

NEWSLETTER
FISKE CENTER, THE GENEALOGIST'S HEADQUARTERS
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Activities, Summer, 1983:

Our very successful Family History '83 was held at Denny Park Lutheran Church Aug. 20, 1983. The next fair and exhibit will be June 16 at the same location. Mark the day on your calendar. Publicity will be mailed later.

A cemetery safari to Fir Crest Cemetery, Oak Harbor, Washington resulted in a complete recording of inscriptions from all the headstones. This concludes the listing of cemetery records for Oak Harbor. Thanks to all who participated.

Beginners classes held in September were successful, although the attendance was small. The course of instruction was "Ten Basic Steps of Genealogical Research", essential for a good foundation in genealogical techniques. This course will be repeated each semester.

What's happening in the wide world of family history:

Illinois State Genealogical Society reports the 1860 census project has completed 44 counties in its transcription. Welcome news indeed! These are published and for sale. Write Box 157, Lincoln, Ill. 62656 for additional information.

Robert Buecher, 3250 Suson Ct., #2, St. Louis, Mo. 63139 has a list of over 655 pages of marriage records for St. Clair Co., Ill. from 1790 to 1905. He will conduct a search for \$5 for each surname.

Arthur D. Fiske is preparing a computerized list of marriage inferences from probate records of several of the oldest counties in Pennsylvania. Since there were practically no civil marriage records kept in Pennsylvania for the period from the end of the Revolutionary War to almost the beginning of this century, probate records are an important source of marriage evidence.

Spring events at Fiske Genealogical Center include:

Mar. 16 New England Seminar 10:00 am to 3:30 pm, 3108 Mt. Rainier Dr. S., Seattle.
Fee: \$10, includes valuable research sheets. Reduced price for Fiske Students. Bring sack lunch.

Mar. 24 Promotional Seminar - RECORDS AND YOU. OR, HOW SHOULD I PLAN TO MAKE MY RESEARCH MORE PRODUCTIVE. 10:00 am to 3:30pm Denny Park Lutheran Church, 8th Ave. N. & John St., Seattle. FREE! FREE! FREE!. Register now. Space is limited. Call Arthur Fiske at 622-7528 or write him at the address given above.

Arthur Fiske will be conducting several out-of-town seminars during spring and early summer. Research papers prepared for these events will be available for sale at FAMILY HISTORY '84 on June 16.

June 2 New England Seminar, Part 2. Place to be announced. Fee: \$10.00

FISKE LIBRARY IS GROWING, BUT THE NUMBERS OF NEW BOOKS IN THE GENEALOGY FIELD INVOLVE FUNDS FAR BEYOND OUR LIMITS. AS A FUND RAISER, FAMILY HISTORY '84 WILL INCLUDE NOT ONLY SALES OF GENEALOGICAL BOOKS AND MATERIALS BUT WHITE ELEPHANTS (GOOD JUNQUE) AND A PLANT SALE. ANY DONATIONS OF PLANTS OR ASSORTED GOOD JUNK WILL BE APPRECIATED AND THE SALE WILL HELP TO SWELL OUR BOOK FUND. CONTACT MR. FISKE ABOUT DETAILS. 622-7528.

FAMILY FAIR '84 is history. This annual event at Denny Park Lutheran Church is for the benefit of the Fiske Library book fund. Thanks to all exhibitors and helpers. You made the fair hum and we hummed all the way to the bank!

Plant sales netted \$150.61. The entire amount will go toward Southern records.

Other departments of the fair generated \$325 plus \$50 in contributions, making a total of \$375. This will go toward purchase of the Corbin collection. The Corbin fund drive now stands at \$705.00, which is a little more than 1/3 of the amount needed for the entire collection. Gross receipts from the fair were about \$790.00.

