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Library Reopening

We are pleased to announce that the library is now open **by appointment**. To make an appointment please phone the person listed for the day of the week you wish to visit the library:

- Monday Michelle 253 205-7597
- Wednesday Mary 206 784-8403
- Thursday David 206 687-5249
- Saturday Larry 206 720-4719

(Do not call the library itself as those messages are not picked up daily.)

A full reopening depends upon gathering an adequate number of volunteers who can commit to being at the library on given days and times. The volunteers listed above are also coordinating additional volunteers for their day. **New volunteers are needed. If you would like to volunteer on a given day of the week, please call that person.**

At present we cannot guarantee that the library is open for drop-ins. When we are able to schedule people, it will be announced on the website, so please check frequently for late-breaking news. <https://fiskelibrary.org/>

Classes are resuming starting on **Wednesday, September 15**. They will be held in Pioneer Hall as usual with a live or virtual presentation, and an opportunity to stay afterwards for research in the library. For those who do not wish to attend in person, **instructions for connecting to the Wednesday presentation will be posted on the website at least 24 hours ahead.**

We are following State mandated precautions regarding Covid-19. Currently, attendees must be masked regardless of vaccination. If needed, masks are available at the front desk.

While no charge is being made for class attendance at present, your support as a Fiske Patron [\$35 for 10 sessions or \$85 per year] will be greatly appreciated.

~ David Brazier

Mary Virginia Fields Stoebeck

December 26, 1929 – August 25, 2021



Mary Virginia Fields Stoebeck was born in Eureka, Kansas on December 26, 1929, to Lester Lewis and Bessie May (Smith) Fields. When she was 12 her family moved to Wichita, Kansas, where she attended East High School and went on to graduate from Wichita State University in 1951 with a B.S. in Home Economics, a minor in Mathematics, and with a Kansas Teacher's Certificate for Secondary Education.

Mary married her high school sweetheart, William Brees Stoebeck, on December 24, 1951. After making 17 moves in their first 17 years of marriage, first with the Air Force, and then for Bill's career, they made their home in Lake Forest Park. Also, over the years of Bill's various sabbaticals they enjoyed living in Lexington, Virginia, San Francisco, and Tübingen, Germany, while Bill was a visiting professor at several universities. They also traveled to Europe, Asia, and Hawaii, besides being avid boaters for over 50 years, sailing and motoring throughout the Puget Sound and American & Canadian San Juans.

On the family's return to Seattle in 1967 Mary found her real calling life as a genealogist. For the next 40 years she researched the family trees of not only the Fields & Stoebeck lines, but many other people she met at the Seattle Public Library, The National Archives at Seattle, various LDS libraries, Seattle Genealogical Society, DAR, and the Fiske Genealogical Library, of which she was one the founders, and its first Vice President. When she wasn't doing research, she could be found volunteering as a Sunday School teacher or superintendent or with the ladies' guild at whatever church the family was attending at the time. She was an active member with PEO, Chapter G, DAR, first with Peter Puget chapter in Edmonds and then Mercer Girls chapter in Seattle, and the Cameo Society.

She is survived by her daughters Elizabeth Wilson, Catherine Rose, and Caroline Stoebeck; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Washington (<http://www.alz.org/alzwa/>) or Fiske Genealogical Library (<https://fiskelibrary.org/index.html>).

~ Caroline Stoebeck

LESSONS LEARNED WHEN SEARCHING FOR HENRY BARTON of WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PA

(Baerthen, Baertin, Berden, Bertin, Burten,
Barston, Barson, Banton, Bartin)

Henry Barton, my husband's ancestor has always fascinated me. Henry's descendants and my father-in-law came from Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. I spent years attempting to find from where Henry hailed. My annual trips to Salt Lake City were spent sifting through various Pennsylvania and Virginia counties looking for any Henry who would fit the bill. When I thought I had made a good case for a particular Henry, I relied upon the DNA studies in which I had required my reluctant husband to participate. I submitted my husband's DNA results to the Barton Historical Society to which I had added Henry Barton's and John Barton's family data. So far this database has not helped in locating another Barton family to which Henry belongs. What it did tell me, as I looked at my research results and compared them to various families, was Henry didn't belong to any DNA family groups on the site. I threw that work out and started again.

I might add that while I was looking for Henry, I acquired a great mentor who taught me good research techniques that I lacked. I now realize I could have cut down my search by more than half if I had paid diligent attention to a couple of prime sources; 1) complete military and pension records and 2) thorough investigation of all the land records in a given area.

Henry Barton born circa 1779, blacksmith, first shows up in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania in 1800. [1] He attests to that fact in his complete pension file. Tax list records for Henry in Greensburg in 1802 and again in 1804 clearly shows him living there. Adam Kettering a recognizable family name shows up also. Henry and Adam both served in the War of 1812. I checked Virgil White and discovered to my delight Henry had applied for a pension. My next step should have been to find the complete pension file and not just rely upon Virgil White's summary of his service.

In the complete pages of personal testimony, Henry says in two places he was from Shenandoah, Virginia. Looking through Shenandoah records later I could not identify any Barton family with whom he might have been associated. That is not surprising because of the early time period of research.

In another section of Henry's pension file, he attests to being the same Henry Barton who resided in Westmoreland County as well as in Allegheny County. That was a concern that was answered very nicely. My mentor kept saying adamantly not to jump counties unless there is a clear reason or connection to do so.

Henry married Anna Maria Meyer between 1802 and 1804. John Houser's will, proved 18 May 1804, gives granddaughter Mary, (Maria Meyer), "intermarried with Henry Barston", a house and property situated in Greensburg. This more or less pinpoints Henry and Mary's marriage.

Henry and Mary Barton's Children all born in Greensburg. [2]

Samuel	b. ca 1806 incorporated in List of heirs - Land record.
John Henry	b. 20 May 1810 birth (1st. RCUCC.)
Henry	b. 29 Oct. 1812 birth (1st. RCUCC.)

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Elizabeth* b. 10 Feb 1816 (Allegheny Death Register)
 Lucinda b. 19 Jan. 1820 bapt.; died 31 Oct. 1824 GZ
 Nancy b. 13 Feb. 1822 bapt.; died 31 Oct. 1824 GZ
 Sarah Ann* b. 2 Feb 1823 (Allegheny Death Register) [3]
 William* b. 20 Jul 1826 (Allegheny Death Register)

Only one Henry Barton is found in the Greensburg, Westmoreland County records. It is still a mystery as to what happened to son Henry born in 1812. I found only the following entry dated 25 Aug 1823 in a WCPADB (Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania Deed Book, Vol. 15, pg. 407, FHL # 929111) stating as follows:

From Court of Common Pleas, term Aug. 1819. 'Recovered against David Cook & Henry Barton "late"--\$728.45 & costs & house on Northside of Pittsburg St., Greensburg.
 Property seized and sold to William Jack & Jacob Turney \$ 460 to pay Fredr. Gilbert for debt.'

Who was the "late" Henry Barton? Henry b. 1812 had not reached adult status by 1823. Could he own property? Could the "late" Henry be referring to the younger Henry's death? There were never two Henrys in the Greensburg censuses. No death record for Henry, the younger, was found. Pension files for Henry b. 1779 confirms which Henry is listed in the censuses.

Henry Barton, pensioner, died in 1856 in Pitt Township, Allegheny Co., PA. and Mary, his wife, died soon after. Pension file records clearly indicated when Henry died. Mary was collecting benefits up until that point.

The next mystery is Samuel. No birth record was found for him. For much of my research the family name Samuel was a possibility for one of Henry's children. John, the son born in 1810, is our direct line. John named his sons Henry, Samuel, George and David. These names were repeated in subsequent generations.

This is where a thorough check of all land records again would have saved years of work. I didn't recognize all the names of Henry's children with which I was dealing. The last land record I checked was a Greensburg land record [4] executed on 12 December 1857. It turned out to be a deed for selling Mary Barton's (and the deceased Henry's) property. All living heirs were listed. These heirs were **"John Barton and wife Susannah Barton; Samuel Barton and wife Mary Ann Barton; George X Alton, Sarah Ann Alton, Abraham Price and wife Eliza Price, William Barton and wife Sarah A. Barton."**

The erstwhile projection of a Samuel in Henry's family was confirmed. Samuel's wife was Mary Ann. Previous to the land record find, I had come across a newspaper obituary of another Samuel Barton with wife Mary Ann who had buried a child. [5]

"Barton, Sarah Ellen Phillips, infant daughter of **Samuel and Mary Ann**, d. 01-04-1843, aged 7 months (01-06-1843)."

