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Keeping Afloat in 2021

We gratefully acknowledge that our patrons and donors play an essential role in supporting our efforts to provide a library with a wide variety of books and other materials to assist you in your research and to provide ongoing educational classes to support that end. 2020 has been a difficult year for all.

Fiske staff are currently putting together online educational classes. We hope to have them available early in 2021. In the mean time staff does take phone questions and requests for lookups.

Because the pandemic has resulted in revenue losses, we are more reliant on private donations to keep us afloat. Fortunately, we have sufficient savings to pay our bills through this pandemic but it has caused a significant reduction in those savings.

Your investment in the Fiske Library in the past is appreciated. If you are able, we ask you to contribute so that we can continue to weather the Covid storm and to reopen as soon as we can.

Your President,

Dave Brazier



Thank you to Karl Kumm

Karl Kumm's retirement from the Fiske Board was announced at the regular Board meeting on Monday, September 21, 2020. Great appreciation was expressed for his dozen years of service where he devoted much of his efforts to coordinating the weekly classes, teaching many of them, and contributing to the Education Fund which he established. His beloved wife, Mary, died last year and he is now refocusing his energy but will continue to work on his own research.

Some of Karl's ancestors came to the U.S. in separate groups of immigrants in each century; thus his family has many strains. Many arrived in the 1600s from England, some Huguenots from France, and in the 1700s from Nova Scotia. Another group arrived in the 1850s.

His father and grandfather came in 1915 from Germany by way of England when they disagreed with German policies that resulted in World War I. Karl is still searching for the papers, said to be signed by Winston Churchill, approving that immigration. He is working on a book telling that family story.

Karl has also volunteered for many years at the Seattle Genealogical Society.

Fiske will miss Karl's dedication and council, and is seeking volunteers to form an Education Committee to help fill the gap his retirement will leave on the Fiske Board.

~Carolyn Blount

Our Appreciation for Book Donations

Thank you to the following donors of recently catalogued books:

Anne Owens	Marjorie Qualls
Martha A. Richards	Marietta Stokes
Gary A. Zimmerman	

Our condolences to Rob Otsea on the death of his wife Lynn Weir last October.

The Fiske Genealogical Foundation is a nonprofit service organization that provides genealogical training and resource materials.

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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

Early New England People: some account of the Ellis, Pemberton, Willard, Prescott, Titcomb, Sewall and Longfellow and allied families F3 .T612 1986
(book replaces an older copy with text that is easier to read)

Vital Records of Dover, New Hampshire 1686-1850 F44.D7 C6 1977

Pepperell Reader (Mass.) F74.P4 1975
(Bicentenary Committee)

History of Woburn (Middlesex County, Mass.) 1640-1860 F74.W8 S4 1990
(2 volumes)

Wilmington (Mass.) records of births, marriages and deaths from 1730 to 1898 F74.W83 W7 1898

SOUTHEASTERN STATES

Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly Vols 41-54 2008-2018 (a nearly complete run) F281.G29 G75

Georgia Courthouse Disasters NA4472.G4

MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES

Stories in Stone, Vol. 4: Martinsburg, West Virginia F247.B5
(Published by Berkeley County Historical Society)

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATES

Old Time Tazewell (Tennessee) F444.T39 H36 1939

History of Harrisonville, Missouri (Cass County) F474.H37 H5 1988

"The Trails" published by the Randolph County Genealogical Society, Steelville IL (selected issues from March 2018 to Jun 2020) F547.R2 T73

WEST COAST STATES

Pioneer in pigtails - a sketch of the earlier days in Douglas County, Washington F897.D7 M176 1980z

Recent Library Acquisitions

FAMILY HISTORIES

Peter Pine Alexander family CS71.A3 1975
(Concrete WA)

Descendants of Peter Pine Alexander
CS71.A38 1977

Peter Pine Alexander family 1977 Supplement
CS71.A83 1977

Family history and genealogy of pioneer
Jacob Beiler (1698-1771)
CS71.B99918 1998

Descendants of George Fowle (1610/11?-1682
of Charlestown MA
CS71.F78 1990

Haviland Genealogy CS71.H388 2018

Family of Zaccheus Gould of Topsfield
Massachusetts CS71.G697 1987

Descendants of Scarborough, Maine
CS71.R64 1994c

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.

Surplus Books

Surplus Book sales over 2020 totaled more than \$1440. Thank you so much for your support.

We are still overwhelmed with hundreds of 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. Context can be critical for understanding the simple name/date/location facts that are collected in genealogical research. We also have a lot of research guides with useful information as a place to start, even if out-of-date.

While the library is closed for the duration of the pandemic, our Surplus Books are Half Price! Now is the time to consider purchase of some of the higher priced books which might benefit your research.

If there is a topic for which you cannot see a listing, email me anyway. Sometimes I have books that have not yet made it on the list. I am also willing to discuss whether a book will really be of use to you or if another one might be better.

Some surplus books would be better in another library setting. If you are connected with a library or research group, check our list for books that might be of use to your collection.

*~Marjorie Jodoin, Surplus Books Manager
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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.

Seattle Times Benefit

Seattle Times subscribers have a perk which may be unknown to them--the Seattle Times Subscribers Archive accessing the Seattle Daily Times from 1895-1984 and Seattle Times from 1985-present is available online at:

<https://seattletimesubs.newsbank.com/>

You can search by name and/or topic and pull up full page images of the newspaper on a given date. The images are downloadable. The search engine works quite quickly. Do check the Terms of Use rules linked on the left hand side of the search page. The service is for personal use only. ~ *Marjorie Jodoin*

Education

At the moment the Board is considering various options for classes during this challenging period of the pandemic. Please check our website at <https://fiskelibrary.org> periodically for the latest news.

Legacy Family Tree User Group

The **Legacy Family Tree User Group** continues to have Zoom meetings on the third Wednesday of the month starting at 1:00 PM and lasting an hour.

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.

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.

Please feel to ask questions and raise topics you would like us to go over. ~ *Siri Nelson*



The Gazette — British Legal Notices

I have a large project I have been working on and one of the better sources I have found is *The Gazette*. This official journal of record including The Edinburgh Gazette, the Belfast Gazette and the London Gazette is FREELY available at <https://www.thegazette.co.uk/> and has been providing accurate information from 1665 to the present. The Gazette consists mostly of statutory notices—that is, legal notices that have to be publicly announced according to law. This includes notices of company shareholder meetings, or important events such as decisions to reorganize or liquidate, notices regarding wills and probate, notices of bankruptcy or dissolution of partnerships, honors lists, militia appointments or promotions, war dispatches and similar items.

Searches can be conducted from a search box on the main page; individual names, company names, or topics can be input to call up a list of possible entries. It can be limited by date or other factors listed in the left side column. Usually a real “hit” will show up at the top of the recovered list highlighted in yellow. Sometimes one has to try variants with or without initials etc. When on a page screen, be careful not to use the “Download pdf” button on the right as it will download the entire issue; if you move your cursor across the top of the box containing the page you are viewing a bar appears where you can print or download just the one page. You will need to assign a file name as they are all labeled “data.pdf” and could overwrite another file on your computer.

So what can be learned?

I learned my great-grandfather was Secretary of a corporation filing notices of upcoming meetings in the 1870s. He was also the liquidator of another firm when the decision was made to “wind up the company voluntarily.” I also found notices of his promotions in the Lanarkshire Artillery Volunteers from Second Lieutenant to Lieutenant and finally to Captain between 1875 and 1885.

1st Lanarkshire Corps, The undermentioned Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants :—

William Kennedy. Dated 14th January, 1880.

John Ralston Cunningham. Dated 14th January, 1880.

My great-great-grandfather went bankrupt in 1866 and the notice provided details. He also showed up on someone else’s bankruptcy when he was named as one of the commissioners overseeing the process in 1880.

The dates given are especially useful in finding news articles or court records. Notices of a company meeting led to finding a report of the meeting in the newspaper with all sorts of information about relationships, infighting, charges of misconduct etc. I have actually found hundreds of articles for my business-related family members on news sites. The British Newspaper Archive is more easily searched than the FindMyPast.com/Newspapers & Periodicals as one can use any word set, not just names. It is subscription based, but in my case has been well worth it.

Found items in the *Gazette* can be clipped or downloaded, and are under an open license, but there are restrictions on the use of any personal information which can show up, especially since the publication extends to the present. Be sure to read the terms of use. ~ *Marjorie Jodoin*

FISKE LIBRARY HOURS

Pioneer Hall and the Fiske Genealogical Library are currently closed
due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Please check our website for the latest news.
Email inquiries regarding your research needs may be made to editor@fiskelibrary.org.

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/>

Donations and book purchases can be made by credit card on the home page of our website by clicking on the “Donate” button mid-way down the page. If the payment is for anything other than a donation, please note its purpose in the memo or remarks field.

Checks can be made out and mailed to “Fiske Genealogical Foundation” at 1644 43rd Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98112-3222. Again, note the purpose on the “memo” line.

FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION INFORMATION

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

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Vice President	Larry Pike
Treasurer	Michelle Lyons
Secretary	Linda Blais
Directors	Mary Peters

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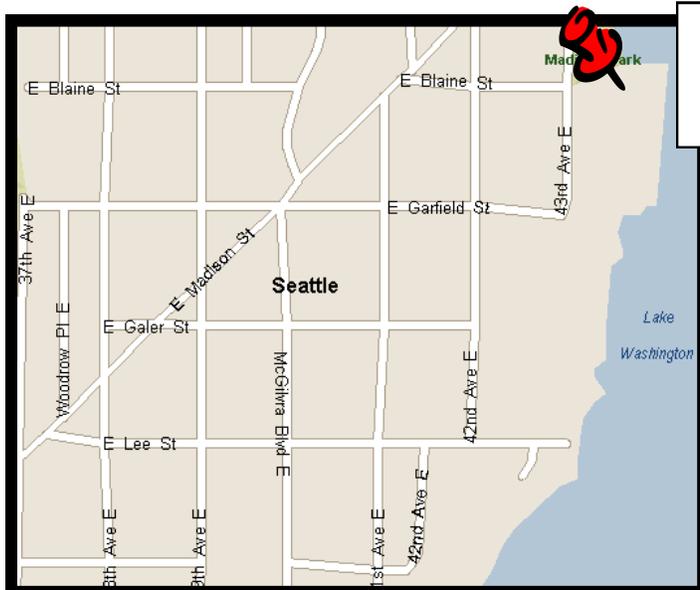
Daily Use Fee \$5.
Annual Library Pass \$50.
Annual Family Pass \$70.
Wednesday Seminar Series
(10 sessions) \$35.
Annual Library Pass
plus Full Year Seminar Series
(30 sessions) \$85
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HOW TO FIND US!



**Fiske Library is located
on the lower level of the
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.