

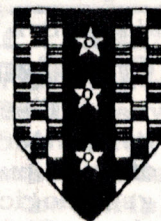
Fiske Genealogical Foundation

Newsletter



1644 43rd Avenue East
Seattle, WA 98112

Arthur D. Fiske
President



November, 1993

Volume 1, Number 2

Mr. Fiske Goes to Washington

October 12 was the day of departure; the 21st was the day of returning; and within those ten days Arthur and his friends had a great opportunity to search for ancestors. Some, obviously, were more successful in finding "lost" relatives than others, but there wasn't one who didn't have a great trip. Even the husbands who were not interested in sitting in the libraries while their wives toiled away, had an opportunity to enjoy the city of Washington, D.C., and its many interesting sites.

Phyllis and Jim Beaulieu left about a week before the rest, and rented a car for their trip around New England before they came to Washington. This rental car later became a real help to Betty Kay in her chauffeur duties.

A bus trip to Williamsburg on Saturday, Sunday church for some, a trip to Mr. Vernon for others, and a play at the Ford Theater Sunday evening were activities available and enjoyable for all.

And then came Monday! Back to the library for some, but Betty Kay took the rental car and took Arthur to the book store in Alexandria. Arthur's eyes shone brighter and his grin widened as they neared the place. He had been allotted a substantial amount of money to purchase books and many of his students had selected choices from the catalog. However, when within sight of the many tempting books, Arthur overspent his "substantial" budget!! He couldn't resist when he saw a book in an area that some student was working! So, we should all benefit GREATLY when the order arrives at the library. Santa Claus will indeed be coming to town!

Betty Kay Anderson was our FEARLESS leader, and what a great job she did! Her husband Roy accompanied her. Patt and Ray Hansen, Ruth and Ace Fricke, Bill and Mary Davis, June and Laroyd Bullard, Phyllis and Jim Beaulieu, Irene Edwards, Minnie Trokey, Mary Stevenson, Dolores DiLascio, Shirley Joersz, Joan Bakeman, and Merle Nellist were other members of the troop. Betty Kay hosted a hospitality hour in her room every afternoon, which gave us a further opportunity to keep up with the schedule of events, and, perhaps, to ask Arthur that extra question or two. In all, we had a great time, at a great place, with great People! - a great experience!

♪ Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells! ♪

Ready for Christmas? Maybe you think it too early to think of that, but it will be with us soon. So, put this date on your calendar as we want you to be able to be with us for our Christmas party.

The annual Christmas party for persons who have participated in the Foundation classes and activities is on the schedule for Saturday, December 11, at 1:00 p.m. It will be held this year in Pioneer Hall (upstairs above the library). Each person attending is asked, as usual, to bring a holiday goody to share.

Last year instead of exchanging gifts, people donated toward purchases of books for the library in areas of their interest. A map of the United States was used and each person pinned their donation on the proper place on the map. This will also be done this year. However, Arthur will make catalogs available so all donors may be specific about exactly what they would like their gift to be.

As usual, there will be Christmas music to enjoy as well as the shared goodies, and the friendship everyone enjoys. Come join the party!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



December 4, Sat. New England Institute
December 11, Sat., 1 p.m. . . . Christmas Party
December 25, Sat. Christmas . . . Library Closed
January 1, Sat., New Years . . . Library Closed
January 5, Wed. FGF Friends Meeting
January 8, Sat. 1 pm . . . New England Institute
January 12, Wed. 10 am . . . Suzzale Library visit
January 27-February 5 Salt Lake City trip
February 9, Wed. 2nd session classes begin
February 11, Fri. Newsletter Deadline
February 16, Wed., 11 a.m. . . . Movie, see page 3

President's Message

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will read of our purchase of many genealogical treasures for the Fiske Foundation Library. In addition, Arthur traveled to New York City where several additional volumes were purchased at the Argosy Book Shop.



Since the two principal activities of Fiske Foundation are to build a family history library and teach people how to use it, we cannot over emphasize the expansion of our collection. Our library is planned, first in the purchase of the individual volumes, then in the copying of original records which have not found their way into print. It is this planning that will continue to make the library the genealogist's home.

Lumber has been donated as well as labor, to construct six or eight new book shelves, partly to house the new acquisitions and to allow room for expansion on the shelves presently maintained. Now is the time for you to consider xeroxing copies of your individual records to add to our collection. In so doing, you will help the library grow and by depositing copies of your records on our shelves, contact someone who is working on the same ancestral lines.

Many hands make light work is an adage as true today as it was the day it was invented. Please consider the occasional donation of a few hours of time in filing and organizing new records. It will be greatly appreciated.

Arthur D. Fiske
President, FGF

Book Plates

Arthur has been "catching up" on what he considers an over-due job, that of putting book plates in the many donated books in the library. Many of these books have been in the library for some time, so you can imagine this is a big, big job, which has not been completed. Arthur asks you to let him know if there is presently a book on the shelf which you have donated and which doesn't yet have a recognition plate.

Indian John Update

Our last newsletter told of an upcoming coffee service at the Indian John rest stop on Labor Day week-end.

This activity was a huge success, thanks to the expert planning of Muriel Winterscheid. The serving was continuous from Friday noon through Monday evening. Cookies, coffee, and lemonade were provided for any and all travelers stopping by. When the donations were all counted, they amounted to over \$3000, which made it all very worth while.

