FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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Arthur D. Fiske, President

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LABOR DAY WEEKEND EVENT

The Foundation members will be dispensing coffee at the Indian John Hill rest stop (eastbound) near Cle Elum on Labor Day week-end. Serving will be continuous from noon on Friday, September 3, to midnight on Monday, September 6.

A chart has been posted on the bulletin board at the Library for helpers to sign who may be able to come up and give some time. Donations of coffee and/or cookies are very welcome. Please call chairman Muriel Winterscheid, 232-2716, if you are able to help.

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED LABOR DAY WEEKEND.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 18 - Work Day

September 3-6 - Indian John

September 4 & 6 - Library closed

*September 8 - Washington D.C. Seminar

September 8 & 11 - Classes resume

October 2 - New England Institute

October 12-21 - Washington D.C. trip

November 3 - Friends meeting

November 5 - Pioneer seminar

November 12 - Newsletter deadline

*(Combined with regular Weds. a.m. class)

FALL CLASSES TO BEGIN

Please refer to the information sheet enclosed for details of regular classes which begin on September 8 and 11. You will note that the fee schedule has been changed also.

New England Institute meets the first
Saturday afternoon of each month from 1:00 to
3:00 p.m. The annual fee is \$40.00. If your
budget does not allow two hours a week to
come to our regular classes and you have New
England interests, then the Institute is for you.

There will be no Pennsylvania Institute this year except as announced.

We will be spending more time on your personal research problems. Please join us. Call Arthur Fiske at 448-7528 for further information and watch the newsletter for special events.

We would like to draw attention to our rapidly growing 3x5 card file. You may register your queries. Just include a name, date, (or approximate date), and place, and remember this pertains only to persons born before 1850.

LIBRARY HOURS

The library is open all year around (except for national holidays) on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You are welcome to use the library even if a class is in session. However, Arthur is available to help you only at times when there is no class. A map to help you find books is located on the sales table.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The fall season begins our second year in what we still consider our "new" location. This issue of the newsletter contains information about some of our many plans for the 1993-1994 operations.

We have added two new bookcases to house acquisitions for our rapidly growing library. Since our research coverage is largely for the eastern United States we are planning information sheets for those whose ancestral lines lead them to other parts of the world. Recent requests have been for Jewish, Greek, Italian, Mexican, Afro-American, Dutch, Scottish and Scandinavian lineage materials. It is truly one world.

Plan to be with us during the coming year. If you do not have time to sign up for any of our varied classes, please consider the provision for yearly use of our library. It will be a money saver if you sign up for an entire year.

Arthur D. Fiske

WORK DAY PLANNED

Wednesday, August 18, has been designated as "Work Day" at the Foundation
Library. The "Work" will consist mainly of filing, organizing records, and other miscellaneous chores, but it will certainly help familiarize you with the holdings of the library. So come join us sometime between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. It should be a "Fun Day," as well as a "Work Day"!!!

CHRISTMAS PARTY DATE



The annual Christmas Party has been set for Saturday, December 11, at 1 p.m. at the Fiske Foundation Library, 1644 43rd Ave. East, in Seattle. More on this later - just save the date!

WASHINGTON, D.C. SEMINAR SET FOR SEPTEMBER 8

Everyone is invited to a seminar at the Fiske Foundation Library from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8. This will cover the best use of the DAR Library and the Library of Congress in D.C., as well as the information available in the National Archives there. Special emphasis will be on what preparations should be made before a trip to Washington. The persons registered to go on the October 12 - 21 trip are especially urged to attend. However, all others interested in genealogical research there are welcome. This will be the first session of the regular Wednesday morning classes, as well as the seminar.

A REMINDER -



If you plan to go, but have not yet made your reservation for the Washington D.C. trip (October 12 to 21), you should do so before September 1. This is a great research opportunity with a congenial group of friends. Betty Kay Anderson has further information if you need it. Her phone number is (206) 898-2537.

ENDOWMENT FUND

We are very proud to tell you that the endowment fund which has been established for the Fiske Genealogical Foundation Library has already received some substantial donations. The Friends voted at their July 24 meeting to donate \$500 of their funds, which we appreciate very much. It is very gratifying to feel that the Library is making much progress in that direction, as well as much growth in all other areas.

FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES

NEW FALL CLASSES FOR 1993-4

Basic classes will be held on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. No previous research experience is needed. Special emphasis will be on 19th and 20th century research. (This class will be a requirement for more advanced classes). Begins September 11.

"Back to Essentials" classes will be held both on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. This will be a different approach to the location and study of genealogical records for experienced research. This class begins September 8, in conjunction with the Washington, D.C. seminar that day.

Individual help will be included in both classes. Each session will consist of 14 lessons. The cost is \$40.00 per session, or \$75.00 per year. Pre-registration is suggested.

Classes to be held at Fiske Foundation Library, located at 1644 43rd Ave. E., Seattle. (Foot of Blaine Street).

For further information, or registration, call Arthur at 448-7528.

MANY THANKS TO ALL

In January of 1993 the Fiske Foundation, through the efforts of Ruth Fricke, received a grant of \$750.00 from the Boeing Company. With this monetary credit we were able to acquire 9 tables, many comfortable chairs, notebooks galore, 2 credenzas, 2 large storage cabinets, and miscellaneous office equipment. These have been a great addition to our new library and we owe a great deal of thanks to both the Boeing Company and to Ruth for her diligent pursuit of this project on our behalf. Thank you!

The Winterscheid family has been most generous in giving to the Library a very nice bookcase and also a magazine rack, both of which were badly needed. We much appreciate these donations, and thank you!

The Winterscheid family also located 4 library card catalog cabinets and moved them into the library. These were purchased with funds given in memory of Kathryn Gilly. This has made it possible for us to expand the card catalog to some 1,000,000 cards and we thank all who participated in this project!

Lyn and Bill Melton gave a computer table to the Library, so Arthur can now type in comfort and style! Thank you much!

Betty Kay Anderson recently donated a refrigerator for use at our food bar. Thank you, B.K.!

Many books have been donated recently, including the 1787 tax list of Virginia, and 4 volumes of Revolutionary War pension records with index.

These are much appreciated and have already been used by many researchers in the library. Thank you!!!

We also wish to express our thanks to the Friends of Fiske Library for their generous contributions, both in time and money during the past year. Money for books, insurance, restoration of the display case, and the endowment fund have all been very generous gifts, and COOKIES, too! THANK YOU!

FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING HELD

The annual meeting of the Friends of Fiske Genealogical Foundation met following a great picnic lunch featuring fresh seafood at Betty Kay Anderson's home on July 24. The following officers were selected for 1993-94:

Betty Kay Anderson, President
Peggy Kleyn, Vice President
Dolores Dilascio, Secretary/Treasurer
It was reported that the proceeds of the
auction held at Ruth Fricke's home in May
were \$917.00, and the Friends feel they have
had a most successful first year. Thanks to all.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3, at 12 noon at the Library. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend. The Friends appreciate your enthusiastic participation.

PIONEER SEMINAR PLANNED

Arthur Fiske will present a seminar on early Washington State, with pointers about how to do research in this area. Members of the Pioneer groups are specifically invited to attend. However, the class is open to any person having an interest in very early Pacific Northwest ancestors.

The date: Friday, November 5.
The time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
The place: Fiske Foundation Library,
1644 43rd Ave. East, Seattle.

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

The Fiske Foundation board members have tentatively drawn this schedule for dates of publication of newsletters this year:

August 9, November 22, February 21, and June 9

You are invited to submit material for a news item of interest ten days before each publication date.

WHERE YOU WILL FIND US

Fiske Genealogical Foundation Library is located on the lower level of the Washington Pioneer Hall, south of Madison Park. To get there follow Madison Street east until you approach the business district at the end of the street.

Watch for East Blaine street where you will ease right. Pioneer Hall is at the end of this street on the lake shore.

PIONEER HALL MUSEUM

The Pioneer Association has a museum which is open to the public on the second Sunday of each month, between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. No admission is charged.

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AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL LENDING LIBRARY

Just a reminder that the Foundation is now a member of the AGLL and you may order microfilm or microfiche through the Foundation Library. Their catalog can be located in the microfiche cabinet near stacks 11 and 12.

PUBLICATIONS NEEDED

Do you have genealogical magazines which are gathering dust on your library shelves? If so, Fiske Foundation now has room for these and would certainly appreciate your donation. We thank Dorothy Amis, who recently gave many of these useful magazines.

Remember, we are "tax-deductible".

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