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Exploring the National Archives and Library of Congress



No genealogist’s trip to our nation’s Capitol should be complete without—at the very least—tours of both the National Archives and Library of Congress. Both tours are free, fun, interesting, and inspiring!

Library of Congress
www.loc.gov

On a one-hour walking tour of the historic Jefferson Building (the main LOC building) you’ll learn about the Library collections and history while admiring the stunning architecture of this beautiful building. You’ll see Thomas Jefferson’s original library (the basis for the library of Congress), and the Gutenberg Bible as well as other permanent and temporary exhibits. You can take a free tour on a first-come, first-served basis (Mon-Sat) if you haven’t scheduled your tour in advance.

The Library of Congress is the world’s largest library. With more than 167 million items, the collections, in some 470 languages include more than 38 million books and other print materials, 3.6 million recordings, 14 million photographs, 5.5 million maps, 8.1 million pieces of sheet music and 70 million manuscripts.

Researching in the Library of Congress

The LOC is a research library, and members of the public use books only on the premises.

The Library reference staff can help you identify and request materials in general and specialized reading rooms. You’ll need a Reader Identification Card, but that is free and all you have to do is complete a registration card and present a valid driver’s license, state-issued identification card, or passport. Researchers must be at least 16 years of age.

You can prepare for your visit by researching in the Library of Congress Online Catalog (www.loc.gov). Know what you’re looking for and you’ll have an especially productive visit.

~ Contributed by Peggy O’Farrell

Education this Fall

September 18: The Fiske Fall Classes begin on Wednesday, September 18th, with a presentation by Lou Daly called **“You Can Create a Family Tree Using FamilySearch.”** Now you can create any of three different versions of a private family tree while still maintaining total access to the hints and massive resources of the public Wiki based FamilySearch. You can modify any way you wish and no one else can change them without your permission. Interested? Come join us.

September 25: Mary Peters is an expert in the use of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) records. On Wednesday, September 25th she will teach a class on **“Using the Online DAR Records for your Research.”** She will talk about the GRC, Bibles, Ancestor Data Base, Descendent Data Base, the Library catalog, and obtaining copies of documents you find.

October 2: Janet O’Connor Camarata will be doing two classes a month apart downstairs in the Fiske library. Her first is **“Location in Context –Beyond Maps”** Understanding location is essential for genealogical research. Over time place names, boundaries, and even the physical geography of a place may change. Understanding these changes may help you break through a “brick wall.” Learning what a place looked like may make the life of your ancestor come alive.

November 6: The following month Janet O’Connor Camarata will offer **“Surname Distribution Maps.”** These genealogical tools will help us find where our family name may appear. Surname maps are prepared from data drawn from population lists, the census, tax lists and telephone directories. For German and Polish surname searches other research strategies will be presented. The use of wild cards and the function of the umlaut will be covered.

October 9: Jill Morelli will continue her instruction in Scandinavian Records. Her class has the title **“Parish Records and Census for Norway, Sweden and Denmark.”** Preparation in the U. S. is key to successfully “crossing the pond.” She will identify resources which may lead to the parish of your Scandinavian immigrant. It will cover techniques which are critical to that research.

October 16: Steven Morrison will present **“Profile of Quaker, Quakers on the Move, and Finding Yearly Meeting Records.”** He will answer the question, “What made Quakers Unique?” He will then describe the major migrations of Quakers and their meetings across America. Finally, he will focus on the on-line tools which are available for each of three dozen yearly meetings and which collections may already be available on-line.

October 23: Maureen MacDonald is coming down from Whidbey Island to make a presentation on **“French-Canadian Research.”** This class will include a brief look at the history of the French in New France with a timeline of the records necessary to locate our French-Canadian ancestors in Quebec. The main focus will be which records cover which years and how to access them and what those records contain. Time allowing we will discuss records covering other arrivals to the area that became known as Canada.

Education this Fall

October 30: Mary Roddy will give a more advanced class on Excel II – “Spreadsheet 201 :Excel–lient Examples.” Spreadsheets can help you analyze data and keep track of your research. They also make the data more attractive. You will learn how to flip rows, add columns and add words and numbers, turning the spreadsheet “on its ears.”

November 13: There will be two classes on DNA. Mary Kozy will introduce us to “New Tools in DNA Research” towards the end of the Trimester. Wondering about the new tools being put out by the major genealogy companies? From ThruLines at Ancestry to the Theory of Family Relativity at MyHeritage, they can be both confusing and helpful in solving our genealogical conundrums. Come learn about these tools and see some case studies that use these tools and others to resolve complex problems.

November 20: Jill Morelli will conclude the fall classes with “**Finding a Father for MOLLY – Using DNA.**” Molly was born illegitimate and the name of her father has been forgotten. Using DNA, developing a strategy and applying the Genealogical Proof Standard resulted in identification. Successes and difficulties and contacting cousins will be discussed.

It is a rich and varied program. GOOD HUNTING!

Karl Kumm Program Coordinator

Rachel Sandam Harris Walbridge Diary, 1901-1906



Rachel Sandam Harris kept a diary, currently in the possession of her great niece, Carolyn Fix Blount, beginning 3 July 1901 when she, 22, and her sister, Clara, 28, Carolyn’s grandmother, went back to Ontario to visit family. This must have been quite an adventure for these sisters.

Slipped between the pages is the supper menu from the dining car for the trip on the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad. Items include: Steak, 45¢; Sirloin steak, 65¢; Lamb Chops, 45¢; Broiled Ham or Bacon 40¢; with Eggs, 50¢. Eggs, 15¢; Potatoes; Bread; Tea Biscuit; or Toast, Tea, Coffee, or Chocolate: 10¢; Marmalade or Jam with Wafers, or Cakes with Syrup, 15¢.

Excerpts from the month of July 1902 are presented here, revealing the surprising amount of traveling that Rachel and her family were able to do on public transportation, including the Interurban through the Puyallup Valley, and the

Walbridge Diary

railway that took them to visit her sisters, local stages and horseback, as Rachel prepared for her 20 August 1902 marriage to Perry Hand Walbridge.

“July 4. Ma and Aunt took Fred & I to Auburn and Lulu joined us and took the train for Tacoma, then the boat to Gig Harbor. [sister, Zenia, and Oro Oliver live in Gig Harbor.] Got there about noon, ate dinner, went for a walk and in the eve, fished on the bridge.

July 5. Boys went fishing before breakfast. Took the stage to Gig Harbor. Got on the boat stuck on the mud and landed in Tacoma. Perry and I and Lulu and Fred went to Point-Defiance Park, ate lunch on a row boat, came back to Tacoma and started home on the train, reaching here about 5 o'clock. Ma met us.

July 9. Started my wedding dress, worked on it.

July 12. Aunt was finishing up my dress and I had started to Auburn and met Lewis Tipper, came back with him.

July 13. Molly W. [Perry's younger sister, born 1888] came to visit me. Perry came out on a tandem.

July 20, Sunday. Perry came. Settled up the date and all.

July 21, Monday. Zenia and Aunt went to Gig Harbor.

July 22, Tuesday. Started my wedding drawers.

July 23. Clara and I got up at 4 o'clock. I ironed. Then she and Lucey went to Kent. I sewed some more and took a picture of Mollie and two of my pigs, and Mollie went to stay with Panchot's all night. I took a letter to her this eve.”

July 25. Finished my wedding dress. The last touches and my wedding drawers. Bound down the mat I made in winter.

July 26. Clara and I took Luey, Pa and Ma to Tacoma. Did a lot of shopping: shoes, slippers, 2 pair. Calico dresses lining to my brown traveling dress and etc.

July 27, Sunday. Mollie, Perry & I went to their old ranch up on the hill. Did not go to church at all.

July 28. Clara and I did the washing. Then I started my red calico dress and underwaist. Then in the eve at 6 took Mollie to Panchot's & meet Pa, Ma Luey & Aunt.

July 29, Tuesday. Aunt Luey, Fred, Clara and I took the buggy and went to 5 mile Lake, and went in bathing all day. Had a fine time.

July 30, Wednesday. Finished my red dress. Aunt, Ma, and I made my blue quilt and pink yarn started.

July 31, Thursday. I went over to Mrs. Heaton's and we made my wedding cake. I staid to dinner. I came home in the afternoon a while and Lewis Tippe came.

~Contributed by Carolyn Blount

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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. Call ahead of your visit as not all volunteers have access.

NEW ENGLAND STATES

Encyclopedia of New England F2 .E43 1985

Bibliography for Vermont genealogy F48 .L45 2000

A volume of records relating to the early history of Boston, containing miscellaneous papers F73.1 .B74 vol 29

History of the counties of Gloucester, Salem, and Cumberland, New Jersey (in two volumes) F142.G3 C8 1995

MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES

History of Jefferson County in the state of New York F127.J4 H8 1854

Historical sketches of Bridgewater, Oneida County, NY F129.B52 P8 1995

History of the counties of Gloucester, Salem, and Cumberland, New Jersey with biographical sketches of their prominent citizens, 2 volumes F142.G3 C8

SOUTHERN ATLANTIC STATES

In full force and virtue: North Carolina emancipation records, 1713-1860 E185.96 .B99 1999

Alexandria county, Virginia Free Negro registers 1797-1861 F232.A4 P76 1990

Register of free Negroes, Northampton County, Virginia 1853-1861 F232.N85 L38 1992

MIDWESTERN STATES

Jurisdictional histories for Ohio's eighty-eight counties 1788-1985 F497.B7 P45 1986

Family maps of Decatur County, Indiana F532.D2 B69 2005

History of Union County, Indiana 1821-1988 F532.U5 H56 1969

History of Edwards County, Illinois F547.E3 H57 1983 vol. 2

Early marriages of Richland County, Illinois v.1 1840-1899 F547.R5 T3 1970

Jews of Chicago – from tetl to suburb F548.9.J5 C87 1996

Family maps of St. Croix County, Wisconsin F587.S13 B69 2008

History of the St. Croix Valley F587.S14 H5 1909 Vols 1 and 2

Family maps of Linn County, Iowa F627.L7 B69 2010

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Pioneer Dreams: histories of Washington
Territorial pioneers F890 .P57 2004 [PAWA]

Renton, the first 100 years, 1901-2001 F899.R46
A96 2001 [PAWA]

AMERICAN GENEALOGIES

The Avery Advocate CS 71.A95 Vols 1-7 complete
(1992-1998)

Bunker genealogy – the Charlestown,
Massachusetts and Nantucket, Massachusetts
branches and some unconnected groups
CS71.B938 1965

Descendants of Robert Burdick of Rhode Island
CS 71.B949 1937

Byrams in America CS71.B9996 1988

Genealogical history of the Clark and Worth
families and other Puritan families in the
Massachusetts Bay colony CS71.C6 1979

History and biography of John and Anne Wilks
Collet including sketches of descendants
CS71.C699 2000

History of the Ditto families 1700-2000
CS71.D6153 2000

Descendants of John Drake of Windsor,
Connecticut CS71.D76 1933a

Genealogy of the Gordon-Macy Hiddleston-Curtis
and allied families CS71.G66 1967

Hamlin Family history in America 1654-1996 from
Middleton CT to Eaton Rapids, Michigan and
beyond CS71.H223 1996

Kennedy family history CS71.K35 1986

Marsh Family Bulletin CS 71.M3 M32 Vol 1, nos 1-6
(1955)

Morrell, Morrill Families Association newsletter
Vols 1-8 (1981-1989) CS71.M87315

The Morrell, Wilmer, Mackarness and related
families CS71.M874 1993

Moyes' genealogy – record of a branch of
descendants of Rev James Moyes, Newbury 1634-
1656 CS71.N955 1889

History of the Silverthorn Family CS71.S5855 1982

George Henry Swartz and his descendants of
Fairfield County, Ohio CS71.S3985 1988

Edward Sturgis of Yarmouth, Massachusetts 1613-
1695 and his descendants
CS71.S935 1914

About Towne (newsletter of the Towne Family
Association, Ashville NC) Vols 6-13
1986-1993 CS71.T74516

CANADIAN RESOURCES

Births, Marriages & Deaths – • abstracts from the
Renfrew Mercury 1871-1900
CS88.R42 C48 1986

Family History Resources – • Renfrew County
records [Ontario, Canada] CS88.R42 C76 1990

Lost names and places of eastern Ontario F1056.4
.R388 1993

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BRITISH ISLES

Domesday Book, Vol 16: Worcestershire DA190 .D5 v.16

Bartholomew Gazetteer of places in Britain DA640 .B26 1986 (replaces older version)

Evolution of the English manorial system HD593 1987

MAPS

Map of Saint Croix County, Wisconsin 1876 G1418.S2 M2 1985

REFERENCE RESOURCES

Endogamy: one family, one people CS36.J4 P53 2015

Especially for Swedes CS923 .H64 1985

One hundred eleven trees (Fort Morgan, CO) F784.F57 O53 1976



The **Langley Archive and Research Center** is now open and excited to help with all your genealogical needs. Our staff and volunteers are here to assist you with our expanding library and extensive research skills.

Hours of operation are Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and by appointment. LARC is currently able to accommodate groups up to 8 people and please allow 48 hours' notice for appointments.

We are located next door to the South Whidbey Community Center at 721 Camano Ave., in historic Langley, Washington.

Some of our offerings include:

- Experience working with online subscriptions like ancestry.com, fold3, family search and newspapers.com
- Genealogy Library
- South Whidbey Pioneer family files
- Genealogical research and mentoring
- Genealogy workshops/classes – TBD

Is there a Downside to DNA testing?

If you are still trying to decide whether you want to have your DNA tested for genealogical purposes, you might want to read “23 reasons not to reveal your DNA,” on the April 2019 Internet Health Report website.

<https://internethealthreport.org/2019/23-reasons-not-to-reveal-your-dna/>

Read the comments also where some people respond to the concerns expressed.

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.

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: a NARA staff person and Karen Sipe
Public transport: #74 Bus

Legacy 9 User Group

If you are interested in joining others who use the Legacy 9 genealogy program, please consider joining our group the second Wednesdays of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. starting September 11th. The questions we cover run the gamut from the beginner to the more advanced - from how to contact Legacy support, to setting relationships, to cleaning up duplicates. September 11th we will at least go over Report Options - setting up the formatting and basic reports. Please come with questions and topics you would like us to go over. We meet in Pioneer Hall where the classes are taught.

Siri Nelson

FamilySearch Interest Group

Are you missing some really important information in your family tree? Have you searched the pages of the FamilySearch.com website for new family connections, pictures, stories, sources and maybe even audio recordings of your relatives? Do you know how to access unindexed records on the site? Do you know how to attached suggested records? Have you used the Wiki?

Even if you haven't entered information on the site your family tree is probably already there. Aren't you curious about what other members of your family have entered? A great opportunity for family collaboration and It's free!

For those of you who have already started the FamilySearch adventure come join us to learn about all the different features of the site. Easy to use and yet it can do very complicated things. Come find out what it's all about. Hope to see you there.

Starting in October and ending in June, there will be a monthly meeting. Date and time is still under discussion, but will be announced on the website when known.

Lou is also offering a class on new Private Tree options on the FamilySearch site. Join her Wednesday, September 18 at 10:00 A.M., Pioneer Hall.

Any Questions? contact Lou Daly
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FALL 2019 EDUCATION

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

2019	Topic	Instructor	Location
Wednesday September 18	You can create a Private Family Tree using <i>FamilySearch.org</i>	Lou Daly	Pioneer Hall 1642 43rd Ave. East Seattle, WA 98112
Wednesday September 25	Using the Online DAR Records for your Research	Mary Peters	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday October 2	Mapping an Ancestor	Janet O'Connor Camarata	Fiske Library downstairs
Wednesday October 9	Parish Records and Census for Norway, Sweden and Denmark	Jill Morelli	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday October 16	A Quaker Triad: Profile of Quakers, Quakers on the Move, Finding Yearly Meeting Records.	Steven Morrison	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday October 23	French-Canadian Research	Maureen MacDonald	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday October 30	Spreadsheets 201: Excel-lent Examples	Mary Roddy	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday November 6	Surname Distribution Maps	Janet O'Connor Camarata	Fiske Library downstairs
Wednesday November 13	DNA Research	Mary Kozy	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday November 20	Finding a Father for Molly – using DNA	Jill Morelli	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday November 27	NO CLASS – THANKSGIVING – Nov. 28		

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 1st of the month preceding publication. **Writers—articles are always needed and appreciated!** Please send queries or submissions to editor@fiskelibrary.org.

TIP: If you struggle with online URLs printed in our paper copy of the newsletter, go to our online version where you can just click the URL. If you don't have online access, you can use the library's computer.

Holiday Closures

The Fiske Genealogical Library will be closed on September 2, 2019 for **Labor Day**, Thursday, November 27, 2019 for **Thanksgiving**, and Saturday, December 21, 2019 through **Christmas & New Year's Day**, reopening January 4, 2020.



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.

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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

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.

* If you expect to arrive at the library after 5pm, call ahead to let us know you are coming. The volunteers may leave early if no one is here. 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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on the lower level of the
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- 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.