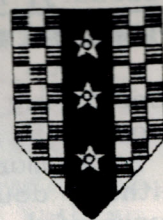




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Genealogy Expo

The Fiske Family Fair has a new name and a new look this year. The name is the **Genealogy Expo** and it will be bigger than ever. As you will see by the attached brochure, there will be a number of tables of instruction covering many different areas of research. Each table will be chaired by a person who has done much research in the area, along with information and sources available in our area. There will also be many tables of exhibits which are of interest to genealogists. If you would like to participate, please contact Arthur at either 448-7528 or 328-2716.

It has just been announced that Tom McCarthy, who is a native of Ireland and speaks with authority regarding Irish genealogical research will be in attendance at the **Genealogy Expo** this year. He will make a presentation at 3:00 p.m. All interested persons are encouraged to be present at that time.

The **Genealogy Expo** will be held at the Washington Pioneer Hall, 1642 43rd Ave. East, on March 12, 1994 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is still only \$5.00.

New Classes Begin

Wednesday, February 9, the second semester classes at the Fiske Library began. The schedule is unchanged, with the Wednesday classes at 10 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. and the Saturday class at 10 a.m. The New England Institute remains on the schedule as the first Saturday of each month, at 1 p.m. Classes do not meet on major holidays.

If you are not presently registered, it isn't too late to put your name on the list. Just call the Library, 328-2716 or Arthur Fiske, at 448-7528.

New Telephone

The Fiske Genealogical Foundation Library is beginning the new year right!!! A telephone has been installed. Ruth Fricke made all the arrangements for this new acquisition, and Bill Eberle contributed talent to help with the installation itself.

We will be listed in the new March telephone book in the business listings as Fiske Genealogical Library, and in the yellow pages under Genealogy.

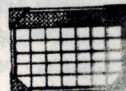


Thanks go to Patt Hanson and Betty Kay Anderson, who donated telephones, as well as Ruth Fricke and Bill Eberle, for their efforts on our behalf.

An answering machine is still needed to complete the system.

There is a \$.25 donation asked for each local call to help with the expense of the monthly bill.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- February 9, . . . Second Semester Classes*
- March 2, Wed. . . . Friends of FGF Meet
- March 6, Sat. . . . New England Institute
- March 12, Sat. . . . FGF Genealogy Expo*
- March 16, Wed. Work Day at FGF*
- April 2, Sat. New England Institute
- May 1, Sat. New England Institute
- May 4, Wed. Friends of FGF Meet
- May 10, Tues . . . Friends of FGF Auction*
- June 1, Wed. Newsletter Deadline
- June 5, Sat. New England Institute
- June 9, Newsletter

* See article in this newsletter.

PUT MARCH 12 ON YOUR CALENDAR - GENEALOGY EXPO

President's Message

As we begin the year 1994 and are considering plans for the onward going program at Fiske Genealogical Foundation, a little more of the same is indicated. Without doubt, 1993 has been our most successful year both in library growth and outreach. The beginning weeks of the current year have brought many welcome additions to our library, including restoration of our antique display case, new book cases (already filled with genealogy books), a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica, given by Dick and Carolyn Blount in memory of her parents, Elizabeth Ward Fix, 1908 - 1984 and Russell Oro Fix, 1906 - 1993. A bronze name plaque has been attached to our long bank of 3 X 5 card files, honoring our long time student and supporter Kathryn Mayberry Gilly. Elsewhere in the newsletter you will read of the installation of a telephone, a long needed addition to our operation which will result in the addition of many new students and researchers. There is plenty of research room for researchers, who will be able to pursue their activities even while classes are being conducted.

With in excess of 4.5 million names in our New England card file (entries before 1850) every day of research brings results to the users of this unique genealogical resource.

Long time users of our library know we concentrate on genealogical records for the areas east of the Mississippi, including Canada. Our growing collection of books for the British Isles is probably the best in the Pacific Northwest. Recent additions include a six volume set of marriage records for Dorsetshire, gift of Kathi Abendroth.

As a result of our fall tour to Washington, D.C. we added dozens of books for Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania, as well as other areas, and our goal for 1994 is to stress acquisitions for New York State, Pennsylvania and Virginia, the states most requested.

I have now entered into my 51st year in genealogical research and have experienced seeing our own library grow from one volume to somewhere over 7,500 volumes. It is a joy to see the library advance more rapidly than ever before.

Arthur D. Fiske

President, FGF

Building Our Future

No other hobby requires more dependence upon the contribution of other people than genealogy. The recent trip to the Family History Library at Salt Lake City (so ably conducted by Betty Kay Anderson) emphasized the debt we owe to those who have gone before us. Our own library's growth depends upon all who contribute in so many ways: the books which have been graciously donated, and the time many volunteers give.

The endowment committee is anxious to have everyone contribute to plans for the future. We need your family records (an assurance all your hard work won't be lost for future generations). We need your extra books. Have you thought as one member has planned? She has written a note in her will that all genealogical materials be given to the Fiske Foundation. We need contributions financially: so please consider the Foundation in your planned giving. The dream of making this splendid library continue into the future should be addressed by all of us. Any ideas towards furthering this goal are most welcome!

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Book Reviews

Among the most valuable acquisition to the Fiske Library in recent weeks is the South Carolina Historical Magazine Index in three volumes covering the years 1900 - 1960. The magazine was formerly titled South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine and the early issues contained much genealogical data.

The Index was compiled by the WPA at the College of Charleston and printed in 1961, reprinted in 1977.

While we do not have the copies of the magazine in our library, it will be easy to copy the references from our index, then visit Suzzalo Library on the campus of the University of Washington to see the magazines.

Thanks to Hazlehurst Beezer for her generous contribution, making the purchase of this three volume set a reality.

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Back to the Campus Again

A large group of people who didn't look like typical college students, but sort of imagined they were back in school again, showed up at Suzzalo Library on Wednesday, January 12. The librarians in charge may have puzzled a few moments about just who these people were, but they were very helpful anyway.

Students and friends of the Fiske Library met at this library on the U of W campus at 10 a.m. Bob Schuh escorted one group through the building, and Arthur Fiske led another. Both generously shared their knowledge of this huge library so that all the "new students" would be able to find something helpful in their research. Their guidance was extremely important, as there are many locations for genealogy materials, and the library covers such a large area. Sources which are not available at other Seattle libraries were pointed out.

Everyone participating in this day's activity surely learned a great deal and must have made a vow to return for more research soon.

Books on the Back Shelf

History goes hand-in-hand with genealogy, Right? It is generally thought that the more a person is aware of the history of a specific area, the easier the family history research will be for them there. Right?

Fiske Library has been given many historical books in the past year or so. Since they are not of genealogical value, per se, they have been put on the "Back Shelf." There is some great reading material in these books, but since they are a bit off the beaten path, they are overlooked by many of us. In addition to these books, there are also magazines of historical interest.

If you are in need of some good new reading material, better check out the back shelf!

"What this country needs most is family trees that produce more lumber -- and fewer nuts!"

from The Connecticut Nutmegger

Memorial for Kathryn Gilly

A brass plaque has been placed on the card file cabinet in memory of Kathryn Gilly. Kathryn, a long time student and friend of Fiske Library, passed away about a year ago. Since she was very interested in the establishment of the extensive card file, it was decided by the Foundation Board Members that the money given in her memory be expended on those cabinets.

Arthur thanks those friends who donated in her memory.

WORK, WORK, WORK. . . .

Yes, there is always work to do, especially around Fiske Library. The filing of cards and information never ends, and neither does the shelving of books. That is one way we grow.

A very successful work party day was held last spring, so Arthur is hoping to schedule another day like that. He has set aside Wednesday, March 16, as the day and is looking forward to the kind of cooperation which was present last year.

People will be working from 10 a.m. until at least 3 p.m. If you can come, even if for only a few hours, your help would be much appreciated, and you will benefit from your added acquaintance with the library.

Spokane Volumes Donated

In January an old friend of Arthur's, Celista Platz, indicated that she had some books she would like to donate to his library. He got in touch with her and got a wonderful surprise.

It turned out that she had a set of 3 Volumes of early Spokane history, published in 1907, which were very rare and valuable books. Needless to say, this is a fine addition to our fast growing Northwest collection.

Mrs. Platz also gave a copy of a Brown genealogy book which she had co-authored.

We appreciate her generosity very much and are sure many students will find helpful information in these great books.

Have You Been There?

Have YOU been to the Fiske Library in its new location? If you haven't dropped in, you should get there soon. As you know, Arthur is getting new books weekly. He purchased some 350 volumes in October, and in December another \$700 worth from the December gifts-for-books money. These last purchases have recently arrived. And, in addition to the purchases, people have been bringing in gifts on a regular basis.

Don't miss this excitement! Better come in and have a look!!!

Salt Lake City Reports

One again our "fearless leaders" have led us in the right direction. Betty Kay Anderson and Arthur Fiske planned the trip to Salt Lake City leaving on January 27 and returning on February 5. This resulted in several days of research, and all who went reported a very good time as well as successful research.

The Salt Lake Library has added a number of computers in the restored Hotel Utah nearby, which made information in the main library more accessible than it has been before. It seems it just gets better all the time.

Arthur wishes to thank those loyal supporters who kept the library open during his absence.

Another Gift from Boeing ☺

Last year the library received a grant from Boeing which resulted in many new pieces of furniture and office equipment.

Ruth Fricke was the person behind the scenes who requested and received this donation. She applied again this year and received another \$525 worth of merchandise from Boeing surplus. On February 10 more tables, chairs, book shelves, notebooks and other miscellaneous items were brought into the library. Now it is well supplied for some time.

Thanks go to Ruth, as well as to Boeing. Our "cup runneth over" and Arthur is very pleased with the new acquisitions.

The New Foundation Brochure

The Fiske Foundation brochure which has been used extensively to give detailed information about the organization has been badly out of date for some time. Ruth Fricke recently spent hours reviewing the old brochure and adding new items, while omitting the out of date. Then Bill Eberle turned on his trusty computer and completed the job. The new brochures are now available at the library and you are invited to take some for yourself and/or a friend.

Thank you Ruth and Bill!

The Old to New Again

Some time ago a Mercer Island resident generously gave an antique display case to the Mercer Island Historical Society. It needed some work done to restore it to its once beautiful state, so it waited patiently for some industrious person to do the job. Nothing was ever done, so the members decided that it should be moved out of their space.

Ruth Fricke, who is a member of this organization, heard about the situation, and, although she was about to leave on a three month trip asked if Fiske Foundation could have it. Muriel Winterscheid and her muscular son, George, moved it (and all its pieces) down to the Library, where it again waited for some industrious person to do the job of replacing broken glass, the marble base, and the inside, which was also in bad shape.

The Friends donated \$200 toward the restoration project, and soon the industrious people came on the scene, in the forms of Ace Fricke and Bill Eberle. After hours of meticulous work, the old antique display case has been given a new life. It is a beautiful addition to the Library, and we thank all those people who were a part of the scenario.

A good boss is a guy who takes a little more than his share of the blame and a little less than his share of the credit.

from The Connecticut Nutmegger