



Fiske Genealogical Foundation Newsletter



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Fall Classes

Fall classes will be coordinated by Ruth M. Fricke at the request of the FGF Board and Arthur Fiske.

Sharing Personal Genealogy Information

Meets Wednesday from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 M. from 6 September 1995 to 6 December 1995.

The purpose of the first meeting on 6 September will be to organize and plan our lessons. These may include calling upon individual expertise such as a lesson on Welsh Genealogy by Jackie Cedarholm, exploring and using genealogical CD-ROM and genealogy software by Bill Eberle, sharing genealogy information from the English Tour, the national FGS conference, other recent genealogy events, preservation and organization of valuable records, and knowing our library by Mary Stevenson and Dolores DiLascio. Time for individual research will be planned.

Basic Genealogy and Family History

Meets Wednesday 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. starting 6 September 1995 to 6 December 1995.

The purpose of this class will be to assist those who need Basic Information to guide them in their genealogy and family history research. This will include discussion on gathering family information, obtaining vital records as to birth, marriage, and death plus other public records, using the census records to obtain information, using the local libraries that store genealogy information and writing letters to obtain information. This class may include some field trips.

Sharing Personal Genealogy Information New England Seminar.

Meets on the first Saturday of the month from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. from 9 September 1995 to 2 December 1995.

Ruth Fricke's Background

27 years instructor of adults Lake Washington Vocational College

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Silver Tea and Storytime

On Saturday, October 14 at 2:00 P.M. members of Fiske Genealogical Foundation will cohost an afternoon tea with the Daughters of the Pioneers. This will be an important fund raising event for each group. Debbie Dimitre, a local storyteller, will present one of her "Patch Work Tales", the story of Harriet Beecher Stowe and Harriet Tubman. Tickets will go on sale this summer \$7.00 adult and \$5.00 children. See page 5 of newsletter or contact Lyn Melton at 868-3517 for additional information.

Genealogical Research in Wales

On Saturday, October 28, 1995 at the Fiske Library Mr. Bert J. Rawlins will give an all day workshop on Welsh research techniques and sources. Topics covered will include sources such as church records and probate records, land records and how the records are kept in Wales, and maps and gazetteers.

Mr. Bert Rawlins studied Welsh history and language at the University of Wales.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Mon. Sept. 4 Library Closed Holiday
- Wed. Sept 6, 10 am to 12 m
. Sharing Personal Genealogy*
- Wed. Sept 6, 1 pm to 3 pm
. Basic Genealogy*
- Wed. Sept 6, 12 m. Friends Meeting
- Sat. Sept. 9, 1 pm to 3 pm
. New England Institute*
- Sat. Oct 7, 1 pm to 3 pm
. New England Institute*
- Sat. Oct 14, 2 pm Silver Tea & Storytime*
- Sat. Oct 28, 9 am to 5:15 pm
. Genealogical Research in Wales*
- Sat. Nov 4, 1 pm to 3 pm
. New England Institute*
- Sat. Nov 11, Newsletter Deadline.

* See article in this newsletter.

Presidents Message

Many thanks to Darlene Hinton for the gift of three large bookcases. Our ever-reliable handyman Bill Eberle constructed a fourth case to match and at this writing, the cases have been filled with books.



Fiske

Word continues to circulate that we have a New England collection. Yes, we have a very fine collection for the six states in the northeast region of our country, but our holdings for other areas east of the Mississippi River are often just as good as those for New England. And as you can see from some of the acquisitions listed elsewhere in the newsletter, the coverage for states west of the Mississippi is growing rapidly. If you have not used our library, you have not utilized the genealogical resources of the Seattle area.

Now on the shelves are a number of new volumes from the North Carolina-Tennessee area. Please come to the library and make use of them.

Two new 3"x5" card cabinets have been donated by Karen Winterscheid. These large storage drawers now accommodate our growing "Southern" index cards. "Southern" at the Fiske library means those states south of the Mason-Dixon line and east of the Mississippi. Please make use of this important file.

If you have copies of genealogical Periodicals you no longer need, why not donate them to the Fiske Library? Some of the most important record publishing is done by Societies or Individuals in Genealogical Quarterlies. In this way you can help our library grow.

Happy Hunting,
Arthur D. Fiske
President, FGF

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One-sixteenth page, (3 1/2 x 1") \$7.50

Ads submitted for publication must be in a form ready for printing, and must be submitted prior to the deadline for that issue given on page 1 of the previous newsletter. Send check with your ad to Fiske Genealogical Foundation.

New on the Bookshelf

Two very valuable collections were added to the library during the first week of August. First, books from our friend Paul Gibbs' library donated by his widow Marilyn and second, a fine number of books given by Jane Green. Space will not permit us to list all the individual volumes, but following is a sampling of some of the volumes now available at the library:

Gifts of Jane Green:

Naval History Division, Navy Department, Civil War Naval Chronology

Genealogy of the Descendants of John Collett

Gilliam Communique

Gray Genealogy. . . Descendants of John Gray of Beverly, Mass.

Knotts Family Record

McKeans or McKeens

Records of Winslows and their Descendants in America, 2 Vol.

Gifts of Marilyn Gibbs:

A Sandhill (Neb.) Century

Early History of Cherry Co., Neb, 2 Vol.

Recollections of Sheridan Co., Nebraska

Marriages of Surry Co., N.C.

History of Yadkin Co., N.C.

Hobson Cousins

Some Descendants of Ephraim Pennington

Sageser Genealogy

Peter Shaklee Genealogy

Origins of some Anglo-Norman families

Magna Charta Sureties, 3rd Ed.

Remembering Our Friend, Paul Gibbs

Fiske Library lost a great friend and supporter with the sudden passing of Paul Gibbs on July 11. Paul had been an enthusiastic researcher in the library since our move in 1992. He spent many long hours each week pursuing his favorite pastime - his family tree - and always had a friendly and helpful greeting for others who were doing likewise. Paul participated in the Salt Lake City tours for two consecutive years and was looking forward with great anticipation to the trip to England he and his wife Marilyn planned to make with Arthur in September.

A memorial fund has been set up at the library so friends may make a contribution in his memory to either the endowment fund or the book fund.

Dealing With Stamp Dealers

Some of you have been clipping stamps for many years and giving them to Arthur for the Library. Recently they were gathered together, sorted, trimmed and taken to a stamp dealer for an offer. Some of these stamps were very old, some very unique, and others he didn't want at all. However the net result was \$xxxx for the book fund.

To save and donate stamps to the library is a simple, easy way to help the library and since they are sold by the pound it would be wonderful if we could get quantities. Do you know of a business or organization who might just toss their empty envelopes from their mail into a box which could be collected from them periodically?

Incidentally, the dealer does not want Christmas stamps or small flag stamps but the one on the outside of this newsletter he does want.

Why don't you ask people you know, organizations you work for, or whatever, and let's get in on this "easy money" by dealing with some of these stamp dealers.

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10 years Teacher Jr. High, High School and Adult Education

Ruth has a lifetime interest in genealogy encouraged and cultivated by her parents.

Student of Arthur Fiske since 1985

FGF Board Member 1992-1994

16 genealogy trips covering New England, Mid Atlantic, Mid-West, Salt Lake City, Washington, D.C. England, Scotland, France, Germany and New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Canada.

Conducted research in major libraries, courthouses, genealogy societies and archives throughout U.S. and Canada including a recent trip to Scottish Genealogy Society.

Ruth has researched several hundred early New England families as well as families from Mid-Atlantic and the Mid-West. Computer records include several thousand family records.

For more information call, FGF Library at (206) 328-2716, or R. Fricke at (206) 232-7422.

Extra Research Time

The library will be open Wednesday Evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with Carolyn and Richard Blount available to help with your research.

Arthur Visits the Doctor

Those of you who have been in the Library recently have undoubtedly noticed Arthur's weight loss and lack of energy - totally unlike him. After much persuasion by many people, he finally went to the Veteran's Hospital on the last day of July for a check-up and did he ever get one.

The first thing those experts found was a diabetic condition - a very high blood sugar count. They requested he check into the hospital to get this adjusted, and while he was there they continued their work diagnosing other problem areas. The result was the discovery of two small tumors, which will undoubtedly be treated very soon.

Since Arthur does not know at this time when any procedures may take place, volunteers are being asked to sign up to cover the library days when he is unable to be there.

It is not known at this time when Arthur will be unavailable but in order to plan ahead, Arthur is requesting that you contact Ada Evans at (206) 932-7449 if you are able to donate some of your time to assist in keeping the library open on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Arthur appreciates your participation in this effort and you may find new things in the library yourself as an extra "bonus" for your much needed help.

Going, Going, Gone to England

By the time you receive this newsletter, the English tour people will have their bags packed, their passports in their pockets, and their enthusiasm all revved up for their trip.

Although there have been many complications due to various problems, Betty Kay Anderson has worked very hard to put together a fantastic trip for those who are able to go. All participants were disappointed when Arthur's doctor told him he could not go. However, he is contributing greatly to the trip by making tapes which will be of interest and which will be used at the appropriate times during the tour. Arrangements are also being made for the use of an English genealogist at the libraries in London, so persons needing assistance there will have an expert available.

Bon Voyage, travellers. Have a good time and bring back lots of pictures of interesting things you see - even gravestones. See you in October.

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He has managed and directed a private research business for the past 20 years specializing in Welch research problems. He is author of a major work on Church and Chapel records in Wales with more volumes planned. He is listed in *Who's Who in Genealogy and Heraldry* Volume one, and he is the only genealogist accredited in Welsh research by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

There will be a book stall where selected titles will be sold that pertain to aspects of Welsh Research.

The fee for this course is \$30 per person when registered before October 1, and \$40 after this time. Seating will be limited and reservations will be on a first come, first served basis.

Bring your own lunch. Coffee, tea, and cookies will be available to purchase.

Mail your registration to:

Celtic Heritage Publishing

P.O. Box 510652

Salt Lake City, UT 84151-0652

RESERVATION

Genealogical Research in Wales

Saturday, October 28, 1995

Fiske Genealogical Foundation Library

1644 43rd Ave. East, Seattle, WA

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$30/40 for the full seminar.

Make checks payable to: Celtic Heritage Publishing.

A Request From Your Treasurer

When writing checks to the Fiske Genealogical Foundation it would be very helpful to the treasurer, Carolyn Fix Blount, if you would indicate its purpose on the check. We try to keep a number of small accounts: books, coffee fund, copy machine, special events, annual library, annual classes, endowment, etc.

It is a tremendous help to know, rather than guess, to which fund your check is to be credited. Thank you

**RECOLLECTIONS OF
WONDERFUL SUMMER FUN!!!**

If you missed the Pedigree Party or the Fiske Picnic in July, you missed a great time! As you know, the Pedigree Party is the event in which everyone brings his or her chart and we search for mutual ancestors. Usually, we are surprised at how many we have, and the next obvious step is "What information do you have about him", or "Where did you find that?" Better put it on your calendar for next year if you missed it this year.

Another day of fun has been held the past few years at the home of Betty Kay Anderson. She hosts a picnic in July, and it is always a beautiful day on Hoods Canal. Her husband does the barbecue work and we all enjoy fresh oysters, clams and crab. Better also put this day on your July calendar for next year and get in on the fun, too.

**Calling All Friends
Sept. 6**

Summer activities are over and now the fall begins, and along with it come gatherings of the Friends of Fiske Genealogical Foundation.

As you know this group is organized to help with the Library in many ways, mainly raising funds for the acquisition of additional books for the Library. It is a very active and interesting group who are all truly "friends" of the library.

The first meeting of the fall will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 12 o'clock noon at the Library. Please plan to be there so planning can be done for the coming year.

A Yankee?

To a foreigner, a Yankee is an American. To a Southerner in the United States, a Yankee is a Northerner. To a Northerner, a Yankee lives in New England. Here in New England, A Yankee is someone from Vermont. To a Vermonter, a Yankee is someone who still uses an outhouse.

-Kenneth O'Neill

-from The Connecticut Nutmegger

**THE STORY OF HARRIET BEECHER STOWE AND HARRIET TUBMAN
WILL BE PRESENTED BY
DEBBIE DIMITRI**

AT A

SILVER TEA AND STORYTIME

**TO BENEFIT DAUGHTERS OF WASHINGTON PIONEERS AND
FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION**

ON

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, at 2:00 p.m.
WASHINGTON PIONEER HALL
1642 43rd Ave. E.**

ADULTS \$7.00

CHILDREN (over 10 with Adult) \$5.00

FAMILY \$15.00

PATRON DONATION GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

***YOU ARE INVITED TO COME AND BRING A DAUGHTER,
GRANDDAUGHTER, OR FRIEND TO ENJOY THIS SPECIAL OCCASION.***

PLEASE CALL 868-3517 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION