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Hidden Gems at Fiske Library: Discovering History in the Map Cabinet



You never know what treasures you might uncover in the Fiske Library map cabinet. Since Fiske doesn't have a vertical file for small and unusual items, the map cabinet is an alternative for holding some of the hidden gems normally found in a vertical file. Recently I uncovered a couple that I want to share with you.

Since I have relatives that lived in Seattle starting in the 1890's and all through the 1900's, it made sense that I should check out what Fiske Library had that would help me learn where they lived. One resource that I found quickly was the Polk's Seattle City Directories. These helped with discovering the exact years they lived in Seattle, at what address, and other adults who lived in the house.



A resource I hadn't checked until recently for finding address locations was the Fiske map cabinet. Expecting to see large city maps inside the drawer, I was surprised and intrigued when I opened it up. The first two items I saw were newspapers, not maps. The first newspaper was a photocopy of the front page of the Seattle Sunday Times from 1944 with the heading "Seattle's Pioneer Mansions," by Margaret Pitcairn Strachan. It had a picture and story about the Denny Mansion.

Even though my relatives were not wealthy enough to live in a mansion, the stack of newspapers with articles about many of the large mansions and houses in Seattle that I found drew me in. I've been fascinated by Seattle's original settlers ever since I moved to Washington in the 1970's (even doing the underground tour early on). It was wonderful to pull out the stack of newspapers mounted on cardboard and look through them and see names of people that I had heard about including Henry Yesler, David and Arthur Denny, Judge Thomas Burke, George Kinner, Guy C. Phinney, Clarence Bagley, David Maynard, and many others. Here I found stories about them, their wives, their children and the houses they built and lived in. For anyone who is interested in house histories, as well as Seattle's history, this is a great resource.

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The second newspaper in the drawer was a copy of the November 1, 1918, "The Stars and Stripes," the Official Newspaper of the A.E.F, published in Paris, France. What a find! My grandfather was in France in 1918 serving with the 23rd Cavalry as part of Battery F, 81st Field Artillery. Maybe he read this newspaper. I will never know, but the thought that he might have is such a thrill.

Even though this newspaper did not add to my knowledge of where my family lived in Seattle, it is adding to my knowledge about my grandfather's life in France during World War I.

I still need to dig deeper in the drawer to see what else I can find that will help me locate my family's homes and how the city streets they lived on have changed over the years. For now, I am content with the two treasures I found. Come explore the Fiske Genealogical Library map cabinet. Maybe you will find an exceptional treasure just like I did.

By Linda Blais



Newsletter Archive Update

We have an archive of our old newsletters online noted along with our current newsletter link on our home page. The link is <https://fiskelibrary.org/NewsLetter/default.htm>

I have recently updated that page to include the earliest editions of our newsletter dating from 1983 through 2002. There are still a few missing items and gaps, but most of the newsletters are now available.

The page includes a search box which works for the newsletters which had been on the list (2003+), but I am still working on how to add that function to the new additions.

It is an excellent resource for the many instructive articles published in the past

Marge Jodoin
Newsletter Editor

Surplus Books

The Half-Price Sale ended September 1, 2024. However, we try to price our books affordably. We still have an oversupply of books and our main goal is to move them out!

Email: 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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Gary Zimmerman Books Donated to Fiske Library

Here is a list of books donated by Gary Zimmerman and Michele Genthon in 2024 that are now on the Fiske Genealogical Library shelves. ~ *Linda Blais*

Shelf Location	Title	Author
CS2.W65 1980	World Conference on Records Preserving Our Heritage; August 12-15, 1980, Vol. 3	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
CS21.3 B47 2016	The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy	Bettinger, Blaine T
CS41.N282x 1978	Special Alabama Issue, Vol. 2 No. 2	National Genealogical Inquirer
CS49.B74 1985	Compendium of Historical Sources. The How & Where of American Genealogy	Bremer, Ronald A.
CS68.S34 1991 V.2	The Alsace Emigration Book, Vol. II	Schrader-Muggenthalier, Cornelia
CS71.C641 1984	The Ancestors and Descendants of William Clopton of New York County, VA	Clopton, Gene Carlton
CS71.K487 1984	Kirkpatrick and Allied Families	Kirkpatrick, Edward Floyd
CS71.L787 1949	The Livingston Family in America and its Scottish Origins	Van Rennselaer, Florence
CS71.M27.G54 1985	Descendants of Mosese and Mary (Adams) Marshal of Columbiana County, Ohio	Gladden, Sanford Charles
CS71.M38 1982	The Thomas Alexander Martin Family History V. 1	Johnes, Montez Demonia
CS71.M47386 1985	Descendants of James (Timothy) McClintock and some related families	Shelton, A. Louise (McClintock)
CS71.M995 1969	Home Folks Book of the Darius Myers Family	Beck, Violet M.
CS71.N858 1953	Kentucky Descendants of Thomas Norris of Maryland 1630-1953	Josserand, Gertrude Cleghorn
CS9.H27 1993	Tracing Your British Ancestors A Guide to Genealogical Sources	Hamilton-Edwards, Gerald
CT274.L58.L58 1987	The Livingston Legacy, Three Centuries of American History	Wiles, Richard T
DA910.N43 1979	Illustrated History of the Irish People	Neill, Kenneth
DA910.O94 1995	The Oxford Illustrated History of Ireland	Foster, R.F., Editor
E166.N93 1974	Society and Culture in America, 1830-1860	Nye, Russel Blaine
E178.L744 V1 1963	The New World; Prehistory to 1774, Vol. 1	Morris, Richard B. and Editors of LIFE
E255.S3 1996	The "Lost" Pensions Settled Accounts of the Act of 6 April 1838	Scott, Craig R.

