



FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION

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Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to fully re-open the library. At present, we have resumed a limited opening on Wednesdays from Noon to 3 pm, or by appointment Monday, Thursday and Saturday. However, we would like to resume a regular schedule of open hours for drop-in visitation.

All that is required is your interest in genealogy and our library facilities. David Brazier will train volunteers in the basics of welcoming visitors, logging them in, and helping them find the resources they require. If you are willing, there are library tasks that David will be happy to train you for as well. Otherwise, you are welcome to do your own research when not occupied in assisting visitors.

If we can train volunteers over the summer, we can post new hours starting in the Fall.

To volunteer, please call David at 206 687-5249 to discuss scheduling and training.



Using Fiske Affiliate Status at FamilySearch

I had the pleasure of trying out our new Affiliate Status for FamilySearch.org during a recent visit to Fiske Library. I was looking for a microfilm copy of original Kirk Session records for a church in Scotland. I had spotted a reference to this film in the [FamilySearch Wiki for genealogy research in Paisley, Scotland :](#)

Records— FS Library Film Number: Session Minutes 1783–1804, 1818–1848 1886234 items 5–7

I brought my laptop and linked it to the Fiske network for internet access. You can use the library computer if you don't have a portable system. Bring a thumb drive if you want to download items browsed on the library computer.

Opening my browser I went to FamilySearch.org and logged in with my personal FamilySearch account ID and password. I then clicked on the “Search” tab and “Catalog” in the sub-menu.

I had the option of searching by Place or by Film Number.

Trying Place, I wrote “Paisley” but that did not work. The program suggested “Scotland-Renfrew-Paisley” which worked.

Alternatively, I could click on “Film/Fiche...” and put in the film number I had from the FS Wiki: 1886234

Clicking the “online” option reduces the number of hits returned.

Click “Search”

FamilySearch Catalog

Search the catalog of genealogical materials (including books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications) made available by FamilySearch online and in libraries and centers worldwide.

[Learn more about the catalog and how to access materials.](#)

Search by:
Place | Surnames | Titles | Author | Subjects | Keywords

Place

Search for:
Call Number | Film/Fiche/Image Group Number (DGS)

Availability

Any

Online

FamilySearch center

Refine your search ▾

Search by:
Place

Surnames
Titles
Author
Subjects
Keywords

Search for:
Call Number
Film/Fiche/Image Group Number (DGS)

Availability

Any

Online

FamilySearch center

Search Results for FamilySearch Catalog

PRINT Catalog Print List (0)

Part of [Scotland, Renfrew](#)

- ▶ [Scotland, Renfrew, Paisley - Archives and libraries - Inventories, registers, catalogs \(2 \)](#) Print List
- ▶ [Scotland, Renfrew, Paisley - Biography \(1 \)](#)
- ▶ [Scotland, Renfrew, Paisley - Buildings, dwellings, etc. \(1 \)](#)
- ▶ [Scotland, Renfrew, Paisley - Business records and commerce \(1 \)](#)
- ▶ [Scotland, Renfrew, Paisley - Cemeteries \(8 \)](#)
- ▶ [Scotland, Renfrew, Paisley - Census \(1 \)](#)
- ▶ [Scotland, Renfrew, Paisley - Census - 1841 - Indexes \(2 \)](#)
- ▶ [Scotland, Renfrew, Paisley - Church history \(4 \)](#)
- ▼ **[Scotland, Renfrew, Paisley - Church records \(35 \)](#)**

[Church records for the Canal Street Church, Paisley, 1783-1868](#) Add

Author: Canal Street Church (Paisley, Scotland : United Presbyterian)

The “Place Name” Search gave me this page and I then clicked on “Church Records” and the church I wanted.

Using Fiske Affiliate Status at FamilySearch (continued)

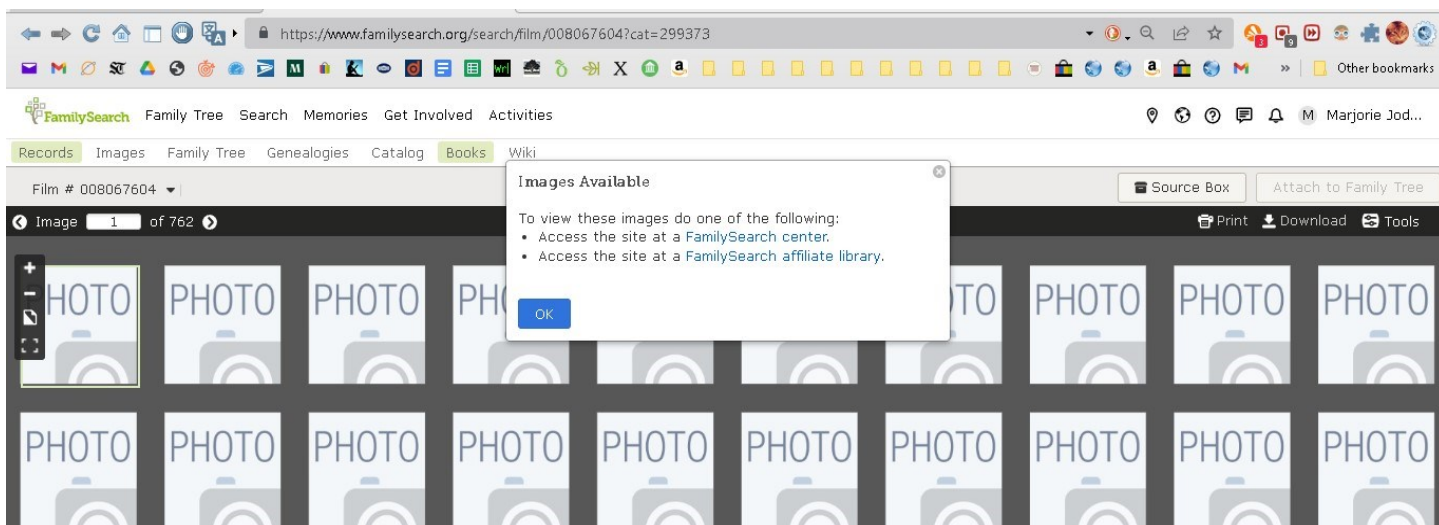
Searching by “Place” or by “Film Number” ultimately brought me to “Church records for the Canal Street Church, Paisley, 1783-1868.” Scroll down to the “Film/Digital Notes:”

Film/Digital Notes

Note	Location	Collection/Shelf	Film	Image Group Number (DGS)	Format
Session minutes, 1783-1804, 1818-1848. Session minutes, 1848-1868 (includes deaths, 1853-1856).	Family History Library	British B1 Southeast	1886234 Items 5 - 7	8067604	  
Session minutes, 1848-1868 (includes deaths, 1853-1856)(another partial filming).	Granite Mountain Record Vault	British Film	1886231 Item 1	8092035	
Deaths, 1853-1856 (another partial filming).	Family History Library	British B1 Southeast	304671 Item 24	7905242	 

Click on the camera icon and you go to the microfilm page.

If you try this from home, the “key” above the camera icon will result in a page that looks like this:



BUT now that Fiske is an Affiliate Library, this page will show a series of original MSS photos which you can enlarge and read. NOTE: These images are under copyright or other restrictions, so if you download anything, do not post the images online [on Ancestry, social media etc.]

My particular film had two different sections, one for a Milnathort church and one for the Canal St. church. There was no index and the first time through, I had to scroll half way through the reel before I found my desired pages. However, making note of the “image number” I have been able to return directly to where I left off in subsequent visits.

When using FamilySearch at home, any time you run across an item where an image is available but you are not allowed to view it, remember that a visit to Fiske can solve that problem. Using our network and FamilySearch affiliate status, you can access nearly everything.

~ Marjorie Jodoin

Internet Archive Lawsuit

The Internet Archive is an invaluable resource for online research for genealogists. It has amassed an amazing collection of genealogy resources among other works. Most of the genealogy works are in the public domain, but the Archive has also made copyrighted material available with limitations.

The Internet Archive has been under fire since 2020 for how it manages its lending policies. Four major publishing companies sued for copyright infringement. The Archive argued “fair use” and the importance of public access to library materials. Recently, the Internet Archive lost the lawsuit, although it plans to appeal.

Although the publishers made legitimate points due to changes in access the Archive made during the pandemic, there are real concerns about digital library access across the board, particularly at a moment in our history when libraries in general are facing censorship and book banning.

Excellent articles explaining the situation may be found here:

“Internet Archive just lost a federal lawsuit against big book publishers” by Charlotte Hu, Popular Science, March 28, 2023

<https://www.popsci.com/technology/internet-archive-loses-lawsuit/>

“A copyright lawsuit threatens to kill free access to Internet Archive’s library of books” by Charlotte Hu, Popular Science, July 11, 2022

<https://www.popsci.com/technology/internet-archive-lawsuit/>

Internet Archive Blog regarding recent protests:

<https://blog.archive.org/2023/04/10/supporters-rally-for-library-digital-rights-on-the-steps-of-the-internet-archive/>

Surplus Books

We are still overstocked with surplus books, many of which contain specific data on individuals, families and locations. We also have general histories for context, and a lot of research guides with useful information. Even if out-of-date, these guides can prove helpful.

Our Surplus Books Half-Price Sale will continue during this reopening phase. I am currently doing a complete re-inventory, so check the Surplus page frequently for updates. Now is the time to consider purchasing some of the higher priced books which might benefit your research. Our surplus periodicals are being discarded. If you have an interest in any particular title or region let me know as soon as possible.

~Marge Jodoin, Surplus Books Manager
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<https://fiskelibrary.org>

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Fiske Library Reopened

Fiske Library has reopened with limited hours on Wednesdays.

We are pleased to announce that the library is open from noon until 3 p.m. on Wednesdays. As new volunteers are trained additional days will be added. Appointments for other times are still available. To make an appointment please phone the person listed for the day of the week you wish to visit the library:

Saturday: Larry 206 720-4719

Other times: Dave 206 687-5249

FamilySearch SIG

Join the FamilySearch Special Interest Group

Discover the many ways to use the FamilySearch website in your research.

Lou Daly leads a Zoom meeting the first Saturday of every month starting in **October**, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. sponsored by the Seattle Genealogical Society.

A different aspect of the website is featured at every meeting with time for Q & A. Want to join the mailing list? Email Lou: loudaly@nwlink.com



Legacy Family Tree User Group

Legacy Family Tree User Group Zoom

meetings are on the third Thursday of the month from 1-2 p.m. **However, we are taking a summer break - our next meeting is on Thursday, September 21 at 1 PM.** If you use Legacy Family Tree, please join us.

The types of topics we cover are quite varied – the last meeting we entering unlinked individuals (and how to find them once entered) , entering adoptive and biological parents, and advanced tagging. We also welcome questions and topic suggestions.

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.

Siri Nelson

Thanks to our Education Team

A big “Thank You” to Ken Peterson, our Education Coordinator, and our presenters this year:

Karin Borgerson	Maureen L. MacDonald
Janet O’Conor Camarata	Celia McNay
Lisa Gorell	Steven W. Morrison
Nancy Grayson	Lisa A. Oberg
Jenny Hansen	Mary Kircher Roddy
Marjorie Jodoin	Evelyn Roehl
Janice Lovelace	Claire Smith

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.

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.

1931 Canadian Census

On June 1, 2023, the Canadian government released digitized records of the 1931 Census of Canada. Following the release, nearly 235,000 images were made available to browse on the [Library and Archives Canada \(LAC\) website](#).

However, the response was so large that the website broke down. The latest word is: “Our search engines, including the one for browsing the 1931 Census, are slower than usual and, in some instances, images may be unavailable. We appreciate your patience while we are working on restoring the situation.”

LAC plans to partner with Ancestry® and FamilySearch International to read the images using Ancestry’s state-of-the-art handwriting technology. These collaborative efforts will create an advanced searchable database of records of Canadian residents.

War of 1812 Records

[Per Fold3 article May 25, 2023:](#)

Ancestry® and the National Genealogical Society® have finalized a contract with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to resume digitization of the War of 1812 Pension Files. This ongoing project came to a halt during the closure of NARA due to COVID-19.

The project to digitize this collection began in 2010 and 83% of these records had been completed before the stoppage. “We’re just finishing up the final files for surnames beginning with ‘R’ and will move on to files with surnames beginning with the letters ‘Sj to U’ next.” These digitized records are available to view for **free** on Fold3®.

The referenced article gives details on how to access the collection.



Thanks to our Donors

The Fiske Genealogical Foundation and Library has always been dependent upon donations, but this has been doubly true during the pandemic when the library has been closed to regular use. Your ongoing patronage and support is most appreciated. Thank you!

~ The FGF Board

FISKE LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	By appointment. Call David 206 687-5249
Wednesday	The Library is open from Noon to 3 P.M.
Thursday	By appointment. Call David 206 687-5249
Friday	Reserved for research groups from outside the greater Seattle Area. Contact David to make reservations. 206 687-5249
Saturday	By appointment. Call Larry 206 720-4719

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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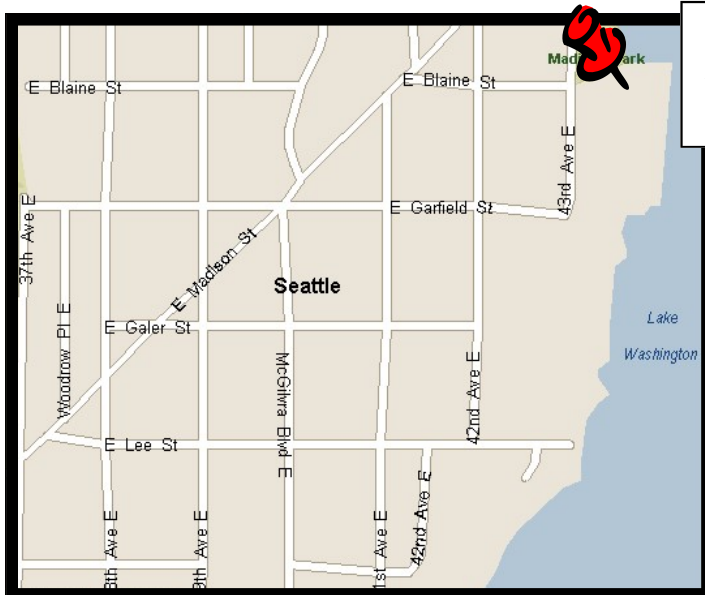
Daily Use Fee \$5.
 Annual Library Pass \$50.
 Annual Family Pass \$70.
 Wednesday Seminar Series
 (10 sessions) \$35.
 Annual Library Pass
 plus Full Year Seminar Series
 (30 sessions) \$85
 Newsletter—Mail Subscription
 \$6 for 4 Issues



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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.