



# FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION

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## University Archives near Your Ancestors' Home can be a Source of Genealogical Treasures



Contributed by Carolyn Blount

Contacting the University Archives near where your family lived can unearth genealogical treasures. Some 20 years ago I sent transcriptions I had made of letters from my grandmother when she was a student at Mt. Allison College in Sackville, New Brunswick, back to that University. Now they have generously shared a collection of a dozen letters written by this same grandmother, Harriett Scammell Olive Ward, to a former classmate, Raymond Archibald between 1914 and 1947. The letters provide a vivid and

*Harriett Scammell Olive Ward, 1873-1966*

articulate description of life as orchardists in Manson, Washington, through the War years, and while raising their family in Wenatchee.

*1919, from Manson on Lake Chelan:*

"We have been living on Lake Chelan for six years! We think it is the most beautiful place in the world, the blue ribbon of the Lake, winding among high cliffs; beyond the snow capped mountains; and along the Lake miles of orchard and wheat and alfalfa field. Our ranch is in the middle of an orchard project of about four thousand acres. Besides apples, we raise alfalfa and corn and have enough cows and horses and pigs and chickens to make it a real farm home. Everything grows here, wonderful cherries and peaches. The summers are hot, but because of the Lake & Mountains, always cool at night; the winters delightful, with sleighing & skating, but no storms. Almost

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continual sunshine the year round. I hope sometime you will come and see this wonderland. It would certainly be a delight to meet you and talk over old times and later experiences.”

*By July 1923 things were more difficult:*

“It has been a very hot and busy summer. Our apple crop last year, for varied reasons, mostly lack of transportation, did not meet expenses, and this year we have been doing work ourselves that we ordinarily hire done. Last fall Mr. Ward had a serious auto accident and within the month his father died and my brother, Walter, was killed when his car went off the road and overturned, so it has been a hard year for us...”

Harriett Scammell Olive Ward held three degrees, an A.B. and an M.A. from Mt. Allison and another A.B. from Harvard Radcliffe. She had been an editor for *Poet Lore* in Boston, then followed her husband, a irrigation engineer, to Butte, Montana and Moses Lake.

*March 15, 1940, from Wenatchee:*

“I haven’t been well since Christmas and answering your letter in anything approaching the style desired was quite beyond me. Indeed, it has come to be that I who dreamed of writing the great American novel or book of important essays can with difficulty bring myself to write the simplest letter ... Since you have the *Poet Lore* with my translation of the Master of Palmyra, I am sending you letters from the author regarding it, to help with the magazine. That is my magnum opus, and I still find it good, though I could no longer translate a simple sentence in German, put away all my books in 1918 and have not opened them since. I think the only other publication was an essay in the *Boston Transcript* in 1900. When I first came west I did a little newspaper work, and I have continued to write ‘papers’ on various subjects for clubs, church, library, even political, since I belong to Pro America, The Episcopal Church, The Ladies Musical Club, & Zetetic - literary club now 25 years old.”

“Our daughter, Olive, was home when your first letter came, asking for a list of what I had done and she remarked – ‘You might tell him you’ve published four children!’ That is really the height of my achievement – these are my jewels...”

*The photo on p. 1 and the correspondence above used with permission from Mt. Allison University Archives – Photo Ref. 5501/9/5/2/7-10 and Correspondence Ref. 5501/3/1/14, Mount Allison Archives, Ralph Pickard Bell Library, 49 York Street, Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada E4L 1C6.*

### Other Archival Treasures:

Another time after a Google Search for my Quaker, Harris family in Ontario, I wondered if a posted photo was not mis-identified as my GG Grandfather, John Harris, and rather not his son. I sent a screen shot to the University of Guelph and they confirmed that they had the original photo, and that the posting was of his son,

as I'd surmised by the costume. But they also told me that they had a photo of my GG Grandfather, John Harris Sr. 1789-1857 and his wife Jane Wetherald 1808-1871, and for a modest fee, sent me copies.

My third success was right here at the University of Washington. Though I had personally searched the Dicky-Ward Collection myself, some 30 years ago, the Special Collections were more recently indexed on line, and there I found a scanned image of my GG Grandfather, Jesse Ward, that was shared with me for my 2015 book on the Ward family.

I recommend determining the nearest University or Historical Society that might have received your ancestor's photos and letters, and building a relationship with them to enhance both your collections.

