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Untapped Treasures at Fiske



EVA and HAZEL GRAHAM November 17, 1910

The above photo of the horse and carriage with mother and daughter, Eva Augusta (Teel) Graham, born 1858 in McMinnville, Yamhill, Oregon, and her daughter, Hazel Eva, born in May 1895, taken in 1910, probably near Spokane, is just one example of the treasures that can be found in the Genealogical Archival Collections held at the Fiske Library.

Carolyn Blount, and a couple of other volunteers, have been indexing the many donated collections over the past 5 years. Carolyn has nearly completed 19 collections, some with more than 70 pages of finding aids. Notebooks contain family group sheets, pedigree charts, biographies, census records, deeds, wills, birth, wedding and funeral notices, obituaries and other memorabilia from the various families. Wonderful old family photographs,

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Untapped Treasures

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dating back into the 1800s, are among the treasures that may be found.

The Merritt Smith Collections contains a copy of what may be the last correspondence of a young man setting off for the California gold fields and who was never heard from again.

Seventeen sets of finding aids are already linked to the Fiske Home page under *Finding Aids for the Archives Collections at the Fiske library*. Each includes a broad descriptions of the collections plus specific descriptions of all of the materials included.

Some of the collections are quite extensive in boxes which will need to be retrieved for you.

To access them, please contact us ahead of time with the necessary box identification and the date you wish to come to the library to do your research.

Thank you.

~ Carolyn Blount



Eva and Tom Graham

Class Related Surplus Books

Frequently we have surplus books available that are relevant to class topics. A new page is being added to the website listing such books. A designated spot in the library will be set up where the books will be held so that class attendees or visitors at other times may access the books with the help of a volunteer. They can also be accessed by sending an email to our surplus books manager, Marjorie Jodoin at surplusbooks@fiskelibrary.org.

I will try to prepare a list prior to the classes each season, but this first list will be relevant to the classes held this Spring. The new page will be highlighted on the Fiske Home page with a link.

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Fiske Board Appoints New Treasurer



*Ann Owens, Treasurer
2002-2019*

Michelle Lyons was approved at the May 20, 2019 Fiske Board meeting to be Treasurer for the Fiske Library on the retirement of Ann Owens this summer. She was also elected to fill Ann's position on the Fiske Board.

Our profound thanks to Ann Owens who has served as Treasurer and Board member since October 2002. Prior to that time she had been a Wednesday afternoon and evening volunteer. She notes that she plans to maintain her ties to Fiske but for now Grandchildren take priority. She is writing a book for her family on her Root family heritage. They were from Connecticut and she has found good information about their history from the Fiske Collection.

Michelle Lyons is uniquely qualified to serve as Treasurer. "I am retired from the State of Alaska where I worked many years in various positions—local government liaison planner for a State environmental program and as both a financial and tax auditor. After retirement I worked as a seasonal tax preparer for a local tax preparation company. I have a B.S. in Business Administration. In the past I was both a CPA and IRS Enrolled Agent." She is also treasurer for her condo association.

Michelle volunteers at the Fiske on Mondays assisting any visitors, attending to Fiske projects and doing research for herself and others. She started doing family research with her father in the 1960s and has been pursuing her ancestry on a regular basis for the last 15 years. As Membership Chair for the South King County Genealogical Society, she is also a liaison for us with that sister society.

She has two adult daughters, one of whom lives with her along with a dog and two cats. She also has two grandchildren with whom she enjoys spending time. Her grandson lives in California, but is working the summer with Fish & Game in Alaska.

We are very pleased to have Michelle as Treasurer and look forward to working with her on the Board.

~ Carolyn Blount



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 or email us to arrange access.

NEW ENGLAND STATES

Thomas and Sally Page of Boston CT215.P15 T44

Saco Valley settlements and families F27.S15 R5
1984

Fairfield (CT): the biography of a community
F104.F2 F37 1988

MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES

Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Vol 1, Part 1 1670-
1730 E12 .N45 1994

The New Suffolk Story – then, now, and in-between
F129.N57 B87 1983

Southold's founders and their home lots (NY)
F129.S74 B39 2000

Pagans, Puritans, and Patriots of Yesterday's
Southold F129.S74 H17

History of Southold, Long Island, its first century
F129.S74 W5

Maryland Revolutionary records F185 .N48 1967

Virginia "Publick" claims: Augusta county F232.A9
A340 1991

Hanover County (VA) Taxpayers, St. Paul's Parish
1782-1815
F232.H3 C62 1956

Vestry book of St. Paul's Parish, Hanover County,
Virginia 1706-1786
F232.H3 S77 1989

The Montgomery County (VA) Story 1776-1957
F232.M7 C7 1957

ATLANTIC SOUTH RESOURCES

600 Revolutionary soldiers living in Georgia in 1827-
28 E255 .H65

Colonial soldiers of the South 1732-1774 F208 .C58
1983

South Carolina wills 1670-1853 or later F268 .W35
1981

MIDWESTERN RESOURCES

History of Van Buren County (AR) F417.V3 H5 1983

Sequatchie valley (TN) bible records F443.S35 D7
1985

Kentucky marriage records from the register of the
Kentucky Historical Society
F450 .K455 1983

Recent Library Acquisitions

Ohio Genealogical Guide 3rd edition F490 .B45
1984

Ohio Genealogical Periodical Index: a county guide
4th edition
F490 .F58 1983

The 1985 History of Coshocton County, Ohio
F497.C7 C67 1985

Muskingum County – Ohio genealogical guide
2nd revised edition
F497.M9 B45

Family maps of Green County, Wisconsin F587.G7
B6 2007

Grass of the earth – the story of a Norwegian
immigrant family in Dakota
F645.S2 R3 1994

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Totem Atlas of Mason County (WA) G1488.T5P2
T68 1994 (PAWA)

How can one sell the air? Chief Seattle's vision
E99.S85 H68 1992 (PAWA)

History of Pierce County, Washington vols 3, 4
F897.P6 P54

Old King Coal F897.P6 O53 1983 (PAWA)

Seattle now and then (2nd edition) F899.S457
D67 1990 (PAWA)

AMERICAN GENEALOGIES

Beery family history CS71.B442 1957

Genealogy of the Bruner family 1728-1967
CS71.B894 1967

What in the world was happening in the life of
Thelma Sigurdson Cagle?

Vol 3, 1974-1983 CS71.C128

History and biography of John and Anne Wilks
Collet, including sketches of children and
grandchildren CS71.C699 2000

Diehl-Deal-Dill-Dale families of America Vol. 1:
Diehl families of York and Adams County,
Pennsylvania CS71.D558 1989

Meet your ancestors: some descendants of Robert
Hubbard (ca 1600-1663) CS71.H875 1985a

Miskimmins – the descendants of David and Rachel
Miskimmins of Washington County, Maryland
CS71.M15872 1986

History of the Silverthorn Family CS71.S5855 1982

Who's Who in my Sizemore family CS71.S6198 1980

Descendants of Edward "Neddie" Browning Ward
CS71.W26 2015 (This author of this book is Fiske
Foundation Secretary, Carolyn Blount.)

MAPS

New Jersey Atlas and Gazetteer (Second edition)
G1255 .D4 2001

Pennsylvania Atlas and Gazetteer (Sixth edition)
G1260 .D4 2000

Maryland Delaware Atlas and Gazetteer (First
edition) G1270 .D4 1993

North Carolina Atlas and Gazetteer (Fifth edition)
G1300 .D36 2001

Georgia Atlas and Gazetteer (First edition)
G1310 .D45x 1998

Tennessee Atlas and Gazetteer (Third edition)
G1335 .D4 1995

Recent Library Acquisitions

Ohio Atlas and Gazetteer (Fifth edition) G1395 .D4 1999

Atlas of the Pacific Northwest (Ninth edition) G1466.G3 O7 (PAWA)

REFERENCE RESOURCES

Honoring our ancestors: inspiring stories of the quest for our roots
CS21 .S56 2002

Handbook of genealogical sources, by George K Schweitzer CS42.7 .S38 1991

Ancestry family historians address book CS44 .S65 1997

Lest we forget – a guide to genealogical research in the Nation's capital
4th edition revised CS49 .B3 1976

Guide to Cuban genealogical research CS222 .C36 1991

Cherokee ancestor research E99.C5 C657

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

The Presidents of the United States 2 volumes through Gerald Ford's presidency E176.1 .D9135 1976

Presidents of the United States of America (facsimile copy – in library use only)
E176.1 .W7233 1989

The Civil War, by Geoffrey C Ward E468.7 .W26 1991

Lewis and Clark Companion: an encyclopedic guide to the voyage of discovery
F592.7 .T83 2003 (PAWA)

Fiske Summer Picnic



Save the Date! David Brazier has again invited Fiske Library volunteers, class members and speakers to the annual summer picnic to be held following the final class on

Wednesday, June 26 at noon around the pool at his apartment at the southern end of the Pioneer Hall block on 43rd Street, so guests may walk down. Bring a dish to share with all, a favorite beverage and wear your sunglasses for this lakeside event! We will eat in Pioneer Hall should the day be rainy.

Janet Camarata will discuss land records that day for the final spring class of 2019.

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. **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.

Love and Law in Ohio County, Kentucky—1835

Carolyn Blount found an interesting series of four articles by Gavin Richardson published in the *Ohio County Monitor* just last year, detailing an 1835 trial for which her GGG grandfather testified. Other names reflect collateral lines of her family there and provide insight into the relationships and perhaps some of the motivation for her own line moving on to Arkansas and the Pacific Northwest.

Samuel J. Ford of Henderson, Kentucky was administrator with Henry Steven to the estate of Samuel's brother, John B. Ford in 1835. They sued Cynthia Ford, widow of John W. Ford, for the return of money their brother, John B. Ward gave to Permelia Ford, Cynthia and John W's daughter prior to his death. John B. had lived in his aunt and uncle's household, and worked with his uncle, hauling timber down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans. John W. previously died near Nachez on a return trip. The questions revolved around how much money was passed on, and whether it was a gift to his betrothed, 16 year old Permelia, or given for safekeeping.

The story of the 1835 trial is told in four installments in the September 2018 *Ohio County Monitor*. Samuel J. and John B. were brothers to one another, and also to Mahala Ford who married Jesse Ward and Cassandra Ford who married Jesse's brother, Bazzel. The Ward brothers' father, Edward Ward, known locally as Neddie, and GGG grandfather to Carolyn Fix Blount, testified at the trial as to the poverty of the widow, Cynthia Ford.

Here are the links to the installments that provide an example of how such local feuds and resulting trials can help sort out family relationships. The author, Gavin Richardson, is a GGGG Grandson of Cynthia Ford and John W. Ford. The link is: <https://ocmonitor.com/2018/09/07/1835-love-and-law-in-ohio-county-part-4/?> And it provides hot links to the first three installments.

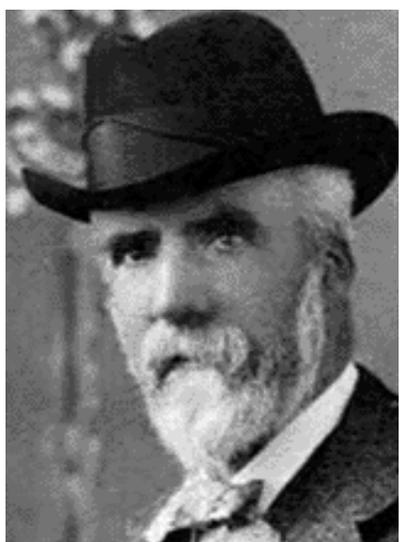
Richardson, Gavin, Community Contributor, "Love and Law in Ohio County," Oct 1835, *Ohio County [KY] Monitor*, Beaver Dam, Kentucky, transcribed case 490, 2 Apr 1838.



Our Enterprising and Amazingly Mobile Ancestors



Sadly, Charles' tombstone has been destroyed, but I received a picture when it was still up.



*Nicolas C. Hellenbrand,
Charles' younger brother and my
GGrandfather*

I hate to move. While some talk of colonizing new planets, I don't even want to get out of bed. In my research, I've been impressed with the energy, enterprise and mobility of many ancestors, among them my Hellenbrands.

Charles Hellenbrand emigrated from a small town near Nancy, France in the early 1830s. Charles came from a family of nine most of whom were girls. His younger brother Nicolas was the only other boy. Family lore says that Charles left home to avoid a military draft. He initially settled in Bangor, Maine as a tailor with a haberdashery shop. When Nicolas was old enough, Charles encouraged him to leave France and join him in Bangor.

Charles lost one wife and child, but married a widow, Martha Foster Blackman, daughter of an old and intrepid family of Argyle, Maine. Her brother was Philip Foster who in 1842 sailed with his wife Charlotte Pettigrove, her brother Francis and other family members around the Horn, stopping at the Sandwich Islands [Hawaii] and finally arriving in Oregon Territory. They carried provisions to open a store and were among the first to do so. Philip Foster's farm became the terminus of the first wagon trains to cross the continent in 1845. His brother-in-law, Francis Pettygrove, named the city of Portland, Oregon.

Inspired by his in-laws, Charles Hellenbrand in 1858 considered moving west. By now he had teenaged sons and may have been concerned about increasing political tensions and the possibility of war. His brother Nicolas, also a tailor, took over the haberdashery and moved to Old Town, Maine.

Charles lived across the river from a shipbuilding site at Brewer, Maine. He and his family were passengers on the maiden voyage of the clipper ship *Golden Rocket* launched in 1858. They sailed around the Horn, stopping at the island of Juan Fernandez—“Robinson Crusoe Island”—and disembarking at San Francisco May 18, 1859. A smaller packet took them to Oregon. Just two years later in July 1861, the *Golden Rocket* was the first Yankee ship to be scuttled by the Confederates while in the Caribbean.

After spending time with her brother Philip, the Hellenbrands ran hotels at Milwaukee and in Portland. The hotel in Portland burned down in 1867, but Charles owned a saloon there according to the 1870 census. His wife and sons opened the first sweet shop in Salem. They had a Chinese cook. Later, his son John was one of the first dairymen at Tillamook, Oregon. Travel was still primitive in 1895 when it took two days for John to get to his mother's funeral in Salem. One mystery remains. Daughter Josephine disembarked

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from the ship in 1859 but I have no record of her afterwards. Martha bore 12 children, but only two are known to have survived. When he died in 1871 Charles had been a tailor, a shopkeeper, a farmer, a hotelier and a saloonkeeper.

My research into Charles' life was fascinating. Starting with my grandmother's often inaccurate memoirs there was only one brief mention of an older unnamed brother. Her younger sister didn't know he existed. A cousin had some letters that mentioned Charles' complaint about Nicholas never writing to him. The two sides of the family lost touch. Nevertheless, with the few clues I had I was able to track down marriage, birth, death, and probate records, census records, city directory entries and other information. A family letter from France suggested the brothers' birthplace, and kind souls on Rootsweb Message Boards provided fruitful suggestions identifying the family. Another wonderful person gave me details on the *Golden Rocket*. Newspaper listings of ship departures and arrivals naming passengers traced their journey to the West Coast, and I have just learned that another passenger on this voyage left a journal of the trip now at the San Francisco Public Library! The UW Microfilm library provided newspaper accounts regarding the family as did GenealogyBank.com. A librarian for the Pacific NW Collection at the UW recognized the name and led me to a pioneer biography of Charles' son. The Oregon State Archives website was a mine of information and photos of his descendants. Geneanet.com has some family trees that appear to take my line back another two hundred years.

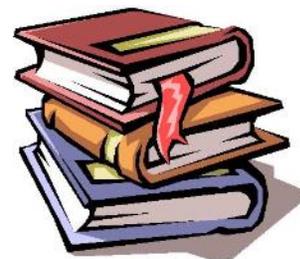
With luck, gracious assistance and dogged pursuit of every detail, I was able to flesh out Charles' story and reconnect him to my family tree.

~Contributed by Marjorie Jodoin

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.

Estate of Dorothy Amis	Martha Richards
Betty Kaye Anderson	Donna Sautbine
Carolyn Fix Blount	South King County Genealogical Society
Charlie Brown	Johanna Kay Standish
Thelma Cagle	Mary Fields Stoebuck
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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.

No classes are scheduled for July - August.

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 Off for the Summer

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. **We will resume in September.** We meet in the Pioneer Hall room where the classes are taught.

Mary Peters

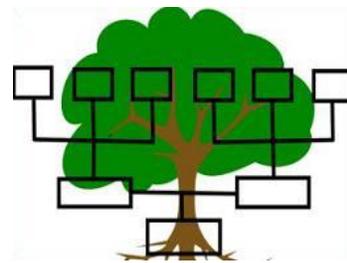
FamilySearch Interest Group

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!

Our group is on hiatus for the summer, but meetings will resume in October—possibly at a different day and time . Watch for our announcement in the Fall newsletter.

Want to be put on the contact list for future notifications or do you have any questions? contact Lou Daly loudaly3@icloud.com Your email is never shared with anyone.



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.

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.

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/>

FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION INFORMATION

The Fiske Genealogical Foundation is a non-profit organization providing genealogical training and resource materials. Current Board Members are:

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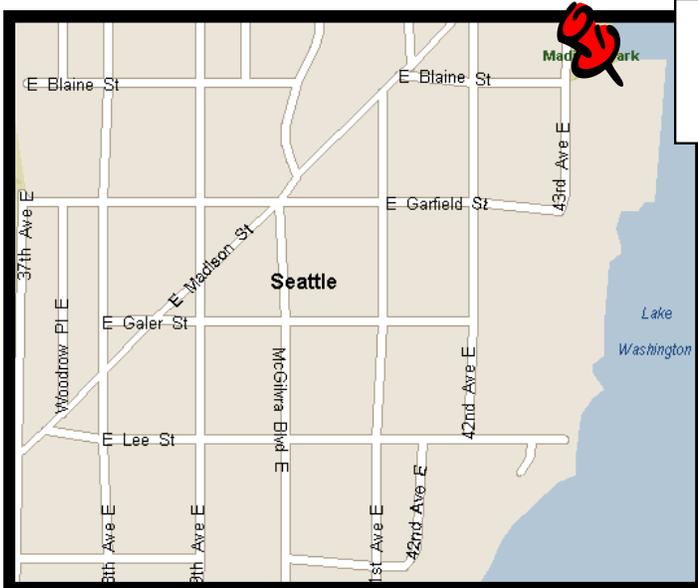
Daily Use Fee \$5.
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Washington Pioneer Hall.**

- 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.