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Another Samuel Barton showed up in the 1850 Federal Census for Derry, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania [Roll: M432_837, page 398A, image 464.] This Samuel was born in Virginia circa 1806 and had a wife named Jane and four children, some of the children's names being repeats of those in our Henry Barton's family. His records show he came from Ohio. This is not our Samuel and those researchers who were attempting to make him a part of Henry's family were grasping at a straw.

I hypothesize that the Samuel Barton along with wife Mary Ann who buried a daughter in 1843 and the Samuel Barton and wife Mary Ann who is listed among the heirs to Henry and Mary Barton's Greensburg property are one and the same.

Why was our Samuel never listed in any of the Federal Census when he was an adult? I submit to you that Samuel and his family lived with Henry and Mary throughout his adult life until Henry's demise. Because Samuel's family was living with Henry, birth and death of children on subsequent censuses—Henry's and Samuel's, it was hard to reconcile all censuses records before 1850. [*Earlier censuses only list the head of household by name.*]

Henry was an invalid as the result of his War of 1812 Service. He had joined Captain John B. Alexander's Company of Volunteers and spent a year in service. His unit took part in fighting the frontier Indians in the battle of Mississinewa, Indiana in December 1813. Henry was severely injured with resulting frozen feet, dislocated right hip joint and abdominal injuries and hernia sustained from his service. Henry needed Samuel's help to run Henry Barton's Blacksmith-Shop in East Greensburg. [6]

By 1850 Henry and Mary were living with married and then widowed daughter and her family, Sarah Waughter in Pitt Township, Allegheny County, PA.

Samuel Barton undoubtedly moved on finally as head of his own household. I haven't discovered where. Perhaps he is the Samuel Barton in Allegheny County where his sisters and brothers seemed to locate.

This researcher still hopes to find who Henry's father was from Shenandoah, VA. Did Henry come with family who settled in and around Hempfield Township? County lines were formed well after Henry Barton arrived in Greensburg. Greensburg, in Hempfield township, is located now in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Greensburg is not far from the drawn county lines of Washington, and Allegheny Counties, and is only 8 miles distance from Ohio County, WV. Several early Bartons of no apparent connections showed in early records. For example, in 1788 there was a William Barton in Westmoreland County PA history. There was a Virginia Revolutionary War private, Henry Barton, who received a land grant in the Ohio County, WV and who died 1803. In 1783 there appeared a Thomas Barton in Hopewell Township, Washington County, PA. Again in 1783 George, David and Edward Barton appeared in Donegal Township, Washington County, PA.

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There has been no connection made with any of these other Bartons. With further looking, could there be?

The point of this research report is to remember that complete military and pension records are key research materials. Land records are a must to study. Don't be afraid of them. Good research techniques save time, money and energy and result in ancestors found.

Helen S. Barton

Reference notes:

1. Henry Barton's pension file—Fold 3: *War of 1812, Pension Application files Index, 1812-1815*, Barton, Henry Pvt., Captain Alexander, PA Mil., O.W. Inv. 2956, WT 103-160-50.
2. Two children were found in 1st German Lutheran Church records (1st RCUCC); birth and baptism and three children were found in the Allegheny Death Register. Two deaths were reported in the Greensburg Gazette (GZ).
3. Thanks to Ellen O'Flaherty descendant of Elizabeth for finding the Allegheny County death certificates.
4. *Westmoreland County Deed Book B*, Vol. 41, pp. 304-306. Deed Samuel Barton et. Al. heirs of Mary Barton to Geihardt Wieland.
5. *The Deaths 1818-1865: Marriage and Death Notices from Weekly Newspapers 1818-1865, Pennsylvania*, Vol. 1. Original Research and Additions by Delia Reagan Fischer; Compiled and Typed by William L. Iscrupe.
6. *History of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania* by George Dallas Albert, p. 500.

Research News

The Seattle Public Library has announced reopening schedules for Central and branch locations. The latest news is available at:

<https://www.spl.org/hours-and-locations/road-to-reopening>

Newspapers.com, the newspaper archive linked to Ancestry.com, has added the Tacoma News Tribune and its earlier incarnations going back to 1889. While most news archives have copyright prohibitions for posting images to online family trees, Newspapers.com is set up to post to Ancestry.

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FALL 2021 EDUCATION

All classes are scheduled from 10:00 A.M. until noon unless otherwise noted. Presentations may be live or virtual. Attendees will have an opportunity to use the library following the class. If not attending in person, please check the website for linking information ahead of the start time. *Masking is required for in-person attendees per local authorities.*

2021	Topic	Instructor	Location
Wednesday September 15	Friedrich Eiler: Building an Identity from Scant Clues	Jill Morelli	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday September 22	The New 2021 WorldCat Discovery	David Brazier	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday September 29	DIGGING UP NEW DIRT – Unearthing the REAL New England Immigrant	Steven W. Morrison	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday October 6	Flying Under the Radar— Discovering Charles Olin’s Alias	Mary Kircher Roddy	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday October 13	Treasures in Academic Libraries	Jill Morelli	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday October 20	Finding Ancestors Using Some Overlooked Sources	Horace Foxall, Jr.	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday October 27	WESTERN OVERLAND TRAILS – Following the Seven “Ts”	Steven W. Morrison	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday November 3	A Nose for News—Sniffing Out Stories in Newspapers	Mary Kircher Roddy	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday November 10	Introduction to Genetic Genealogy	Craig Gowens	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday November 17	DNA Tools for Uncovering Turn-of-the-20th Century Parentage	Karin Borgerson	Pioneer Hall

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.

Surplus Books

Surplus Book sales have continued into 2021. Thank you so much for your support. We are still overstocked with surplus books, many of which contain specific data on individuals, families and locations. We also have general histories which can be very informative for understanding background, and a lot of research guides with useful information. Even if out-of-date. These guides can prove useful.

Our Surplus Books Half-Price Sale will continue during this limited reopening phase. Now is the time to consider purchasing some of the higher priced books which might benefit your research.

~Marge Jodoin, Surplus Books Manager
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Legacy Family Tree User Group

“The **Legacy Family Tree User Group** plans to start back up via **Zoom**. However, because Fiske is looking at starting up classes either via Zoom or in person on the third Wednesday of the month, consideration is being made to change the **Legacy Family Tree User Group** to either the **second or third Thursday of the month from 1-2PM**.

Last year the Zoom classes went quite well, with participation from those attending. The questions we cover run the gamut from the beginner to the more advanced - from how to contact Legacy support, to setting relationships, to moving data from one computer to another, as well as running reports and tagging items, etc. We also welcome questions and topics you would like us to go over.

If you are interested in attending, please send a message to editor@fiskelibrary.org with your email contact information. We will need your email address to send out the Zoom invitation. Please also indicate whether you have a preference of either the **second or third Thursday of the month from 1-2PM**.

~ Siri Nelson



FISKE LIBRARY HOURS

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Wednesday	By appointment. Call Mary 206 784-8403
Thursday	By appointment. Call David 206 687-5249
Friday	Reserved for research groups (greater than 8 persons) from outside the greater Seattle Area. Contact David to make reservations. 206 687-5249
Saturday	By appointment. Call Larry 206 720-4719

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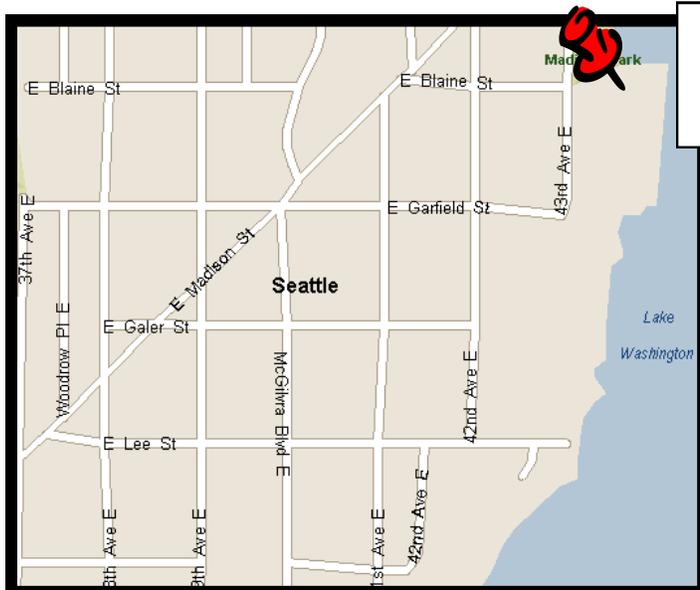
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HOW TO FIND US!



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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.