~ Carolyn Blount

### **What else might be found in the schools your ancestors attended?**

My grandfather, Allan Cunningham, graduated from the School of Mines at the University of Washington in 1910. I found his degree thesis in the University library. It was informative as to the nature of his studies, his preparation for the work he undertook, his writing style and mental facility. I also found a School of Mines bulletin describing their degree programs and classes which outlined the training he had received.

Check for yearbooks and don't forget school newspapers and alumni magazines.

For general research the UW publishes a family history guide:

University of Washington Library:

<http://guides.lib.uw.edu/research/family>

You can check the online library catalog or visit the extensive UW Newspaper Microfilm Archives and the Pacific NW Collection.

~Marjorie Jodoin

## **New Online Delights**

**The Irish Genealogical Research Society updates its BDM indexes:** The latest update of 11,000 additional entries to the Society's Early Irish Birth, Death & Marriage Indexes includes some 7,500 death entries from newspapers published between 1740 & 1810. The combined number of names now found in the three databases is 278,334. Go to

<https://www.irishancestors.ie/> to search:

Marriage Index – Free to all

Birth Index – Name search only for non-members

Death Index – Name search only for non-members

**Sibling DNA data is not always the same!** When the body creates sperm or eggs, the cells engage in some reshuffling known as genetic recombination. This process cuts the number of chromosomes that normal cells have in half—from 46 to 23—so that when a sperm and egg combine during fertilization, they form a complete genetic package. This can result in siblings having different DNA information. See the full National Geographic article:

<https://news.nationalgeographic.com/2018/03/dna-ancestry-test-siblings-different-results-genetics-science/>

**The Forces War Records website** offers access to records of British military service over the last 300 or more years. Recent additions to the Worldwide Army Indexes for 1851, 1861 and 1871 provide an alternative source when men cannot be found in the standard census. The site blog also offers articles on British military history and life.

<https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/>

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# 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

Abstracts of death notices (1833-1852) and miscellaneous articles (1833-1924) from the Maine Farmer [F18 .Y67 1997]

Marriage returns of Oxford County, Maine, prior to 1892 [F27.O9 M37 1993]

Hopkinton, New Hampshire, Vital Records Vol 1 [F44.H8 O37 1998]

## MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES

Pioneer History of Greene County, Pennsylvania [F157.G8 E79 1969]

Debt books of St Mary's County (Maryland) 1753-1758 [F187.S2 R455 1995]

Virginia in the 1600's – an index to who was there [F225 .V88]

Alexandria, Virginia: Alexandria Hustings Court Deeds 1797-1801 [F234.A3 M85 1991]  
SOUTH

The lure and lore of Limestone County (Alabama) [F332.L6 E38 1990] (new edition has an additional 131 pages to the prior edition)

Alabama records - Madison County Vols 151, 153 compiled by Jones and Gandrud [F332.M3]

## MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Holy Cross Catholic Church (Loretto KY): Baptisms, Marriages, Cemetery [F457.M3 B47 1993]

Washington County (KY) cemeteries, vol. 3 [F457.W3 S2625 1983]

Cemetery inscriptions, Columbiana County (OH) Vols 1-8, 10-11) [F497.C6 O38]

History of Saginaw County of Michigan [F572.S17 L4 1975]

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Chief Seattle - Man of Vision [E99.S85 S43 2001 (PAWA)]

Marriage records of Polk County, Oregon Vol 1 and Book B (1849-1879) [F882.P7 C87]

Clark County, Washington, marriages Volumes 6 -13 [F897.C6 C56]

Green Timber - on the flood tide to fortune in the Great Northwest [F899.T2 R5 1968 (PAWA)]

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The Inland Empire – unfolding years 1879-1929 [HC107.W2 F34 1986]

## FAMILY GENEALOGIES

Bouton-Boughton Family, descendants of John Bouton [CS71.B76 1890] reprint

Brenner-James Genealogy [CS71.B8355 1949]

Burcham, Householder, Green and Stewart 1430-1995 [CS71.B9485 1995 (PAWA)]

Burcham, Householder, Green and Steward 1430-1995 2003 Supplement [CS71.B9485 1995 Supplement (PAWA)]

Descendants of Quartermaster George Colton [CS71.C64 1912] reprint

Ancestors and descendants of Samuel French the Joiner of Stratford CT [CS71.F876 1940] (facsimile copy for use only in the library)

Families of George Geer and Thomas Geer (A supplement to the 1923 Geer Genealogy) [CS71.G298 1991]

