

FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION
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NEWSLETTER

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SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR

The Fiske Genealogical Foundation celebrated its first anniversary in October. This past year we have concentrated on producing two (2) seminars--each one (1) day long. They were: "Military Records," in May, and "Plains People - The Midwest," in September. Bibliography and resource sources were produced for these seminars and are available for sale. (See price list elsewhere in this newsletter.) We have also added numerous books and records to the library this past year.

Make plans NOW to attend the *Fiske Genealogical Foundation Family History Fair* to be held Saturday, April 6, 1991, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., at the Scottish Rite Temple, 1155 Broadway Avenue East, Seattle. There will be a \$5.00 entrance fee.

HERITAGE TOURS FOR 1991

The annual research excursion to Salt Lake City is planned for the latter part of April and the first part of May. You will be able to take advantage of the expertise of tour genealogist, Arthur Fiske, who has been an active genealogist for over 46 years.

The major tour for 1991 will be in the latter part of September and first few days of October. The first stop will be Albany, NY for research at the New York State Library, then on to Philadelphia for opportunities in that area. Visit the Pennsylvania Historical Society Library (which also houses the collection of the Pennsylvania Genealogical Society), or go with us to Swarthmore College for Quaker records. There are many other opportunities for research in this region.

Baltimore, Maryland is also an important research area. The famed Peabody Library, the Maryland Historical Society, nearby Annapolis is the home of the Maryland Hall of Records, and there will be a visit to the Genealogical Publishing Company in Baltimore for book buying.

The researcher should not overlook the Mennonite Library outside of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. In this library we find not only Mennonite and other Anabaptist records, but a well-rounded and extensive collection of historical and genealogical works for general Pennsylvania research. We then visit the Pennsylvania State Library at Harrisburg.

The final days of the tour will be in Western Pennsylvania with research at Pittsburgh, Washington County and other centers of interest. On the journey from Harrisburg to Pittsburgh there will be opportunities to visit ancestral sites along the way and at mid-point, a visit to the historical Bedford Village.

Tour genealogist, Arthur Fiske, will be on hand for research assistance in all the libraries en route.

For more information, call Jean Roth at U.S. Travel Services, 682-5200.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION

New -*Selected Delaware Bibliography & Resources*, includes historical notes, discussions of "Hundreds" system, maps. 40 pp. \$8., plus WA State sales tax & postage.

New -*Plains People - The Midwest (Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri)*, includes bibliographies from Seattle genealogical libraries, plus research sources, maps. 108 pp. \$15., plus WA State sales tax & postage.

New -*Midwest Seminar (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri)*, handout from the Midwest Seminar--now available for sale. Includes bibliographies of the above states found in the Fiske Library, maps. 35 pp. \$7.50 plus WA State sales tax & postage.

New -*Military Records (Colonial Wars, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Research Sources and Bibliographies)*, includes bibliographies and finding lists of books located in Seattle Genealogical Society, Revolutionary War records found at the National Archives, maps. 22 pp. \$7.50 plus WA State sales tax & postage.

New -*Military Records and Benefits*, includes military record sources at Fiske Foundation Library, discusses pensions & bounty lands, dates, and maps. 17 pp. \$5. plus WA State sales tax & postage.

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Limited Edition -*Tip Sheets*, covering the States of KY, MD, NJ, NC, OH, PA, and VA, and maps. \$3.50 plus WA State sales tax & postage.

Limited Edition -*Selected Maryland Bibliography & Research Sources*, Vol. 1 & 2, includes bibliographies of individual counties and maps. \$17. plus WA State sales tax & postage.

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Coming Soon -*Church History and American Church Records*, includes church history from the time of the Reformation to the present, and where to find church records in America.

Postage & Handling: Add \$2.00 for first book, and \$1.00 more for each additional book.

BOOK REVIEW

Among the many books at Fiske Library dealing with ancestral origins in England, an outstanding title is *Virginia Gleanings in England*. These are mainly abstracts of 17th and 18th Century Wills and Administrations relating to Virginia and Virginians. This work, compiled by genealogist Lothrop Withington, has an every-name index by Thomas L. Hollowak, greatly increasing its value to the researcher. Published by Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1980, it contains 745 pages of data and continues to be an important reference for the Virginia genealogist.

When we consider the loss of records in Virginia, particularly for some of the major eastern counties, it is reassuring to learn of materials for research to be found in various repositories in the British Isles. Many of the documents abstracted in Withington's work are found at the Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, London, but the contents of a good percentage of the Virginia-related papers is found between the covers of "Virginia Gleanings."

SOME NEW BOOKS AT FISKE FOUNDATION LIBRARY

Goodspeed's History of Southwestern Arkansas
Anne Arundel Gentry (MD), 2 Vol.
Genealogical Abstracts, Montgomery Co. Sentinel (MD)
Stones and Bones (Gravestone Records of Prince George's Co., MD)
Pennsylvania German Marriages, by Donna R. Irish
Annals of Buffalo Valley, PA
History of Cumberland Co., PA (1886)
Genealogies of Schuylkill Co., PA
Marriage Records of Lawrence Co., TN, by Edythe R. Whitley
Marriage Records of Elizabeth City County, VA
Marriage Records of Harrison Co., VA
History of Patrick and Henry Counties, VA
The Babbitt Genealogy
Mayflower Families through Four Generations, Vol. 4, Desc. of Edward Fuller
Some Cemetery Records of Tyringham, MA
Congregational Church Records of Washington, MA

FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION CLASSES

The Wednesday and Saturday classes will begin again after Christmas on Wednesday, January 9, and Saturday, January 12, 1991, respectively. Classes are 10 a.m. - 12 noon Wednesdays & Saturdays, and 7 - 9 p.m. on Wednesdays. The Pennsylvania Institute will be held on the second Wednesday of each month, 1 - 3 p.m. The New England Institute will be held on the first Saturday of each month, except January and April which will be held on the second Saturdays, 1 - 3 p.m. The *Fiske Genealogical Foundation Library* is also open on Mondays, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. for additional research.