Muriel wishes to thank Edith Johnson, Arthur Fiske, Betty Kay and Roy Anderson, Mary and Bob Stevenson, Ruth and Ace Fricke, Carolyn and Dick Blount, Ada and Vic Evans, Liz and Bill Melton, Mary Peters, and Dolores DiLascio for their contributions of cookies and/or time. It is that spirit of cooperation and effort on behalf of the Fiske Foundation that makes this kind of an experience a delight.

Rumor has it that we have requested another opportunity to serve coffee at a rest stop sometime during the coming year. At this time, nobody knows where or when, nor even if, but this was so successful, it would be nice to have a chance to do it again!

..MANY THANKS.....MANY THANKS

Ace Fricke once again deserves a big THANK YOU for new bookshelves. In case you haven't heard, Ace has been our badly-needed expert book-shelf-builder, having put together most of those in the present library. He recently added another to his collection. We do appreciate you, Ace.

Bill Eberle quietly goes about doing many things for us. He is our expert "fixer" when something needs repair. He is also our expert computer-person, who is publishing this November newsletter. Thank you, Bill, for you expertise expended on our behalf.

Betty Kay Anderson was our expert leader for the Washington trip in October. She very efficiently took care of all of the needs of all of us and did it all with a gracious smile. And now she is busy planning the next trip to Salt Lake City. We couldn't travel with out you. Thanks much, B.K.!

Movie To Be Shown

The movie, *Three Sovereigns for Sarah*, was made in 1993 in observance of the 300th anniversary of the Salem witchcraft trials. Ruth Fricke made a trip to New England in the fall of that year and visited Salem, Mass. While there she purchased this film and is offering a presentation to all interested people. This showing will be on February 16, 1994 at 11 a.m. at the Fiske Library. There will be no charge for presently enrolled students, and a \$1.00 donation will be asked from others attending.

After this showing the film will be available to rent for \$2.00 per volume, or \$4.00 for the two volumes through the Fiske Library.

New Publications Received

We would like to express our appreciation for the many books and publications which have been given to the library recently. Such generous friends have made possible an unbelievable expansion since we have been located in our new facility. We now have a nice collection for Connecticut, Kentucky, and Ohio.

We are still in need of magazines in the areas of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and other locations.

Please continue to keep us in mind when you clean off your bookshelves.

Friends of the Fiske Foundation

At the November 2 meeting of the Friends of the Fiske Foundation, new president Betty Kay Anderson requested that all members make a special effort to be in attendance at the next meeting on January 5. President Anderson is very anxious to have an up-to-date membership roster so plans can be made accordingly. So far, the meetings have been held on Wednesdays at noon, but she would like to schedule meetings at other times which could include people unable to attend on Wednesdays.

Please remember, if you are a FRIEND, to come to the January 5 meeting at noon, or if it is impossible for you to attend, get in touch with someone who is going to be present. Thank You.

Salt Lake City, Here We Come!

What is becoming an annual event—a trip to the Salt Lake City LDS Library is now on the schedule for 1994. Betty Kay Anderson, our travel person, has announced the dates for the trip, Thursday, January 27, through Saturday, February 5. This will provide for 9 days of research there. Cost of the trip, which includes air fare, hotel accommodations, consultations with Arthur Fiske, taxes, transfers, tips and baggage will be \$600.00 per person shared room and \$850.00 per person single room.

Past experience has proven that these winter months are an excellent time to visit the library, as it is less crowded than at other times of the year..

Final payment must be in by December 20 and early registrations are a necessity due to a limit of 24 persons. For further information, please call Betty Kay at 1-206-898-2537, or Hood Canal Travel at 1-206-275-2831.

SUZZALO LIBRARY VISIT SCHEDULED

Arthur has scheduled a visit to Suzzalo Library on the University of Washington campus, for Wednesday, January 12, at 10:00 a.m. There are publications located there which are not available at other Seattle libraries, which may be of help to you. Please join us for this worthwhile trip. We will meet at main entrance on the east end of the library.

THE POT OF GOLD

..and the piggy bank too!

Have you ever noticed them in the Library? They are places where many people stop a moment and search out loose change to "Feed" them.

Just thought you might be interested in hearing that when the pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters were counted recently, they totalled \$187.00. Amazing, isn't it? Obviously, this was immediately transferred to Arthur's book fund and was taken with him on his Washington, D.C. spending spree.

...."A penny saved is a"....penny for the book fund! And it was SO EASY.

New England Institute

You need us. We need you. the next session of the New England Institute meets 8 January 1994. Start the new year out right by joining us. Anyone with interest in New England is welcome.

Each session is held at the library headquarters at 1:00 p.m. to 3: p.m. the first Saturday afternoon of the month (unless that date falls on a holiday, as in January). We spend two hours discussing research in New England, including availability and interpretation of records, acquisitions at the Fiske Library, our record copying program, use of materials in other libraries and individual research activities. For those with New England ancestors, this is a series of lessons you cannot afford to miss.

Fee for the entire year (except July and August) is \$40.00. We hope to see you in January. Fee for two or more in a family is \$60.00.

Genealogy is the hobby of searching for kin,
Finding out who they are and where they've been.

You get a good start, and say, "Oh, this is fun."

But ladies and gentlemen, you've only begun.

Some ancestors liked to roam far and wide,

While others were more content just to hide.

Don't be discouraged, just stay in the groove,

And keep on trying your ancestry to prove.

from The Connecticut Nutmegger

LIBRARY HOURS

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

Where You Will Find Us

Fiske Genealogical Foundation 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.

It is on the Madison Park (#11) bus line.