Descendants of Benjamin J Hamilton [CS71.H22 1983]

Genealogical and biographical history of Arthur, Henry, and John Howland [CS71.H864 1885]

Ancestry of Eva Belle Kempton 1878-1908 Part I: the ancestry of Warren Francis Kempton 1817-1879 [CS71.K322 1996]

Penquite Descendants in America [CS71.P414 2017]

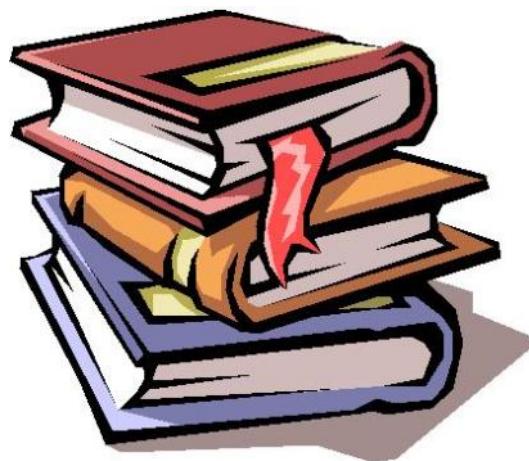
Jonathan Watson (1650 ?-1714) of Dover, New Hampshire, who settled there by 1672 Volumes 1 and 2 [CS71.W34 1998]

## CANADA

Mariages de St-Pierre-de-Sorel (1675-1865) [F1054.5.S6 M6 1967]

## REFERENCE RESOURCES

Guide to contents of reels, microfilmed Archives of the Holland Land Company [HD195.H64 G8 1983]



## 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 or \$35 for 10 sessions. 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.

## New Series: Writing Workshop

The Fiske Genealogical Foundation will be offering a Writing Workshop in the Spring of 2018. It will kick off with the regular class on Wednesday, March 28. Four more workshops will meet every two weeks on Tuesdays from one to three P.M. The dates are April 10th, 24th, and May 8th and 22nd. The fee for this series will be \$20.

The first class on Wednesday the 28 of March will focus on time lines and how to use them in writing to help you solve genealogical problems and organize your writing. Another part will start you off with a warm-up exercise in Free Writing.

## 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 NE  
Panel: Charliann Beck, Karen Sipe  
Public transport: #74 Bus

### Legacy 9 User Group

If you are interested in joining others who use Legacy 9 genealogy program, 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. We will meet in the Pioneer Hall room where the classes are taught.

~ Mary Peters



~ Karl Kumm & Karen Sipe



# SPRING 2018 EDUCATION

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

<b>2018</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Wednesday March 28</b>	Writing Workshop I: Timelines [series classes will continue <u>Tuesdays</u> , 1-3 PM. See p. 6]	Karl Kumm & Karen Sipe	Pioneer Hall 1642 43rd Ave. East Seattle, WA 98112
<b>Wed. April 4</b>	NO CLASS		
<b>Wednesday April 11</b>	Designing and Writing Your Blog	Louisa Peck	Pioneer Hall
<b>Wednesday April 18</b>	Family Bibles: How to Find Them	Janet O'Conor Camarata	Pioneer Hall
<b>Wednesday April 25</b>	Researching Pioneer Women	Michele Genthon	Pioneer Hall
<b>Wednesday May 2</b>	CLASS MEETS AT Seattle Public Library Using Indexes	John LaMont	Seattle Public Library
<b>Wednesday May 9</b>	Swedish Records	Jill Morelli	Pioneer Hall
<b>Wednesday May 16</b>	Times of Change: Calendar & Date Calculations	Evelyn Roehl	Pioneer Hall
<b>Wednesday May 23</b>	Genealogical Trees & Information on Public Web Sites	Lou Daly	Pioneer Hall
<b>Wednesday May 30</b>	The Evergreen State: Researching Your Washington Ancestors	Mary Roddy	Pioneer Hall
<b>Wed., June 6</b>	NO CLASS		
<b>Wednesday June 13</b>	Take Your Research to the Cloud	Winona Laird	Pioneer Hall

## Swedish Archives Digital Collections are now free!



**Riksarkivet**  
Search the collections

From 1 February 2018 all digital collections at the Swedish National Archives are free to search and view. You will find more than 100 million digitised archival records in the Digital Research Room.

The home page is at  
<https://sok.riksarkivet.se/digitala-forskarsalen>

*From the website:* "The National Archives are implementing the change towards open and free digital collections in two stages. First, the subscription charge to the digital research room was removed. The next stage involves making the information available as open, linkable and machine-readable data."

Most of the pages are in Swedish, but you can click a tab at the top of the page "other languages" to switch to English. If that tab is activated even a link stating "Read more (in Swedish)" may have English content. Or you may be able to utilise your own browser's translation function. In Chrome, you simply right click on a blank spot of the window for the drop down menu and link. Document images, of course, will be in Swedish.

Most of what you can do online will be found under the "Digital Research Room" tab, but other sections of the website also offer a "digitised material only" option under the search fields. However, you may not want to limit your search.

## Digitized collections

- Church archives >
- Court archives >
- Property records 1933-1980's >
- Register of population 1642-1820 >
- SCB births, marriages and deaths 1860-1947 >

## Databases

- Census >
- Inventory of estates >
- Released prisoners >
- Rosenberg's geographical dictionary >

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The National Archives Database tab provides information on where other materials are located and how to access that material. According to the website: "NAD publishes information about archives and archival holdings at the Swedish National Archives, municipal and regional archives, archives of popular movements and associations, trade and industry and archives of museums and libraries etc

You can also find contact information for Swedish archival institutions in the tab Search archival institutions. You can find supplementary databases on topographical division and historical accounts of public administrations in the tab Search places

Several institutions publish archival inventories in NAD together with other finding aids."

~ Gary Zimmerman

## Online Delights

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**The 1771 Massachusetts Tax Inventory** contains the names and descriptions of taxable property of nearly 38,000 individuals who resided in 152 Massachusetts towns in 1771. Data include enumerations of the type and value of real estate and buildings, as well as tabulation of livestock and farm commodities produced, and maps of locations.

<http://sites.fas.harvard.edu/~hsb41/masstax/masstax.cgi>.

Thanks to Dick Eastman for alerting us to these new resources: Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, <http://www.eogn.com>.

## African-American Civil War Soldiers

A new website is providing the opportunity to transcribe and make available "the military records of roughly 200,000 African Americans soldiers who fought for their freedom in the American Civil War." The website is found at

<https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/usct/african-american-civil-war-soldiers/>

"Until now these records have been locked away in the National Archives in DC, accessible only to a select few researchers. Our website invites members of the public to help transcribe scanned images of the soldiers' records, turning them into text that can easily be searched by students and historians, as well as descendants of the soldiers themselves. The database we collect will be made freely available on the website of the African American Civil War Museum. <https://www.afroamcivilwar.org/>."

*Quotes from announcement by John Clegg, founder of the website, reprinted in Dick Eastman's newsletter.*

## 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](mailto:editor@fiskelibrary.org).

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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.

## 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 & 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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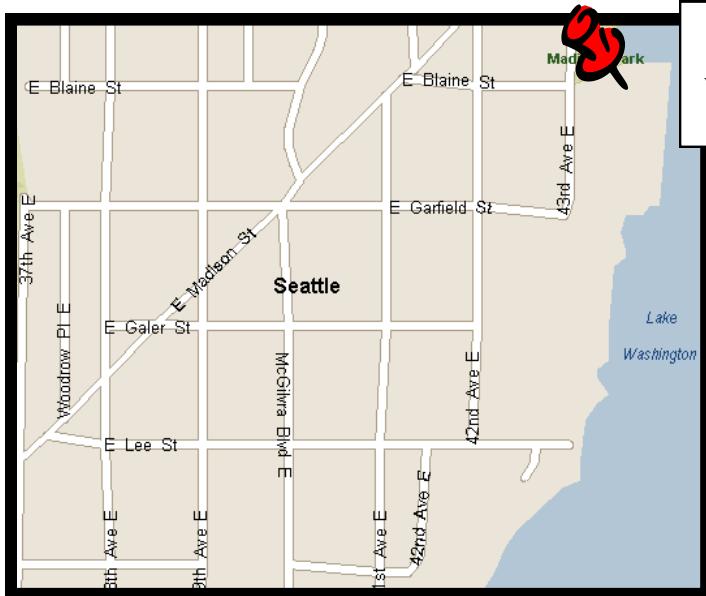


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- Turn right and follow E Blaine Street to the end of the street.
- The Washington Pioneer Hall faces onto 43rd Ave. E. The Fiske Genealogical Library is located on the lower level of the building.