Zimmerman Book Donation (continued)

F1 N56 2020 V. 174, N. 694	The NEHG Register, The Journal of American Genealogy Spring 2020, Vol 174, No.	New England Historic Society
F93.G5 1991	Connecticut Genealogical Resources	Giles, Barbara
F119.E46 1967	A History of New York State	Ellis, David M.
F122.S64 1972 V.2	The History of the Province of New York. Vol 2. A continuation, 1732-1762	Smith, Jr, William
F127.H8 L49 2007	The Hudson, a History	Lewis, Tom
F129.H6 C7 1883	A History of Hillsdale, Columbia County, New York	Collin, John F. and Johnson, H.S.
F130.P2 J66 2020	The Palatine Families of New York – 1710, A Supplement	Jones, Jr. Henry Z
F262.C9 A63 1994 V11	Abstracts of Deeds of Cumberland County, North Carolina, V1 Books 1-3 1754-1770	Fields, William C.
F262.C9 A63 1999 V2	Abstracts of Deeds of Cumberland County, North Carolina, V2 Books 4-7 1770-1795	Fields, William C
F280.S4 S8 1971	Scotch-Irish Migration to South Carolina 1772	Stephenson, Jean
F442.2 H661 1977	The Goodspeed Histories of Maury, Williamson, Rutherford, Wilson, Bedford & Marshall Counties of Tennessee	Goodspeed
F495.H84 1996	The Ohio Frontier Crucible of the Old Northwest, 1720-1830	Hurt, R. Douglas
F500.W4 K66 1997	Calvinists Incorporated; Welsh Immigrants on Ohio's Industrial Frontier	Knowles, Anne Kelly
F595.P27 1988	The Far West and the Great Plains in Transition 1859-1900	Paul, Rodman W.
F799.B63 1995	Along Ancient Trails, The Mallet Expedition of 1739	Blakeslee, Donald J
F1026.W946 1921	History of Canada	Wrong, George McKinnon
F1037.8 H37 1900	The Evangeline land: made famous by the expulsion of the Acadian farmers by the British Government	Hardy, A.L and James Bayne Co.
F1039.Y3 R52 1941	Historical Sketches of Glenwood and the Argyles Yarmouth County Nova Scotia	Ricker, Jackson
G1201.S26 B76 2015	Revolution Mapping the Road to American Independence 1755-1783	Brown, Richard H. & Cohen, Paul E.
GA 63.C3 C3 1966	Men and Meridians – the history of surveying and mapping in Canada, V1 & V2	Thomson, Dan W.
Z5314.U5 G5 1897	A List of some American Genealogies which have been printed in book form	Glenn, Thomas Allen



Winter 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 January 8	Citations. Why Did it Have to Be Citations?	Sara Cochran
Wednesday January 15	EXPLORING – The Gilbert Cope Collections on FamilySearch	Steven W. Morrison
Wednesday January 22	Black Civil War Veterans in Washington State	Cynthia Wilson
Wednesday January 29	TBA	
Wednesday February 5	Meet Your New Research Assistant: AI for Genealogists	Sara Cochran
Wednesday February 12	Ten Things Every Eastern European Genealogist Should Know	Lisa A. Alzo
Wednesday February 19	A Demographic Study of Siroke, Slovakia in the 1800's	Mike Kocsik
Wednesday February 26	Using Irish Naming Convention to Discover the Family of Thomas Delaney in MidNineteenth Century Ireland	Susan McKee
Wednesday March 5	TBA	
Wednesday March 12	YOUR ANCESTOR'S OCCUPATION– Exploring the 1821 Irish Census	Steven W. Morrison

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 20th of the month preceding publication. **Writers—articles are always needed and appreciated!** Please send queries or submissions to editor@fiskelibrary.org.

Legacy Family Tree User Group

Our Legacy Family Tree User Group Zoom meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month from 1-2 p.m. Our next meeting is January 16.

We 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.

If you use Legacy Family Tree, please join us.

Siri Nelson

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 October through June, 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



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

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.

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:

FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION FEES

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.