



# Fiske Genealogical Foundation

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## What Happened to the Fiske Website??

Just a few days before our May 6<sup>th</sup> Open House, our website suddenly crashed. The server that hosts our site was compromised by persons who had learned how to break into the server remotely. Chaos ensued. They changed passwords and encrypted files making them inaccessible. David Brazier was sent a ransomware notice; however, the perpetrators don't appear to have been serious about extorting money as no information was provided regarding payment. It seems to have been a case of vandalism for the fun of it.

The result is that the web server has to be reconstructed with new software. Reconstruction of certain pages is made easier where backups are available; however, many aspects of site creation have to be redone.

We have chosen to look upon this headache as an opportunity to revamp the website, update all outmoded information, and provide a fresh experience. But it will be "bare bones" for a while. Kudos to David for having quickly pulled together a website that links to the World Cat database so our library collection is accessible. He has also linked in our usual class information, donation button, current newsletter and newsletter archives.

I am re-doing our Surplus Book list from scratch which will help to eliminate many items that should have been removed long ago.

If you are used to using some aspect of our website which you no longer see, please ask about it and David will try to accommodate you. Queries can be sent to [editor@fiskelibrary.org](mailto:editor@fiskelibrary.org)

*Marge Jodoin  
Fiske Newsletter Editor*

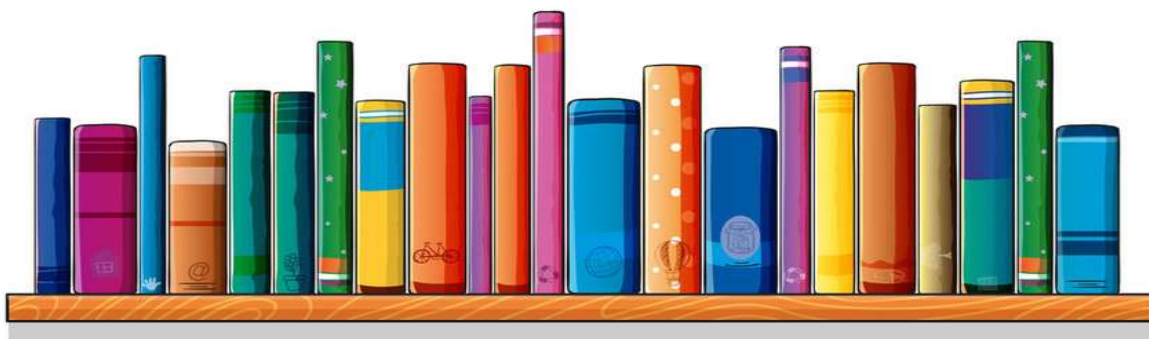


## The Janice C. Pankratz Collection, Part 2

Call Number	Title	Author
BL80.2 W67 1983	World Religions From Ancient History to the Present	Parrinder, Geoffrey, Editor
CR21.F4 1981	Discovering Heraldry	Fearn, Jacqueline
CS47.B4 1957	Finding Your Forefathers in America	Bennett, Archibald F.
CS71.P84 P4 1947	The Porterfields	Porterfield, Frank B.
CS261.B3 D63 2005	Barbados and Scotland Links 1627 -1877	Dobson, David
CS404.T385 1990z	Kings & Queens of Europe A Genealogical chart of the Royal houses of Great Britian and Europe	Taute, Anne
DA25.W46 1995	The War of the Roses	Weir, Alison
DA684.2 C25 1980 Oversize Books	Above London	Cameron, Robert & Cooke, Alistair
DC216.S8 1966	The Bonapartes	Stacton, David
E312.72 1887	Rules of Conduct, Diary of Adventure, Letters, and Farewell Addresses of George Washingon	Washington, George
E332.88 J4 1981	Thomas Jefferson and his Unknown Brother	Mayo, Bernard & Bear, James A. Jr.
E446. P49 2015	White Slave Children of Colonial Maryland and Virginia Birth and Shipping Records	Phillips, Richard Hayes Ph.D.
F181. P48 2013	Without indentures: index to white slave children in colonial court records [Maryland and Virginia]	Phillips, Richard Hayes Ph.D.
F182.W36 1998	Maryland, the Spirit of America	Wanning, Esther
F187.E2 B37 1996 V.2	Colonial Families of the Eastern Shore of Maryland Vol. 2	Barnes. Robert W. & Wright, F. Edward
F187.H8 C73 1987	Howard County, A Pictorial History	Cramm, Joetta M.
F189.A6 B87 1975	Yesteryear in Annapolis	Burdett, Harold N.
F189.A68 A23 1984	Annapolis A Walk Through History	Anderson, Elizabeth B.
F189.R62 J6 1975	The Hammond Harwood House and its Owners	Beirne, Rosamond
F189.W94 1972	Wye Oak, The History of a Great Tree ( Talbot County, MD)	Preston, Dickson J.
F232.C9 E34 1976	An 18th Century Perspective, Culpeper County	Jones, Mary Stevens

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F232.S5 K35 1902	A History of the Valley of Virginia	Kercheval, Samuel
F234.J3 M285 2012	Jamestown people to 1800 : landowners, public officials, minorities, and native leaders	McCartney, Martha W.
F234.W7 W7 1952	Virginians at Home Family Life in the Eighteenth Century	Morgan, Edmund S.
F255.V34 1979 Oversize Bookshelf	North Carolina	Schumann, Marguerite & Valentine, James
F547.C56 O95 1975	Old Graveyards of Clark county, Kentucky	Owen, Kathryn
F590.G3 ZB39 W4544	Germans in Wisconsin	Zeitlin, Richard H.
F899.B39 W45 1989	Bellevue and the new Eastside: a contemporary portrait	Welch, bob
F2041.O33 2000	To Hell or Barbados, The Ethnic Cleansing of Ireland	O Callaghan, Sean
F2659.A5 H37 1985	The Lost Colony of the Confederacy	Harter, Eugene C.
G1021.G43283 2006	Oxford Atlas of the World	Oxford
G1200.R380 1998	Readers Digest Atlas of America, our Nation in Maps, Facts and pictures	Readers Digest
G1418.W9 F2 1956	Official County plat book and rural directory of Wood County, Wisconsin	Farm Plat Book Publishing Co.
G1418.S1 E2 1974	Early Washington Overland Stage Routes, Old Military Roads, Indian Battle Grounds, Old Forts, Old Gold Mines	Preston, Ralph N.



## May 6, 2026 Open House



**Fiske Genealogical Library held an Open House & Surplus Book Sale on Wednesday, May 6, 2026.** Linda Blais brought her decorating flair and scrumptious treats for all to enjoy. Attendance was sparse, but some researchers were present along with a few visitors, one of whom had never been to the Fiske before. We even sold some books!

The bookcase – seen here just above the roses – contains the surplus books received from the Pankratz Collection.

The first table adjacent to the bookcase has a selection of surplus books, mostly for \$5.00 each.

The second table has freebies. There are some valuable books being offered for free—an AA Guide to Britain with a collection of fabulous maps and narrative of indicated points of interest. There's a volume with descriptions of

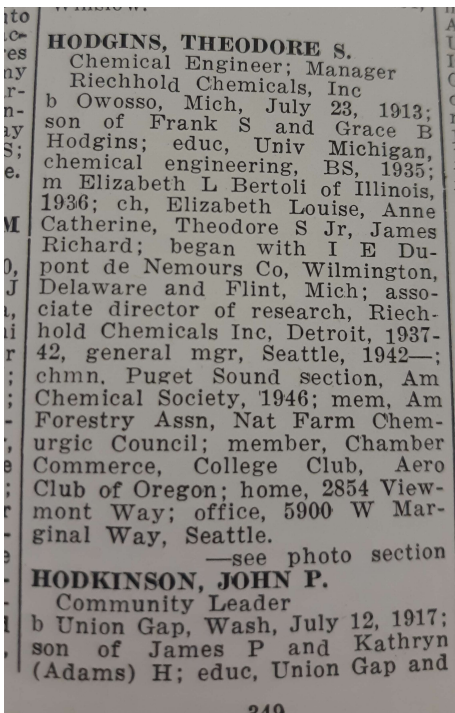
the U. S. during the age of Lincoln, providing contextual details of the culture and everyday life. There are a number of catalogs—out of date but still useful lists of potential resources for research. You might find listings you had not considered! Our link to World Cat can tell you if we have a copy on our shelves or where else they might be found.

All the books on display are posted online in a .pdf file you can peruse. These books will stay out on the tables for the summer. The bulk of our surplus supply is still closeted, but I will be updating the posted list bi-monthly with what is available.

To contact Marge Jodoin, Surplus Manager, email [surplus@fiskelibrary.org](mailto:surplus@fiskelibrary.org) with purchase requests or any questions.



## Surplus Book Spotlight



*Who's Who entry*

**Stine, Thomas Ostenson. 1900. Scandinavians on the Pacific, Puget Sound. H \$10.00**

A Gem! Biographies of notable Scandinavian pioneers in every district or town around Puget Sound, many with portraits. It is the original publication in good shape for its age. The binding is a bit loose at the front, but the contents are intact. Unfortunately, it does not have an index, but it is not a huge volume and you will enjoy reading through it.

We have a number of items that might be categorized as **Business histories**, a category genealogists should become aware of if your ancestors founded or were associated with businesses.

**Who's Who in Washington State, 1949-1950 H \$5.00** Good condition.

**Who's Who in the West, 1941-1951. H \$5.00** Upper spine has a tear in the leather, but book is intact.

**Who's Who in the Mid-West, 1941-1970. H \$5.00** A newer, larger volume which includes some Canadian references.

The Who's Who series offers an encyclopedic entry for any notable person in the area covered. It focuses on education and business associations, but contains family information and home locations. There may even be a portrait of the person! Good clues for further research.

**Hower, Ralph M. History of Macy's of New York, 1858-1919 : Chapters in the Evolution of the Department Store. 1943 H \$5.00**

This work is focused on the evolution of the Department Store as a concept, but contains biographical sections on the main characters involved in establishing Macy's. It is the original publication, but in very good condition for its age.

**Weaver, John D. 1974. Carnation : The First 75 Years, 1899-1974. H \$5.00**

A fascinating tale of a man in later life with no experience in the dairy industry, establishing the manufacture of canned evaporated milk. The Seniors among us will remember the cans which were a pantry staple, used as cream for coffee and in baking, or diluted when fresh milk was not available. Illustrated.

**Dunn, Catherine Baldwin, William Swindells, and Willamette Industries (Firm).**

**1994. Making the Most of the Best : A History of Willamette Industries, Inc. S \$10.00**

A boxed set of the book and a Supplement taking its history to 2007, all in very good condition. Willamette Industries have played a significant role in Oregon's history. Illustrated.

**Nordstrom, John W. 1950. The Immigrant in 1887. H \$10.00**

The founder of Nordstrom's department store shares his personal journey. Born in Scandinavia, he journeyed to America in 1887 and established a small store which grew into a highly successful, wide-spread enterprise. The book is in very good condition and has a number of photographs.

**A Freebie for Fun!** If you are a John Deere fan, we have several issues of the "Two Gear Club" published by John Deere enthusiasts. The issues are spread across 1996-1998. They cover business matters, parts for repair, toys! And other items of interest. FREE

**To Purchase any Surplus Books**, email [surplus@fiskelibrary.org](mailto:surplus@fiskelibrary.org)

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

## 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.

## Summer Hiatus

Our Wednesday Online Classes are on hiatus over the summer. They will resume in September.

Our thanks to Ken Peterson, our hard-working class scheduler and to the dedicated presenters this year: Sylvia Doolos, Tina Beard, Claire Smith, Susan McKee, Steven W. Morrison, Lisa Vogeles, Lisa S. Gorell, Sara Cochran, Beth Swartz, Jenny Hansen, Karin Borgerson, Judy Nimer Muhn, Mary Kircher Roddy, Jenny Warner, Janice Lovelace, and Lisa Alzo. Their willingness to share their expertise is greatly appreciated.

*Thank You*

## Surplus Books

With new book donations coming in, its more urgent than ever that we make space by selling our surplus books. **The Surplus Sale which was presented on May 6<sup>th</sup> at our Open House will continue through the summer.** The website crash which occurred a few days before has provided an opportunity to totally revamp the site, including the surplus list. Currently we have posted a list of the books which are out on the tables. I will be going through my surplus shelves and adding to the list monthly until it is complete again. Do check it out periodically. I will also be doing book reviews of anything we have in surplus that is particularly interesting.

Consult with Marge Jodoin, Surplus Book Manager if you have any questions. [surplus@fiskelibrary.org](mailto:surplus@fiskelibrary.org)

# 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

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

### FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION FEES

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 Wednesday Seminar Series  
 (10 sessions) \$35.  
 Annual Library Pass plus Full  
 Year Seminar Series  
 (30 sessions) \$85  
 Newsletter—Mail Subscription  
 \$6 for 4 Issues

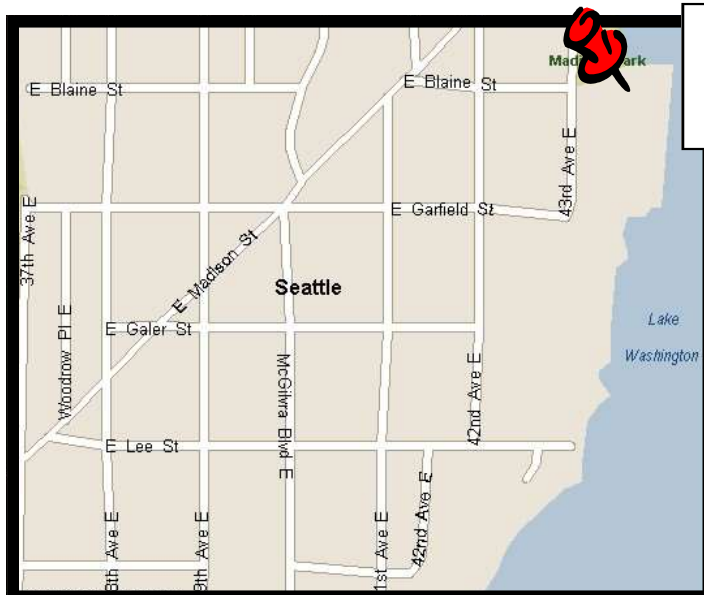
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## HOW TO FIND US!



**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.
- The #11 bus drops you right at our door as it turns from E. Blaine to 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave.