



# Fiske Genealogical Foundation

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## Hidden Gems at Fiske Library: The Fragile/Rare Bookcase



*By Linda Blais*

Next to the entrance of the Fiske Library is the glass bookcase which houses Fiske's fragile and rare books. On top of the case is the computer that volunteers use to scan the barcodes of the books that patrons have used and where patrons scan their drivers' license to give us a count of how many people have visited the library.

For many years, the only way to know what books were in the case was to look through the "Rare Book Collection in Display Case" printed list found at the opposite end the glass case from the computer, since most of the books were not listed online. Sadly, that list was not accurate, and the books had not been organized in a way that they could be found easily.

For the past two months, the Wednesday volunteers have been assessing which of the fragile and rare books had been catalogued, which ones needed to be added to Fiske's online catalog in World Cat, and whether there were items that were rare archival materials. Once the initial analysis was done, they then did the work to catalog the books that could be cataloged, made sure they had readable shelf labels, returned them to the bookcase, and created a list of which books were on which shelf of the bookcase so that they could be found easily.

Along with finding a wealth of historical books, a couple of rare manuscripts were discovered. One is an attorney's handwritten Probate Accounts ledger from Putnam Co., Illinois. The accounts cover years 1833 to 1837. A former volunteer has created an index of the names of the people listed in the ledger that is a valuable resource for researchers which we hope to add to the Fiske website in the future.

Another rare manuscript is a handwritten record in an 1860's composition notebook of the Baptisms & Confirmations, Marriages & Funerals between 1811 and 1857 from the Parish record of Christ Church in Manlius, Onondaga Co. New York. A separate index was also created. Even though there is a digital copy of the records in the Internet Archive, this is a great resource for the library.

So, the next time you visit the Fiske Library, take a moment to scan the rare and wonderful books now sitting in an organized manner in the glass bookcase. You can also check out the list of books in the "Rare Book Collection in Display Case" document. To give you a preview of what is in the glass display case a selection of book titles is listed below.

Shelf Label	Title
AY201.B7 B669 1845	Boston Almanac for the Year 1845
BX1406 .S54 1886	The Catholic Church in Colonial Days
BX9531.R4 T5 1882	History of the Reformed Church at Readington, N.J. 1719-1881
CS43.A4 1889 v.4 & CS43.A4 1898 v.11	American Ancestry: Giving the Name and Descent, in the male line, of Americans whose ancestors settled in the US previous to the Declaration of Independence, A.D. 1776 Vol. IV & XI
CS71.B28	Ancestors and Descendants of Capt. Benjamin Barnes and Chrls Curtiss of Granville, Mass. 1636-1910
CS71.C56 C5 1913	Descendants of Richard Church of Plymouth, Mass
CS71.C74 1905	Some Descendants of Samuel Comstock of Providence, R.I. who died about 1660
CS71.D645 1886	Tristram Dodge His Descendants in America
CS71.D645 1904	Dodge Genealogy Descendants of Tristram Dodge
CS71.G776 1896 v. 1	Genealogy of the Graves in America. Three Vols. Volume 1 Sketch of the family in England. Genealogy of the Family of Thomas Graves, of Hatfield, Mass
CS71.H468 H 1869	Genealogy from Adam to Christ; with the Genealogy of Adam Heinecke and Henry Vandersall, from 1747 to 1808
CS71.K98 1919	History of the Kuykkendall Family
CS71.L19 1915	A Genealogy of the Lake Family of Great Egg Harbor, in Old Gloucester County, In New Jersey, descended from John Lake of Gravesend, Long Island
CS71.R2622	The Rawson Family Memoir of Edward Rawson, Secretary of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay from 1651 to 1686
CS71.S844 1892	The American Genealogical Record - The Stephens Family with Collateral Branches
CS71.T37 1835	Family Memorial Part I. Genealogy of Fourteen Families of the Early Settlers of New England and Part II

*Select List of Fragile/Rare Books, continued*

<b>Shelf Label</b>	<b>Title</b>
E85.T83 1885	Conquering the Wilderness or New Pictorial History Life and Times of the Pioneer Heroes and Heroines of America
E176.H25 1830	Daughters of America or, Women of the Century
E206.B3 1924	Some Heroes of the American Revolution
E278.A86 A8 1852	Memoir of the Hon. Joshua Atherton
E359.5.P3 M8 1895 V.1	Muster rolls of the Pennsylvania volunteers in the War of 1812-1814 with contemporary papers and documents, Vol 1
F29.B8 E77 1878	History of Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell, Maine : including the ancient territory known as Pejepscot
F29.W33 W6 1902	The centennial history of Waterville, Kennebec County, Maine, including the oration, the historical address and the poem presented at the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the incorporation of the town, June 23d, 1902
F44.L8 P37 1851	The History of Londonderry, Comprising the towns of Derry and Londonderry, New Hampshire
F44.R6 M1 1872	History of the Town of Rochester New Hampshire from 1722 to 1890 Vol. II
F62.N26 1874	A Gazetteer of the State of Massachusetts; with numerous Illustrations on Wood and Steel
F67.B19 1930	The Planters of The Commonwealth (1st Edition)
F68.B35 1830	An Historical Memoir of the Colony of New Plymouth. From 1620 to 1641, Vol 1
F72.N2 N21901 V2	Nantucket Lands and Landowners
F73.2 .B6 1844	Boston Directory; Containing the names of the inhabitants, their occupations, places of business, and dwelling house, and the City Register
F74.L55 W4 1860	Historical Sketches of the Town of Leicester, Massachusetts, during the first century from its Settlement
F74.M55 J1 1886	The Biographical Sketches of Prominent Persons....of Many Early and Other families in Medway, Mass. 1713-1886
F74.N9 N94 1901	Vital Records of Northborough, Massachusetts, to the end of the year 1850
F74.W35 W5 1910	Vital Records of Wayland, Massachusetts, to the year 1850
F74.W46 W5 1911	Vital Records of West Bridgewater, Massachusetts to the year 1850
F104.C2 B7 1856	Genealogical Sketches of the Early Settlers of West Simsbury, now Canton, Conn.
F104.G5 C4 1853	Glastenbury (CT) For Two Hundred Years: A centennial Discourse, May 18, AD 1853

