

Fiske Genealogical Foundation
Newsletter

**It is with great sadness that the
Fiske Genealogical Library Board announces
the passing of Arthur D. Fiske
on Friday, June 14, 1996.**

During his long illness Arthur clearly stated to the Board members his plans for the future of the library. Since this newsletter was almost ready to be mailed at the time of his death, it was felt that this should be done as he planned.

It was Arthur's wish that the library, which was the center of his life, continue with the high quality of research work which he began. The Board is committed to carrying out this hope and dream of his.

We wish to convey to you Arthur's appreciation of the support of his many friends during his illness. We shall all miss him greatly, but we plan to move ahead, with the continued support of you, who were his wonderful friends.

A Memorial Service is planned for Saturday, June 29, at 1:00 p.m. at Denny Park Lutheran Church. The library will be closed that entire day.

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Attention Southerners! Superb New Collection at Library

It was a very quiet Wednesday morning at the library. The telephone rang. Betty Kay answered and took a message - a person in Idaho wanted to sell his whole collection of genealogy books. The ones he was offering to Fiske Library was his southern collection, which covered a lot of North Carolina, some South Carolina, and other southern states. He was offering these at a bargain price, as he was closing out his business. Betty Kay hung up the phone and gave Arthur the message. His eyes gleamed with happiness. If we could only find a way to get these books. (Happiness to Arthur Fiske is a new book.)

Mary Peters then volunteered to call back the man and get as much information as possible. He promised to mail her a list of the books, and she would turn it over to Arthur for him to review.

The board met that evening and thought it best to "wait and see" what the list consisted of, and if the money could be raised to purchase them, since it would be well over \$2000, far below market value.

While musing in his apartment a day or so later, he received a call from an old friend, Amy Hendrickson. She had heard about this possible purchase, said she had an interest in that area, and would purchase the whole collection for the library. Again, Arthur's eyes gleamed with happiness.

The list came, Arthur checked it, and found almost no duplicates. He also checked the values of the books and found them quite accurate. The man in Idaho was contacted by Mary Peters and he decided to deliver the books to the library on May 22. On that day people at the library could not believe it as box after box of genealogy books and publications were carried in - a market value of \$9000.

Fiske Foundation Library is extremely fortunate to obtain such a large southern collection. And also extremely fortunate to have such a wonderful friend of the library who gave this great gift. There are also family genealogies included, see page 2 for partial list, so everyone of you who reads this will need to come in and have a look..

Summer Hours

It has been announced that the summer hours for the Fiske Genealogical Library will remain the same. The Library will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

Genealogy Expo '96

Each year it just gets better than the year before, and this year's Expo was no exception. Muriel Winterscheid recruited many of her friends from Daughters of the Pioneers and they contributed much of new interest. Of course, Fiske Library students and volunteers did their usual great job as informational exhibits also, so it was really a Great Day. The Friends of the Library had a book sale which netted them a sizable sum, and the refreshments were super, as usual. Especially enjoyable also was the speaker, a descendant of the Boren and Denny families, and the music which was donated for the pleasure of all.

Arthur wishes to express his personal thanks to all who so generously donated their time, knowledge and materials for this wonderful event.

Fall Classes Planned

The Fiske Foundation Board has been planning for the future. There has been some discussion recently about fall classes. Since Arthur has been ill, Mary Peters and Ruth Fricke have been teaching and have done a stalwart job, but everyone knows that volunteers get exhausted, so new plans need to be made. At the present time, a basic class is being considered for Wednesday afternoons. There already has been considerable interest expressed in this class, both at the Expo and by library visitors.

It is also hoped that a Wednesday evening class could be formed again. This may be a series of special speakers for specific areas of interest. There will be further information about this available soon. The Wednesday morning class will continue as usual.

The New England Institute will continue to meet on the first Saturday of each month, but will change the time from afternoons to 10 a.m.

Watch for a final announcement of fall classes in the next newsletter. We are sure you will find something which will be of interest to you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Wed. July 3, Library Closed.
Sat. July 27 . . . Library Closed, FGF Summer Picnic *.
Sat. Aug 10, Newsletter Deadline.
Mon. Sept. 2, Labor Day Library Closed.
Wed. Sept. 11, Next Friends of FGF Meeting.*

* See article in this newsletter.

Presidents Message



Fiske

Arthur expressed great pleasure with the acquisitions of the new southern collection as well as the Washington Cemetery Additions. One of his last wishes was to tell you about them so you could take full advantage of them.

As stated on page 1 of this newsletter, the new southern collection is mainly North Carolina but does include Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi and some Virginia/West Virginia. Most of the Counties of North Carolina have several sources of information and there are also some new southern family books.

In addition to these books, Dr. Stephen Quay has given 5 books on Orange County, New York recently. Two other important references which recently arrived are "Church Records of some Pennsylvania Counties" and "Church Records of N.Y. & N.J." Two volumes on Early German Settlements are new, as well as some Kansas publications. The American Genealogist magazine for the past two years has also been received.

This past month has been a time of great growth at Fiske Library. The shelves are bulging. You must come and see for yourself.

For the President

Mary Stevenson

Want to be a Volunteer?

Many members of the Fiske organization have been participating in the volunteer coverage of the library since Arthur's illness. He proudly announces that the library was not closed **one day** during his illness, which is indeed something to be proud of! However, summer is coming soon and people will be vacationing, etc., so there are some times now available for other persons to sign up to help. This is a unique opportunity for you to get better acquainted with what is available for you at the library, as well as make a great contribution to the cause. Please call Ada Evans at (206) 932-7449 if you have a day available.

Attention all Readers!

If your copy of this newsletter shows a red line under your name please take note. We are in the process of reduction of our current mailing list and you will not receive another copy of the Fiske Newsletter. If you wish to continue receiving the Newsletter please call the library at (206) 328-2716 or send a postcard with a request to that effect and we will continue to send it.

New on the Bookshelf

NEW SOUTHERN FAMILY GENEALOGIES.

Among the books received in the new southern collection are the following titles concerning family histories:

Descendants of Edward Boswell, Virginia & North Carolina
Robert Wilson of Blount County, Tennessee
Genealogy of 1500 Descendants of Amos, Samuel, Stephen
& Zachariah McCabe of North Carolina.

The Stephen & Celia Hart Families, Virginia
Renders and their Relatives, Virginia
Abee's of North Carolina, Andrew Abee
Wigfield & Nelson Families, Virginia
My Story, De Emmett Bradshaw, South
Cliborn-Claiborne Records, Virginia & Tennessee
Abraham Coleman & Neighbors, South
Ratliff-Keller, Tennessee

Jeffrey Robertson, Virginia
Leonard Deay, Kentucky
The Wests of Cape Fear Valley, North Carolina
Trogon, Maryland

The House of Cravens, Kentucky & Virginia
Snellgrove, South

The Pioneer Gristmiller, Rice, Tennessee

New Projects in the Works

by Ann Tuohy *

The FGF Library is a unique and growing facility, and we find with our association with the Washington Pioneers that people are coming to us for help in tracing their Seattle, King County, regional and even state ancestors. We would like to strengthen our collection of these records, as well as our normal acquisitions.

Do you know of local records that should be preserved? If so, the Fiske Genealogical Society would like to hear your ideas. We also need volunteers to help locate and copy such records. They might include organizations such as churches, lodges, societies, schools, mortuaries - anything showing names, dates and places, the earlier the better.

(*Ann Tuohy has been recently appointed as Projects Coordinator. She is very enthusiastic about the possibility of acquiring valuable new things for Fiske Library. If you have time to help with any of her projects, please call her at her home, (206) 568-5515, or leave a message at the Library and she will contact you. She could use typists, as well as anyone with interest in this area.)

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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.

Going, Going, Sold

Friends of Fiske Genealogical Foundation had an auction a few years ago, which proved to be a wonderful social evening for all who attended, as well as a wonderful fund-raiser for their organization.

It isn't too early for you to begin thinking about your donation to this worthwhile event. The Date, place, and time will be announced in the next newsletter in the fall issue.

New Tape Library

There are now 32 tapes which can be checked out for a one week rental. Betty Kay Anderson and Mary Peters have given some of their tapes purchased from national conference speakers to begin this new project. The tapes are located in the center section of the second column in the library and are arranged by title. There is a listing by title, subject and speaker to help you locate a tape you would want to check out. Some of the subjects are Irish Research, Public Domain Records, English Marriages, How to Use Land Records, Using Tax Records, etc.

If you have tapes which you are no longer using and would like to loan or donate them, please leave them at the library with a note for Mary Peters attention or call her at (206) 784 8403.

FRIENDS, FRIENDS, FRIENDS

On this page you will see two activities of the Friends of Fiske Genealogical Library. This energetic group of people have donated much to the library since the organization formed a few years ago and you can see they have plans to do more.

The next meeting of the Friends is on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 12 noon at the Library. Betty Kay Anderson, president, announces that this meeting will be election of officers, so it is important for you to be there.

If you haven't attended this group, you are welcome to do so. You will enjoy the companionship and enthusiasm of the members who have only one goal - to support Fiske Library in every possible way.

Friends Book Sale

When you attended Genealogy Expo in April you no doubt noticed the Books which the Friends of Fiske Foundation had accumulated for sale on that day. There were too many to be sold that one day, despite the great efforts of Marcy Marx so the sale is continuing. A special bookcase has been set up at the library for these books, and the Friends plan further sales during the summer, possibly on the street. There are many wonderful books still available, the prices are reasonable, so take a look next time you are in the library.

Plywood Needed

With the books coming in to the Fiske Library in large amounts a new bookcase will be needed in the near future. Bill Eberle, who has inherited this job, needs 3 sheets of 3/4 inch plywood for this bookcase. Are there any volunteers with help in acquiring this material? If so leave word at the library.

Summer Picnic on Calendar

Betty Kay Anderson has generously agreed to share her lovely waterfront home with friends of the Fiske Foundation for a picnic again this year. The Date set for this event is Saturday, July 27. The library will be closed that day, so everyone can participate in the fun of the day.

This is a potluck affair. The picnic will start at 11 a.m.. The Anderson's address is East 10111 Highway 106, Union, Washington, on Hood's Canal. If you need driving directions, please call her at (360) 898-2527, or call the Library. Hope to see you there.

Washington Cemetery lists at Fiske Library

ADAMS COUNTY

American Legion (Othello)

Bemis

Cunningham

Hatton

Lind

Lutheran (Ritzville)

Paha

Ralston

Ritzville

Washtucna

BENTON COUNTY

Desert Lawn, Kennewick

Prosser

Travis Road

White Bluffs, Prosser

COWLITZ COUNTY

Little Falls, Ryderwood

GRANT COUNTY

Welsh, near Hartline

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

North Cove, Grayland

ISLAND COUNTY

St. Peters Lutheran, Clinton

Fircrest, Oak Harbor

Freund Family, Oak Harbor

Langley

Oak Leaf, Oak Harbor

Pioneer, Oak Harbor

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Center

Chimacum

Forest Hill, Port Ludlow

Sound View, Marrowstone Island

KING COUNTY

Auburn

Black Diamond

Carnation

Carnation, Tolt

Franklin

G.A.R., Seattle

Kent

Krain, Enumclaw

Lakeview, Seattle

List to be continued in next newsletter.