Each year we plan to create as many new bibliographies and information sheets as possible to sell at the Family Fair. For those unable to attend we have a supply for future events including:

How to use the Genealogical Collection at the Seattle Public Library. 22 pp.
Supplement No. 2 to the Fiske Library Catalogue 10 pp.
Guide to the Rhode Island Vital Records
Microfilms in the "locked cases" at the Seattle Public Library
Information sheet on masculine names
New York Census Records (including State enumerations)
AND several fine bibliographies of Southwestern Pennsylvania prepared
by Barbara S. Giles. You will want to purchase these!

Exhibitors who came from the greatest distance were Nadine Miksell and Dorothy Person from Vancouver, Washington.

Among the many new genealogical works (See Supplement No. 2 to the Fiske Library Catalogue) is the Index to the Draper Papers. This new guide makes this important collection more usable.

IMPORTANT!

We will launch our fall class series with a seminar at Denny Park Lutheran Church on August 25 from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. All Fiske supplies and information sheets will again be available. The seminar will help coordinate the activities of students with the 1984-5 classes, stressing how you can make your genealogical research program bring the desired results. We will discuss the new books and tools at the Fiske Library (and those on order); this will include the Corbin Collection and other record compilations we hope to acquire. The seminar is free to all Fiske students and others with a serious interest in family history. Seminar kits will be available at a nominal cost.

AUGUST 11, 1984. SAVE THIS DATE. EARLY NEW ENGLAND ANCESTRY will be the topic for an in-depth seminar presented at the Denny Park Lutheran Church. If you have New England ancestry BEFORE 1800, it is probable you trace back to some immigrants who arrived before 1630. This program, with displays, will begin at 10:00 am and continue to 3:30 pm, conducted by Arthur D. Fiske and Jean A. Roth. Special New England kits will be included with the registration fee of \$12.50. Instruction will cover the English, French (Huguenot), Dutch, Flemish and Walloon influences in New England, stressing the period from the arrival of the "Mayflower" in 1620 to the "Mary and John" and the "Winthrop Fleet" in 1630. There will be special emphasis on passenger lists and other records of immigration, including European origins. THIS IS A "FIRST" IN SEATTLE. Checks for registration should be mailed to Arthur D. Fiske, 2408 - 2nd Ave., Apt. 205, Seattle, WA 98121, or you may pay at the door. Denny Park Lutheran Church is at 8th Ave. N., and John Street in Seattle.

SAVE MARCH 2, 1985 FOR THE NEXT FAMILY FAIR.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ESTHER HARVEY WHO DONATED MOST OF THE PLANTS.

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Announcements of coming events at Fiske School and Library:

Library days: July 13 and Aug. 6, 1983 (10:00 am to 4:00 pm)

Problem Solving: July 19, 1983. Call 622-7528 for appointments. \$10 fee for two sessions.

FAMILY HISTORY FAIR - Aug. 20, 1983. Place to be announced.

Exhibits - charts, records, books, artifacts, valuable instruction.

Call 622-7528 for information about exhibits.

FALL SERIES OF INSTRUCTION

Beginners classes *

8 sessions starting Sept. 3, 1983 at 1:00 pm (Saturday). We will be exploring the classic approach to genealogy: The Ten basic steps of research. This includes thorough coverage of family, church, vital, courthouse, gravestone, Bible and other genealogical records with tips on letter writing, organization of records, note keeping, documentation, etc. Fee: \$40.00

Identical classes at 10:00 am and 7:30 pm Wednesdays and 10:00 am Saturday. Fall semester begins Sept. 1 and Sept. 3, 1983 at Fiske Auditorium, 1207 - 6th Ave. N. Fee for fall semester: \$40.00. Ask about renewal fees. Genealogical topics include: Availability of records (what and where and how to find), methodology, interpretation of records (definitions, terminology, etc.) as well as types of resources and how to use them. The package includes free use of the valuable library, card files and reduced rates for seminars.

AMONG THE NEW BOOKS:

Genealogical Register of the Desc. of Thomas Flint of Salem, (Mass.)
Hardesty's West Virginia Counties, Vol. I and II (Barbour, Doddridge, Jackson, Marion, Kanawha, Upshur and Wetzel Counties).
Eastern Shore (Md.) Records
Maryland Marriage Clues, Vols. I and II.
The Hammatt Papers (Ipswich, Mass.)
The Winthrop Fleet of 1630.
Lists of Inhabitans of Colonial New York
Many more items.

THANKS TO: Barbara Giles, Margaret and Darnell Eggleston, Dennis Sullivan and all others who helped with the FISKE LIBRARY CATALOGUE. Thanks to Dennis Sullivan who constructed two pine book cases. Each case will hold approximately 150 books and both will be filled when the summer's acquisitions have been shelved.

June 4, 1983 marked two important events: The New England Seminar and the advent of the Fiske Library Catalogue. The seminar, filled with good things for New England research, is considered basic for those with New England interests. It will be repeated periodically and will be required instruction for those wishing to enroll in "electives" planned for the coming season: These seminars will be: Research in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York, Each seminar will comprise four hours of concentrated instruction. The basic New England seminar will be scheduled for late fall. Watch for seminars on the south, and other geographical regions.

One of the great delights of the annual Fall Research tour is the opportunity to visit book stores. Thanks to your support of our programs, we could purchase many items of genealogical value for the growing Fiske Library. Our new book shelves are overflowing with the new additions.

Among these are about 35 family genealogies, mostly for basic New England families, plus selections for the following states and areas: Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Nova Scotia, England and several fine volumes of a miscellaneous nature. TOTAL: 132 VOLUMES!

Supplement No. 3 to the Fiske Library catalogue will list these, plus other acquisitions. It will be available at the Family Fair on March 2 and the Denny Park Lutheran Church. You will want to obtain a copy. We hope to maintain this exciting book purchase program next fall when we visit Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D. C.

Plans for 1985 include many seminars and workshops and a GREATLY EXPANDED FAMILY FAIR. The fair will be held at the Denny Park Lutheran Church on March 2, 1985. There will be interesting genealogical exhibits and displays, including slide presentations. An addition to the fair will be genealogical instruction, both beginning and advanced. Watch for additional details.

CLASSES AT FISKE CENTER RESUME January 9 and 12th at 10:00 am and January 9th at 7:30 pm. Now is the time to register for classes. Guests are welcome to audit one session, with no obligation. Call Arthur Fiske at 622-7528 for information

GOOD NEWS FOR THOSE WITH NEW ENGLAND INTERESTS. The Mayflower Descendant Magazine will resume publication in January 1985 with two issues of genealogical records (each to contain 100 pages) published each year. Fiske Library has subscribed.

GOOD NEWS WORK PARTIES. The organizing and indexing of records, preparation of finding lists and reference notes remains THE BIGGEST PROJECT FOR GENEALOGISTS. In our zeal to delve into the records, we forget there is much work needed before we can make good use of the material. SO, THE GOOD NEWS IS TWO WORK PARTIES SCHEDULED BY FISKE CENTER:

1. At Fiske Library January 17, 1985 - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Bring sack lunch.
2. At Seattle Public January 31, 1985 - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. We go out for lunch.

Work at Fiske Center will include filing and book binding and at the library, indexing and preparation of the valuable Immigrant Cards. We need your help! The effort we make will involve rewards for ourselves and others in future days.

Winter Seminars include:

Name Seminar on January 26, 1985 from 10:00 to 3:00. The seminar will include instruction on Christian names and surnames, nicknames, variations in names, clue names, pointer names, name translations and many other aspects of names not usually considered by the researcher. You will enjoy this seminar. Price: \$7.50 for Fiske students, \$12.50 for others. Price includes name kit. Place: Fiske Library, 1207 - 6th Ave. N., Seattle. Pre-registration required.