*Select List of Fragile/Rare Books, continued.*

F104.N75 W4 1874	Early Annals of Newington (CT), Comprising The first records of the Newington Ecclesiastical Society
F104.W2 D4 1840	History of Wallingford, Conn., from its settlement in 1670 to the Present time, Including Meriden, which was one of its parishes until 1806, and Cheshire, which was incorporated in 1780
F118.N48 1860	Names of Persons for whom Marriage Licenses were issued by the Secretary of the Province of New York previous to 1784
F127.C85 G6 1859	Pioneer History; or, Cortland County and the Border Wars of New York
F129.U8.A13 1857-8	The Utica City Directory 1857-8
F152.H42 1850	Annals of Pennsylvania, from the Discovery of the Delaware
F157.B3 B6 1898	Book of Biographies - Biographical Sketches of Leading Citizens of Berks County, PA
F157.S5 F5 1938	The Snyder County Pioneers (PA)
F159.P7 W9 1873	Historical Sketches of Plymouth Luzerne Co. Penn
F232.G65 W36	Goochland County, Virginia Wills 1742-1749
F232.G7 N95 1914	Pioneer Settlers of Grayson County Virginia
F247.M6 B9 1912 v.3	Genealogical and Personal History of the Upper Monongahela Valley West Virginia
F532.B6 H2 1887	Early Life and Times in Boone County, Indiana
F851.B22	History of the Pacific States of North America, multiple volumes including histories of Washington, Oregon and California as well as Arizona, New Mexico, Mexico, and Texas
F876.H66 1893	An Illustrated History of the State of Oregon
F891.H66 1893	An Illustrated History of the State of Washington
F899.S4 C5 1909	Seattle, The Exposition City
KF386.W4 1877	Wells' Every Man His Own Lawyer and Business Form Book, A Complete guide in all matters of Law and Business Negotiations, For every State in the Union (has a section on Marriage and Divorce)

## Surplus Books

We still have an oversupply of books and our main goal is to move them out! Prices are kept reasonable.

Email: [surplus@fiskelibrary.com](mailto:surplus@fiskelibrary.com) to make inquiries or purchases. Be sure to check your spam folder if you don't see a reply within a day or two.

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# Fall 2025 Education

All classes are scheduled from 10:00 A.M. until noon unless otherwise noted. Presentations are currently virtual. Please check the website for linking information ahead of the start time and any class notes. **Check the home page frequently for announced schedule changes and updates to any dates listed as TBA.**

2025	Topic	Instructor
Wednesday September 17	Getting Unstuck: Working Through Research Problems	Claire Smith
Wednesday September 24	Chasing Claire: The Treasures of Genealogical Travel	Karin Borgerson
Wednesday October 1	Canadian Genealogy	Jenny Warner
Wednesday October 8	An Introduction - to Find My Past Records	Steven W. Morrison
Wednesday October 15	Adoption Meets DNA	Beth Swartz
Wednesday October 22	If These Walls Could Talk - House and Neighborhood Histories	Mary Kircher Roddy
Wednesday October 29	Ancestors Calling: Science, Synchronicity and Sources	Judy Nimer Muhn
Wednesday November 5	What the Law Put Asunder: Divorce in America	Sara Cochran
Wednesday November 12	Point of Origin: How to Find Your Ancestral Village	Lisa Vogelee
Wednesday November 19	What's New in Genetic Genealogy	Karin Borgerson

## 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 quarterly in September, January, March and June. Deadlines are the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication. **Writers—articles are always needed and appreciated!**

Please send queries or submissions to [editor@fiskelibrary.org](mailto:editor@fiskelibrary.org).



**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** to expand our hours of opening! Your interest and your reliable presence is all that is needed. When not helping researchers you are free to use the library yourself. Please call David Brazier to discuss hours and training. Call 206-687-5249.

## Legacy Family Tree User Group

The Legacy Family Tree group is currently on hold. An announcement will be made when the zoom meetings are able to resume.

Our thanks to Siri Nelson for her dedication in leading this group.

## Free Photo Archives!

Free Online Historical Photo Archives from the U.S.

The Ancestor Hunt provides a listing for available historical photo archives in each state. These are free databases for you to explore. Do check individual site copyright information.

Go to <https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/4195-free-online-historical-photo-archives-from-the-u-s/>

## Thanks to our Donors

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

~ The FGF Board

# Fiske Library Hours

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

## Fiske Genealogical Foundation Information

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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.