? Does it point you in a particular direction?
5. Why did these people interact? Prioritize your work list according to the strength of the connection.
6. How frequent were the meetings between your ancestor and this person? Those who had more interactions with your ancestor should be a higher priority on your work list.

In addition, you should think about expanding your list to include family or even enemies.

You might begin by examining census records. At a minimum, look at 15-20 families on either side of your ancestor. Another good rule of thumb is to look at one page before and one page after. Your research notes should contain the names of head of household, their children, ages, birthplaces, literacy and occupation. All of this data can suggest social and migration patterns that might have influenced the actions of your ancestor. Families that your ancestor's children married into should be included as they were often neighbors or associates of the parents. Censuses can also identify a community's unofficial record keepers, such as doctors, lawyers, merchants, ministers, or school teachers.

Other places to look include:

Land Transactions

Nearby landowners (from maps and deeds of land ownership). Transfer of ownership of land.

Deeds/Court Cases/Wills/Mortgages

## Get Past That Brick Wall Using the FAN Club Cont.

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Your ancestor may have signed legal documents such as deeds, wills, court records and other legal documents in which he/she may have been a witness.

Deed conveyances and mortgages are very valuable resources, even for those who did not own real estate. Individuals who did not own land appear often in the records of those whom make up their FAN club.

Court cases, both civil and criminal courts – provide information on individuals as well as communities.

Cemeteries

Gravestone abstracts can be found widely but are often rearranged into alphabetical order. When individuals of interest are found in these types of finding aids, you still need to identify those individuals in adjacent lots (who might be neighbors, family or friends).

These are just a few examples. When you reconstruct the life of your ancestor's FAN club you might be able to determine more of his/her history. This can be especially helpful to find a female ancestor when you don't have her maiden name.

Crista Cowen and Ancestry.com have a short video that is worth viewing at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=guKiQOK5Rc4>.

## Renewed Resources at Fiske Library

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

Thanks to a generous grant from the History committee of the Washington State Chapter of the Colonial Dames of America, the Fiske Library has re-bound and refurbished over 150 books in our collection.

Many of these titles arrived as gifts several years ago after being microfilmed by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. They arrived at the Fiske with all pages cut from their original binding and in some cases with the empty covers. Now they are reassembled and on our shelves for research use.

They appear in the new titles list which appear on pages 6 to 7 in this issue of the newsletter. (Others repaired in this project will be listed in the next newsletter.)

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# FISKE WINTER LIBRARY 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

History of Gardiner, Pittston and West Gardiner, with a sketch of the Kennebec Indians [F29.G28 E52 1852]

History of Marshfield VT [F59.M43 P58 1941]

History of Brockton, Plymouth County, MA 1656-1894 [F74.B8 K6 1895]

Great little Watertown [MA] – a tercentenary history [F74.W33 R66 1930]

History of Guilford CT from its first settlement in 1639 [F104.G9 S6 1877]

Geer's Hartford City Directory 1890, including a directory of the town of East Hartford v. 53 [F104.H3 A18]

## MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES

Geographical gazetteer of Jefferson county, New York, (Part I), and Business Directory for 1890, (Part 2) [F127.J4 C5 1890]

Biographical history of Westchester county, New York, Vol II [F127.W5 B5]

History of Croton-on-Hudson, New York [F129.C94 H57]

Brief history of Rhinebeck – the living past of a Hudson valley community [F129.R4 K47 2001]

General index to the documents relating to the colonial history of the state of New Jersey, first series, in ten volumes [F131 .D63 index]

Reading and Berks County, Pennsylvania – a history vol. 1 [F150.R2 F7 1925]

## ATLANTIC SOUTH

An index to some of the family records of the southern states [F208 .A1345 1979]

Heads of families at the first census of the United States taken in the year 1790 and records of the state enumerations 1782 to 1785 Virginia [F230 .U5 1990]

Fauquier families, 1759-1799 [F232.F3 A43 1994]

## MIDWEST

Land Grants on Elk River in Tennessee (North Carolina and Tennessee land grants 1783-1831) [F442.2 .M275 2016]

# FISKE WINTER LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

Marriage records of Franklin County, Kentucky  
1790-1815 [F457.F8 E41]

Peoria City and County, Illinois: a record of  
settlement, organization, progress and  
achievement Vol. II [F549.P4 R3]

History of Buffalo county, Wisconsin [F587.B9  
K38 1888]

William Wade Hinshaw Index to [Iowa] Quaker  
Meeting Records, Vol II (Orthodox records)  
[F630.F89 W55 1930x]

## FAMILY GENEALOGIES

The Bairds – a condensed chronology of an  
ancient house [CS71.B166 1909]

Genealogy and biography of the Connecticut  
branch of the Churchill family in America  
[CS71.C563 1901]

History and genealogy of the Colgrove family  
in America [CS71.C691 1894]

Douglas family history [CS71.D734 1960]  
Family records of the descendants of Gershom  
Flagg (born 1730) of Lancaster MA with other  
genealogical records of the Flagg family  
descended from Thomas Flagg of Watertown  
MA [CS71.F574 1907]

Our East Tennessee Kinsmen: Part I – Meet  
your Henry kin Part II – Cate, Carmichael,  
Conway, Huffaker, Hudson, Mount and related  
families [CS71.H523 1962]

Complete record of the John Olin family  
[CS71.O46 1893x]

The Stickney family – a genealogical memoir  
[CS71.S854 1869]

White Family Quarterly – an illustrated  
genealogical magazine (the descendants of  
John White of Wenham and Lancaster MA)  
[CS71.W585 1903-1905]

## AMERICAN WEST

Shelton, Washington – the first century 1885-  
1985 [F899.S5 T46 1995 (PAWA)]

Franklin High School – One hundred years  
(Seattle) [L213.S6 F72 2012 (PAWA)]

## EUROPEAN RESOURCES

My ancestor was a coalminer [CS432.C62 T66  
2003]

Norwegian Research Guide, revised edition  
[CS912 .G47 2001]

## REFERENCE

National Archives Microfilm publications in the  
regional archives system (Special List 45)  
[CD3026 .A57 1990]

New encyclopedic atlas and gazetteer of the  
world [G1019 .C48 1917]

## BEWARE: DNA CAN BECOME ADDICTIVE

Contributed by Mary Peters

After a couple of lectures on DNA at Fiske a few years ago, my friend and I thought it would be fun to take an Ancestry DNA test ( [https://www.ancestry.com/dna/?s\\_kwcid=ancestry+com+dna&o\\_xid=68538&o\\_lid=68538&o\\_sch=Paid+Search+Brand](https://www.ancestry.com/dna/?s_kwcid=ancestry+com+dna&o_xid=68538&o_lid=68538&o_sch=Paid+Search+Brand) ).

Really, nothing exciting about that except my ethnicity turned out to be 38% Scandinavian, 31% Great Britain, 14% Irish and some others. The Scandinavian was a real surprise, but I really trusted my genealogical work that had mostly people from Germany and some from England.

Recently, we decided to take a FTDNA test (<https://www.familytreedna.com/>) (ca ching!). Then my daughter wanted hers done (ca-ching) and my husband (ca-ching, ca-ching). Besides being costly even on sale, it still is addictive. I now wish I had read Blaine Bettinger's book, "Guide to Family Tree DNA." Especially the chapter on DNA misconceptions. From what I read, DNA is not a real accurate predictor of ethnicity. Now the FTDNA has me at 53% Scandinavian. That makes me take a harder look at my family tree. Maybe those Schleswig-Holstein people might be more Danish than German. That goes along with the need to learn the history of where your family lived in order to understand your genealogy better.

In addition, the book has information on the three major companies: Ancestry.com/DNA; familytreedna.com; and 23andMe.com; and understanding the three major tests: Y-DNA, mtDNA and atDNA. I would not have paid for a Y-DNA for my cousin, just the atDNA. (3 ca-chings). There is also a good discussion about ethics and DNA. There are some unknowns that DNA might reveal--some good and some that cause a sticky situation. The author recommends you think about those possibilities and be prepared for them. You know the saying, Mama's baby, Papa's maybe!

When you decide to do your DNA, here are a couple of mistakes I made that you might want to avoid. First, I do not have much saliva to spit, so I should have done the swab test and would have known about that if I had read the book. Second, when I received the email that my kits were being sent, I should have printed in kit# and password. Because I did not, I mixed my cousin's kit and mine up. Fortunately, I realized it before I mailed them to FTDNA. When I called, it was obvious that I was not the first person to mix them up because she told me that it was good I caught it before I mailed them in. It was easier for her to make the change in kit assignment. Many people did not. Then when the results came, I did not have the password. Another phone call. Again, I was not the first person to do this and quickly received new temporary passwords.

The good news is that I have found several distant cousins all working on the Bagley tree. Here is a fun result. I am related to Peter X who is related to John X who is related to a very good friend. Therefore, even though we are not related to each other, we do have a common cousin. Even though these people are 4th and 5th cousins, it is fun to meet people who are related to you.

Now, my cousin wants kits for her and her husband, another friend wants three for her family; and yet, another wants them for her and her brother. Oh, what fun! Instead of spending two hours on the computer each day working on genealogy, I spend more hours trying to understand all the graphs and emailing these new relations and wonder where they fit in my tree.



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The Fiske Genealogical Foundation Board and volunteers wish you safe and happy holidays!



The Fiske Library will reopen from the Christmas break on Thursday, January 5, 2017.

## 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.

## WINTER 2017 EDUCATION

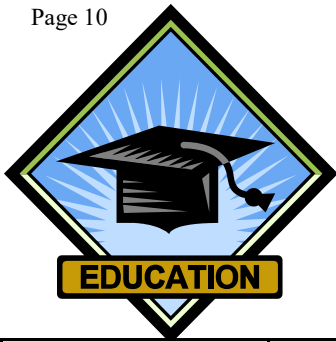
Classes sponsored by the Fiske Genealogical Foundation are open to all. Most classes are held in the street-level room of Pioneer Hall, located in Seattle's Madison Park neighborhood. Tuition for all classes is \$5 individually. Annual passes to the Fiske Library are \$50, and can be enhanced to \$85/year, 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.

## OUR APPRECIATION FOR BOOK DONATIONS

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# WINTER 2017 EDUCATION

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

2017	Topic	Instructor	Location
Wednesday Jan 11	Maps	Fred Cruger	Pioneer Hall 1642 43rd Ave. E Seattle, WA 98112
Wednesday Jan 18	Future of Genealogy: What Happens to Family Data?	David Brazier	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday Jan 25	Using Legacy	Karen Sipe	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday Feb 1 <b>NO CLASS</b>			
Wednesday Feb 8	Old NW Territory, OH, IN, IL	Gary Zimmerman	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday Feb 15	Tax Records and Genealogical Research	Karl Kumm	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday Feb 22	Life of a Serviceman & the Records it Generates	Karl Kumm	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday Mar 1 <b>NO CLASS</b>			
Wednesday Mar 8	Homesteading: Donation Lands, Migrations	Gary Zimmerman	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday Mar 15	Using Historical Records Online and Timelines	Celia McNay	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday Mar 22	Genealogical Proof Standard According to Sherlock Holmes	Jill Morelli	Pioneer Hall

## FISKE LIBRARY HOURS

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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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- 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.