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## BACK TO SCHOOL AT THE FISKE

Contributed by Karl Kumm

The theme of the Fall Trimester is Fundamentals of Genealogy. These classes are designed for students new to genealogy, but also for those who want a review of the fundamentals. Some years ago, I attended a whitewater rowing program for 16 days. They started the first week with all the basics. The second week was devoted to the more sophisticated techniques. In the middle of our second week, our instructor moaned, “You guys have forgotten all the basics.” As genealogists, we must never forget the basics.

The following quartet, all well known to the Fiske patrons and the Seattle genealogical community, will team-teach the first two classes:

- ★ **Mary Peters**, a retired teacher with UW Certification, is a past Fiske Education Director and has been the Registrar for Mercer Girls Chapter NSDAR involving research for members and prospective members. Her favorite research tool is land records.
- ★ **Lou Daly**, an architect, has completed 2 certificate courses in genealogy at UW. She has been recording her family since discovering three trunks of genealogy treasures when she was 21. She also co-chairs a Mac I.G. that meets monthly the 2nd Wednesday from 6-9 pm at the Fiske Library.
- ★ **Karen Sipe** teaches at the Fiske every trimester and frequently problem-solves at the Brick Wall sessions at NARA.
- ★ **Carol Buswell** is a professional archival education specialist at NARA. She teaches us how to access government records, but also how to examine primary sources for historians and genealogists.

We are pleased to have four teachers new to the Fiske classes.

- ★ **Anna Dupen**, an active member of the Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society, will focus her class on how to organize and systemize your search.
- ★ **Reiley Kidd**, a medical doctor, writes, “Health and mortality are a pervasive part of any family.” His presentation will look at disease, its history, and how it can be used to further research and better understand the lives and deaths of our ancestors.
- ★ **Rebecca Logan** is a UW-certified, professional genealogist with a Ph.D. in History and is interested in how social historians and genealogists do research. She enjoys the role of mentor to other genealogists.
- ★ **Claire Smith**, also active with the Bainbridge group, will speak about the fundamentals of computer genealogy.

**Karen Sipe** will return to teach us about beginning to write our family history in preparation for a special Writing Workshop the Fiske is planning to offer in the Winter Trimester outside the regular classes.

**Karl Kumm** will focus on the need to document and make simple the central items needed in source citations.

# HISTORIC OREGON NEWSPAPERS

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

Under the guidance of librarians at the University of Oregon and with several large grants from various sources, a large number of Oregon newspapers that originally appeared between 1860 and 1922 are now available for free on-line access. They can be found at <http://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/>.

So far, over 177,000 pages from eighteen different newspapers have been digitized and mounted on the website. The University of Oregon team has been careful to make good images, with easy magnification, and with every-word searching. There is a map which clearly shows which areas in the state are included in the database.

At the home page, there are a series of links in the bar under the title of the site. If you click on "Titles," you get a new page showing each newspaper and which dates have been digitized. If you click on "Search," you can select on an Oregon city, a specific newspaper, and a specific time interval to find specific words in the paper. You can limit your search to just the front page of an issue or you can choose a specific page for your search.

The link to "History" takes you to a series of historical essays written for newspaper titles in the Newspaper Database – versions of these essays can be found in the Chronicling America website at the Library of Congress, but these original essays may be longer than those found at the [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov) website, and they may have a slightly different style specific to the University of Oregon. These essays tell the story of how each newspaper got started and describe some of their most interesting headlined stories.

There are other places on the world-wide web offering digital copies of Oregon newspapers. Look at <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/diglib/odnp/online.html> for an inventory of these other newspaper resources. This listing includes a few free sites and quite a few "subscription" sites.

If you are looking for additional information about a family in the last half of the 19th Century, look for articles in the newspapers where your ancestors were living and working. Contemporary newspapers might have details about their participation in fraternal lodges, their presence as guests in a relative's home town, or

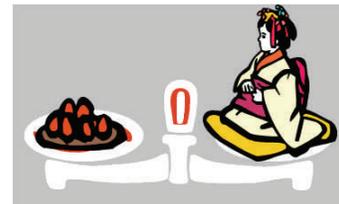
their entertainment of visiting relatives in the local town. Newspaper items often note illnesses and other key events in the life of local residents. With the every-word searching capability, it is easy to spot relevant stories.

In preparing the above story, I ran across the following story in the Morning Oregonian for 30 April 1906, on page 13 column 2 (image 15 of 16 for that date):

## WIVES BY THE POUND

A Chinese newspaper, the Chung Hua Poa, prints the following:

"A special correspondent at Fengtien writes that about the beginning of this month a Japanese imported some 3000 Japanese widows, whom he offered for sale, either as domestic servants or as secondary wives, at 60 cents a catty (one and three-quarters pounds avoirdupois). Photographs are first shown to intending purchasers, who then make their selection, and the woman is weighed and her value calculated. There is no condition attached save that she must be allowed to return home once every three years."



## FISKE BOARD MEMBERS

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## VERMONT VITAL RECORDS

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Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

The Family Search website at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org), in the revamped format, recently added a collection of digitized records under the heading of Vermont Vital Records 1760-1954. The original source was the Vermont State Archives and Records Administration. The records prior to 1870 were filmed in 1951; the records from 1871-1908 were filmed in 1967 and again in 1994-95. The more recent film is easy to read; the earlier images may be difficult to read and the old films are not easy to enhance. The balance of the older records and additional new records will be added as they are processed for digital access.

There are 1.7 million images so far in this collection, which is complete for the 1871-1908 period, and which covers the surnames from A to Phelps in the earlier films. New images are posted as they are digitized and transcribed.

The images include birth, marriage and death records, cemetery records, and burial and removal records. They are arranged by town, then by record type, and finally by date. Each town set their own standards, so not every record has the same amount of detail or layout.

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## VITAL RECORDS IN GERMANY

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Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

In Germany, birth, marriage and death records are kept confidential until all persons named in the record have passed away. Birth records become available 110 years after the event, marriages after 80 years, and deaths after 30 years. Researchers seeking a record with a shorter elapsed time must provide proof of a direct relationship to the subject of the record.

Birth and marriage records may be available sooner than the 110- or 80-year limits if it can be shown that all key parties on the record have been dead for at least 30 years. In a birth record, that means that both parents and the child would each have to be deceased for more than 30 years to have the record released. In the case of a marriage record, both spouses must have been dead for 30 years.

Vital records are generally kept at the German vital records office (Standesamt) where the event occurred. Most cities have websites at [www.\(nameofcity\).de](http://www.(nameofcity).de) where you can find the contact information for the appropriate Standesamt and request. Also, there are fee-based on-line services which can help obtain records.

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## NORTH CAROLINA FAMILY RECORDS ONLINE

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The State Library and the State Archives, both housed in Raleigh, North Carolina, are collaborating on a series of digital records created from holdings in their collections or contributed by supportive citizens in the state. You will find them at <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/dimp/digital/ncfamilyrecords/>.

The Bible Records section has 1478 items so far, each with four to eight pages or more of clean digital images, with attached notes about the provenance of the record and key words from that record itemized. You can click on one of those key words and you get a list of that word's appearances throughout the Bible Record database.

## FISKE LIBRARY—SELECTED RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Newly acquired books are processed by cataloging, entering the Fiske holding information into WorldCat, affixing ownership barcodes inside and on the back cover, and then placing on the shelves. The Library of Congress call numbers in the following list are in brackets [ ].

### BRITISH ISLES AND EUROPE

- Researching Family History in Wales [CS453 .I88 1996]
- Glamorgan Wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1392-1571 [CS458.G6 R5 1985]
- Brief History of Norway, by John Midgaard [DL451 .M53 1989]
- Hedmark (Norway) [DL576.H4 H39 1978]
- Rogaland (Norway) [DL576.R65 R57 1979]
- Gamalt frå Lom (Old Lom, Oppland, Norway) DL596.L6 K85 1975
- Glasgow Street Atlas and Information Guide 1990 [G1829.G5 G3 1990]
- Ordnance survey map for Brecon Beacons (Wales) [G5764.B7 1981 .G7]
- Ordnance survey map for Merthyr Tydfil (Wales) [G5764.M45 O73 1971]
- Norwegian Stave Churches [NA5761 .H373 1977]

### IMMIGRATION TO AMERICA

- Norwegian migration to America – the American transition [E184.S2 B6 1940]
- A folk epic: the *Bygdelag* in America [E184.S2 L68 1975]
- The promise of America – a history of the Norwegian-American people [E184.S2 L6913 1984]
- Norwegian immigrants to America – a biographical dictionary 1825-1850: vol 1, 1825-1843 [E184.S2 N24 1993]
- Ellis Island – Gateway to the American dream [JV6484 .K54 1991]

### MIDDLE ATLANTIC

- New York State Censuses and Substitutes [F118 N524 2006]
- Contributions for the genealogies of the first settlers of the ancient county of Albany, from 1630 to 1800 [F127.A3 P3 1976] (original pub 1872)
- West Through the Catskills – the story of the Susquehanna Turnpike [F127.C3 K83 2001]
- Roster of the people of Revolutionary Monmouth County (New Jersey) [F142.M7 A33 1997]
- Wills of Chester County (Pennsylvania) vol 1, 1713-1748 [F157.C4 M37 2000]
- Cemetery Records of Green County, Pennsylvania, vols 3,4,5,8,9,12, and 13 index [F157.G8 H46 1975] (See WorldCat for townships in specific volumes)
- Abstracts of Philadelphia County Wills 1748-1763 (vol 3 only) [F157.P56 A27 1995]

### UPPER MIDWESTERN STATES

- Cemetery Records of Knox County, Ohio 2 vols [F497.K7 C46]
- History of Knox County, Ohio, from 1779 to 1862 inclusive [F497.K7 N8 1982]
- Tales of Leavenworth (Indiana) [F534.L41 C27 1986]
- 1860 Census of Genesee County, Michigan [F572.G3 A15 1982]
- History of Green County, Wisconsin [F587.G7 B5 1960x] original 1877
- Mills of Madison and the Midwest [TS2135.U62 M532 1980]

### GREAT PLAINS STATES

- Ransom County History (North Dakota) [F642.R2 T45 1975]
- Rachel Calof's story – Jewish homesteader on the northern plains [F645.J5 C353 1995]
- Minnehaha County's Norwegian Pioneers 1866-1896 (South Dakota) [F657.J5 C353 1995]

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# ACQUISITIONS, CONTINUED

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

- History of the Columbia River Valley – from the Dalles to the Sea 3 vols [F853 L82 1928]
- Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Washington [F886. S63 2002]
- Madison Park Remembered [F899.S46 M32 2004]
- Klondike Women – true tales of the 1897-1898 gold rush [F1095.K5 M29 1989]
- Seattle Women: a legacy of community development [HQ1439.S6 A53 1984]

## PUBLISHED AMERICAN GENEALOGIES

- Moyer Family History [CS71.M938 1948]
- Genealogy of the Meyere Family [CS71.M995 1890]

## GENERAL REFERENCES

- Getting Started in Genealogy [CS9 .D65 1998]
- Genealogist’s No-Frills Guide to the 50 states and the District of Columbia [CS49 .S323 1999]
- Directory of New York State County and Municipal Historians [E175.45 .D57 1991]
- North Carolina Ancestor Exchange [F253 .N58 1999]
- Harvest of our lives – the first half-century of the Loomis Institute (Windsor CT) LD7501.W72 L82 1964]
- Genealogy from the Heartland: a catalog of titles in the Mid-Continent Public Library Genealogy circulating collection [Z5313.U5 G46x]

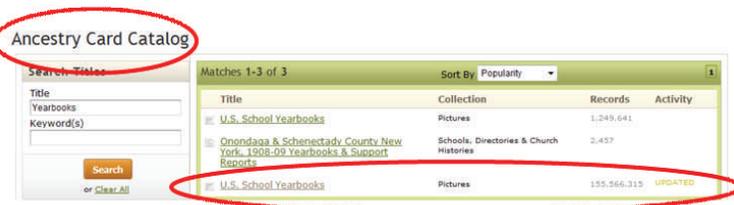


# MINING SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

Contributed by Gary Zimmerman

Ancestry.com recently published a new collection of 7 million images from some 35,000 fully digitized yearbooks and annuals from colleges, high schools, and other organizations that have issued photo directories. The collection includes yearbooks from 1884 to 2009.

Go to [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) and look for the drop-down menu under the heading “Search.” Click on the link to the “Card Catalog.” In the upper left corner, type the word “Yearbooks” in the Titles space and hit Search. You will find several entries with a title, a collection, and the number of records. You want the U.S. School Yearbooks showing more than 155 million records.



This brings up a search page where you can enter a person’s name, the name of a specific school, or a location where a school might be located. If you are unsure of the specific school or unsure of the student’s first name, just enter the city or enter a surname. You will be presented with a lists of hits, often with multiple entries in a given yearbook volume. The same person may appear in the class list as well as in the various campus organizations in which they participated. The photos from a sequence of years or the anecdotes about campus activities will greatly liven up your family research stories.

The browse sequence for this collection allows you to search by state, by city, and by school name. You will be presented by a list of the years for which a yearbook from those specific locations is in the collection.



*All classes except the off-site class on October 19 will be held from 10:00 am to 12 Noon in the Library at 1644 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue E. in Seattle (in Madison Park)*

*Tuition is \$5 per class or \$35 per quarter. An annual library pass with educational privileges and a subscription to 4 issues of the newsletter is \$85.*

## 2011—FALL CLASSES AT FISKE

Fall 2011	Topic	Instructor
September 21	Fundamentals of and Introduction to Genealogy I	<u>Team-Taught by:</u> Carol Buswell Lou Daly Mary Peters Karen Sipe
September 28	Fundamentals of and Introduction to Genealogy II	
October 5	From Box to Book - Organizing and Preserving Your Family Pictures, Souvenirs and Documents	Anna Dupen
October 12	Fundamentals of Census Research	To Be Announced
October 19 10 am—12 n	Fundamentals of Library Research for Genealogists. Meet at Seattle Public Library—Red Level Classroom* Tour of private collections follows.	John LaMont
October 26	Medical Records and Their Use in Genealogical Research	Reiley Kidd
November 2	End of Life Records	Rebecca Logan
November 9	Fundamentals of Computer Genealogy	Claire Smith
November 16	Introduction to Writing Family History	Karen Sipe
November 23	No Class - Thanksgiving Holiday	
November 30	Why Document? - Documentation Made Easy	Karl Kumm

### THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY VISIT\*\*

Due to limited seating, please register in advance for attendance at the off-site class on October 19 by providing contact information to one of the sources below:

- Clipboard on Registration Counter at Fiske
- Contact Karl Kumm at 206-860-4151 or [k.kumm@comcast.net](mailto:k.kumm@comcast.net)
- Call 206-328-2716 during Fiske Library operating hours
- PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Seattle Public Library is located at 1000 4th Avenue in downtown Seattle. For Metro bus information, check [www.tripplanner.kingcounty.gov](http://www.tripplanner.kingcounty.gov).

\* Van pool leaves Fiske Library 9:30 am; leaves The Seattle Public 3:00 pm

\*\* Area genealogy societies welcome

## FISKE LIBRARY HOURS

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<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon to 8:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	3:00 pm to 8:00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Reserved for research groups (greater than 8 persons) from outside the greater Seattle Area. Contact the Library to make reservations.
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am to 3:00 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month

## THANK YOU!!

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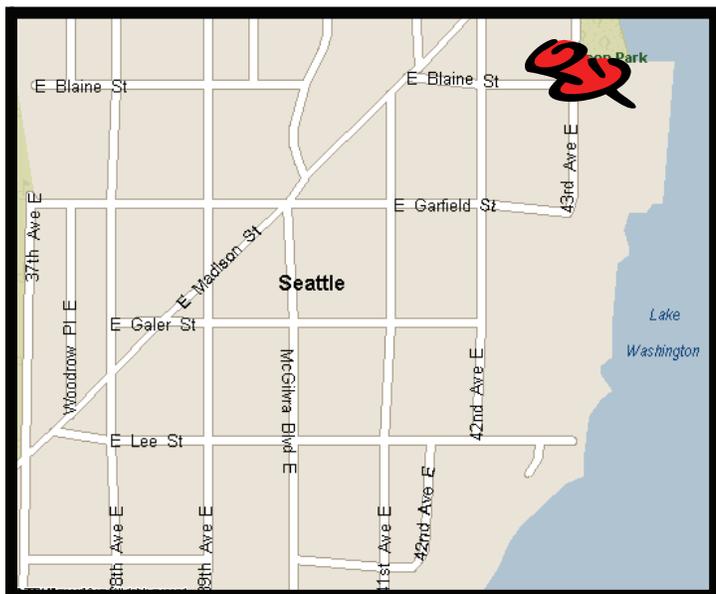


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- Turn right and follow E Blaine Street to the end of the street.
- The Washington Pioneer Hall faces onto 43rd Ave. E. The Fiske Genealogical Library is located on the lower level of the building.