

Fiske Genealogical Foundation Newsletter

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Fiske Library Given Huge Gift

On the very day that your last newsletter was being delivered to your door, Fiske Library was receiving a wonderful gift in the form of a new computer with CD availability. It all began when a donor gave the library CD's consisting of all 148 volumes of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register and the index for same. At that time, the library had no computer which would accommodate this wonderful resource. Then along came a friend of Arthur's who donated funds for this in his memory.

Our talented computer friends, David Brazier and Bill Eberle, went shopping to purchase all the necessary equipment and had it operating in nothing flat. In addition to that these two generous people placed some of their own CD's on loan at the library, so we now have in place a great deal of new information available at your fingertips.

Our library assistants have learned to use this new equipment, and can help you locate some useful records for your research. So, come in and explore this modern, efficient, and accessible resource in the library. Just a "few little discs" are now the equivalent of many, many volumes of books.

Salt Lake City Trip Planned

Betty Kay Anderson is busy arranging another trip to Salt Lake City for members of the Fiske Library and their friends. This trip will leave on Thursday, January 30, and return on Saturday, February 8. These dates have been chosen as the library is more accessible during the winter months than at many other times of the year. The price is right - \$590 to share a twin room and \$960 for a single. Registration forms are available at the library, or by contacting Hood Canal Travel at 360-275-2831. A pre-trip seminar will be held, but your registration and deposit of \$150 should be in as soon as possible, the deadline being December 14.

If you haven't been to the Salt Lake library, better plan to go! In fact,, if you have already been to the Salt Lake library you still better plan to go. There is so much there that a person can make trips again and again and still find a lot of information. Betty Kay always plans a great trip, and for a group having a common interest in genealogy it can be a really fun time!

FALL CLASSES GOING GREAT WINTER CLASSES BEGIN SOON

In your last newsletter you received a copy of the schedule for fall classes for the Wednesday a.m. class. Mary Peters has done a great job of leadership in organizing and planning these classes, which have been of great help to all those attending them. In addition to these classes there have been two beginning classes, one on Wednesday afternoons taught by Mary and the other on Wednesday evenings taught by Carolyn Blount..

The Winter/Spring session will begin Wednesday, January 8. Enclosed with this newsletter you will find the tentative schedule for the morning class. If you have special requests or interests, please let Mary know and she will try to work in a lesson which would be helpful to you.

The Wednesday evening class for both beginners and advanced will be taught this quarter by Gary Zimmerman and will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The New England Institute continues to meet under the very able leadership of Peggy Kleyn - the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

LIBRARY CLOSURE IN DECEMBER

Fiske Library will be closed from December 22 through January 4. This is necessary in order to do some much-needed refurbishing and painting of the floor. This seemed the best possible time to get it done, as classes will not be in session and you will all be enjoying the holidays.

Please mark these days on your calendar in order to avoid possible conflicts. Thank you for your cooperation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

* See article in this Newsletter.



| Wed. Dec. 4, 12 n. |
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| Daughters of Pioneers Christmas Party.* |
| Sat. Dec. 14 Deadline Salt Lake City Trip Deposits * |
| Dec. 22 to Jan. 3 Library CLOSED for renovation.* |
| Sat. Jan. 4, 10 a.m New England Institute. |
| Wed. Jan 8, 10 a.m. Advanced Genealogy Classes start. * |
| Wed. Jan. 8, 12 n FGF Friends Meeting |
| Wed. Jan 8, 6 p.m |
| Advanced & Beginning Genealogy class. |
| Thurs. Jan. 30 leave for Salt Lake City.* |
| Sat. Feb. 1, 10 a.m New England Institute. |
| Sat. Feb. 8 Newsletter Deadline. |

President's Message

The Foundation Board has reluctantly decided not to have the usual Fiske Christmas Party this year. However, there is an invitation to share cookies and Fiske music with the Daughters of the Pioneers (Please note the time and place in the Calendar of Events). The Christmas map will also be placed in the library during December so those students giving donations can be sure of their special interests being represented in the library. Please come by and share a cookie and remembrances with other Fiske members during times when the library is open.

The Spirit of Christmas Past is remembered by us who know that Arthur Fiske loved Christmas with the music, food, and fellowship with all his friends. It could be said of him, as one of Dickens's characters, he truly knew how to keep Christmas! Not only on the special day but throughout the year with his kindness, caring spirit, and generosity to all who walked through the library door.

How happy he would be to see his library now-continuing to be open and thriving. We on the board cannot adequately express the appreciation for all the volunteers who have served faithfully. Even during the Christmas week the volunteers are planning to refurbish the floor.

Now as to the Spirit of Christmas in the Future? We know plans for the Library in the future were dear to his heart. So the Endowment Fund, which is now over \$4000 promises to work toward that goal. Thank you to all who have given so generously, and, as Tiny Tim said: "God bless us, everyone!"

Muriel O. Winterscheid
President

Arthur Fiske Memorials

The report is that the memorials to Arthur are still coming in. The total now is in the amount of over \$4000. Donations given for the endowment fund have been invested as such, and the book funds will be expended soon. If you have given money for books and did not indicate the area of your interest, please get in touch with the library so your wishes may be carried out. The Foundation Board and Arthur's family are very appreciative of your donations.

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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

Recently acquired books were early records of Clark and Skamania Counties, printed by Clark County Genealogical Society. Also several publications from the state of Ohio were given by Ada Evans. Mary Stevenson completed the set of four and five generations of Mayflower passengers, in memory of Arthur. Miscellaneous periodicals have also been acquired and there are many other new books which are worth "looking into".

BOOK EXCHANGE WITH SGS

Early in September the Seattle Genealogical Society cleaned house and disposed of their duplicate publications. But before doing so, they generously offered some of these to the Fiske Library in exchange for some of our duplicates. As a result of this arrangement, our library was able to obtain some \$300 worth of new books with little expenditure. We are pleased to report these books are now on our shelves for your use.

BOOK GIVEN TO DARLENE HAMILTON

Darlene Hamilton, of the Seattle Public Library genealogy section, has recently been a great help on a consulting basis with Fiske Library. She has spent a lot of her time and effort on our behalf and has given expert advice in many areas of her expertise. She conducted a special class for our students at her library in October, which was very informative. As a small token of our appreciation, she was presented with a copy of our publication of the Seattle First Methodist Church records at the time of this class. She tells us that the book will be a welcome addition to their Seattle collection.

Help! HELP! HELP!

We need your help! Currently there are several areas in which we can surely use some volunteer help. Ada Evans, who schedules the library coverage, needs assistance in this area, especially on Saturdays. Mary Peters is in need of your help for her cataloging project. And Mary Stevenson and Dolores DiLascio always seem to have a backlog of filing to be done.

Please consider spending a few extra hours at the library soon. You will not only help there, but you will also benefit by becoming better acquainted with the shelves. Who knows, you may, by chance, find that lost ancestor!

AUCTION POSTPONED

Due to several problems which came into the picture, the Friends' auction which was to be held on October 12 had to be changed to a later time. Presently there are many very attractive items displayed at the library for your bidding pleasure. Among things available are 2 wonderful vacation possibilities, several hand-made items, and a few of Arthur's personal things. You may place your bid any time before November 20, when the bidding closes at noon. At that time Ruth Fricke will announce the winners, and she will be serving a special luncheon for the Wednesday class members.

Come to the library <u>very soon</u> to do your shopping, as there aren't many days left for this wonderful opportunity.

Spring Fair Being Planned

Saturday, April 5, 1997, has been selected as the date for the annual Fiske Family Fair to be held in the Pioneer Hall. The theme this year will be **Celebrating Our Diverse Heritage.** Lyn Melton, chairman of this event, will need the support and participation of all Foundation members. Please share your ideas and suggestions with her.

ANN TUOHY BEGINS PROJECT

Arthur had a collection of notes he had made of the New England area. Upon checking, it was discovered that they were people who resided in one state and were married in another. Obviously, this can be very helpful to researchers who have ancestors who are difficult to find. Ann became interested in reviewing these notes to see if they may be published in Arthur's memory.

Welsh Researchers Met Oct. 19

The word from Jackie Cedarholm, our Welsh authority, is that the Seminar held here was a most informative time for researchers. It was especially planned for advanced students, with emphasis on finding difficult information. Fourteen people were in attendance, including 3 people who came all the way from Vancouver, B.C.

Jackie wishes to express special thanks to Edith Johnson, who came down and unlocked the Pioneer Hall for the use of this group (since the furnace in the library chose not to work that day). She also expressed her thanks to Betty Kay Anderson for allowing the Rawlins family to use her condo. Ada Evans provided transportation to the airport for the family, for which Jackie was most grateful. Through the cooperation of all these friends of the library, the day was a big success.

New Library Assistant Wednesday Evening

The Fiske Library is very fortunate to have Gary Zimmerman replace Carolyn Blount on Wednesday nights. Gary comes with much academic experience and is a professional genealogist with special interests in the Upper Midwest and Middle Atlantic states. He also has worked with lawyers to help find descendants in probate cases. Extensive correspondence on the Internet has lately been of interest to Gary. He will welcome beginners and more experienced students from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, starting January 8 with the class meeting from 7 to 9 p.m.

Library Catalogs Being Updated

As many of you know, Arthur began printing catalogs of his library in about 1983. Periodically he would print another catalog, updating the previous ones, but not including them. So you needed all 7 catalogs to check for a book in Fiske Library.

Under Arthur's direction during his illness Mary Peters took over the job of cataloging, since we acquired so many books it was not possible for Arthur to do so himself. She is still "on the job" cataloging acquisitions on her computer almost weekly.

Mary felt the need of a better system of locating a book. Many others who are working at the library totally agreed with her, so she began a new, all-inclusive catalog. (No easy job!) Mary combined all the information contained in the 7 catalogs onto one print-out, dividing the different areas. Now that list is being taken to the shelf and actually matched with what the library has in that area.

The project has begun and, as many people feel the importance and urgency of it, they have offered their time and energy to work extra hours to achieve this goal. There is much remaining to be done before it is completed, and hopefully, also available on the computer. Thank you, Mary, for your understanding of this problem and your willingness to spend so much time in solving it - to the benefit of us all!

Winter Fiske Classes in Planning Stages

Under the able supervision of Mary Peters, planning for the winter quarter classes has made much progress. As you can see, there are several open dates and if you have suggestions please call Mary and let her know what they are. The schedule as it now stands is:

Brunswick by Ruth Fricke.

February 26: ... to be planned.

March 5: ... How to find "MEAT" at Suzzallo

Library by Mary Peters.

At the time of the newsletter publication several dates were yet to be determined. In the planning stage is a second class at Seattle Public Library given by Darlene Hamilton on using search engines on the Internet and a class on tracing European Royalty by Bill Eberle.

DAUGHTERS EXTEND INVITATION

On Wednesday, December 4, the Daughters of the Pioneers will be having their Christmas meeting. It is their custom to make an annual donation to the Salvation Army, and celebrate the holiday.

This year they have invited the members of Fiske Library to participate in this event. They have music planned and it should be a festive occasion. If you plan to come, bring a sandwich and share a cookie with the Daughters.

Rendezvous '96

October 12 was the date set by Heritage Quest for an event featuring all kinds of things which are of interest to genealogists. There were classes featuring speakers who were outstanding. But there was also an area for sales of books and other materials. Fiske Library purchased a table for the sale of our publications and also donated a door prize. And.....(what do you know)...Mary Stevenson and Dolores DiLascio spent the day there, making wonderful contacts with old and new friends. In addition, they sold about \$170 worth of publications! And, also, they "made a deal" with Clark County Genealogical Society for an exchange of publications, as well as a similar exchange with Heritage Quest. So, it was quite a profitable day for Fiske Library in many ways.

The door prize we donated was a year's free use of our library. It was won by Geri Williamson, of Hunter, Washington. Unfortunately she lives so far away that we may not see her very often, but we hope she will be in soon, as we look forward to meeting her!

Message from our Treasurer

Winter quarter, January through March, Carolyn Blount has been granted a sabbatical from Shoreline College to help set up an entrepreneurial Textiles and Clothing Department at Sir Arthur Lewis Community College in St. Lucia in the West Indies. Her address there will be c/o the college, Morne Fortune, Castris, St. Lucia, W.I. Bill Davis has agreed to serve as Assistant Treasurer, and will assume the duties of Treasurer during her absence. She thanks you for your continued assistance through all these transitions and it will be a great help to him and to her if members will please remember to indicate the purpose for each check, i.e. classes, annual library fees, copy machine, etc. on their checks.

Notice: Fiske Library has just received many copies of the National Geographic to be sold for the benefit of the Library. Some collector's items. Call 328-2716.

Genealogical Groups Visit

Among the groups to visit the Fiske Library recently, were the groups from South King County Genealogical Society and the Jefferson County Genealogical Society and have had some success with your research. The East Side Genealogical Society is planning to visit on November 22, the Clan McIntyre on November 23, and the South Whidby Genealogical Society on November 25th...

We enjoy having you come in and we make an effort to help you find information, no matter what your area of interest. Like all libraries, ours requires some time to get acquainted with what is here, so we encourage you to come back again. We will continue to open the library especially for you on a Friday, if you let us know ahead of time. Just call the library at (206) 328-2716 to make arrangements.

We are also very interested in adding to our Washington information, so if you have local publications available, please let us know.

Marriage Records from the First Methodist Church, Seattle, Washington Territory

These records are being continued from the February 1995 Newsletter. The records are extracted from the book RECORDS OF THE FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON TERRITORY, which is available at Fiske library for sale or for research.

June 6, 1893 Myron M. GROUT of Seattle, b. U.S.A., bookkeeper, age 26 & Winnifred C. KNOX of Seattle, b. U.S.A., age 22

June 6, 1893 Joseph R. BOYD of Seattle, b. U.S.A., mechanic, age 39 & Margaret I HELEN of near Whatcomb, b. U.S.A., age 33

June 10, 1893 Charles T. BRENER of Snohomish, b. U.S.A., farmer, age 31 & Nora A. DAVIS of Hillsboro, Indiana, b. U.S.A., age 26

June 26, 1893 George Washington GOODE of Condon, Oregon, b. England, attorney, age 24 & Carrie M. WILLARD of Seattle, b. U.S.A., age 21

July 5, 1893 James LADNER of Monohon, Wa., b. Prince Edward Island, lumberman, age 28 & Annie DONELLY of Monohon, Wa., b. Prince Edward Island, age 30

July 12, 1893 Angus DAVIDSON of Seattle, b. Ontario, carpenter, age 37 & Flora McLELLAN of Seattle, b. Ontario, age 27

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- July 15, 1893 Frank E. THOMPSON of Denver, Col., b. U.S.A., engineer, age 34 & Lulu R. PERRY of Victoria, B.C., b. U.S.A., age 18
- July 24, 1893 Calvin McLEAN of Seattle, b. U.S.A., blacksmith, age 27 & Kate KRAFFT of Brooks, Iowa, b. U.S.A., age 24
- Aug 2, 1893 William Alfred STEWART of Seattle, b. U.S.A., laundryman, age 25 & Emma Helen JACOBS of Seattle, b. U.S.A., age 20
- Aug 3, 1893 Lee DARRINGTON of Seattle, b. U.S.A., janitor, age 34, & Josie WHITE of Victoria, B.C., b. U.S.A.,age 33, Mulattoes
- Aug 5, 1893 Andrew O. HAGSTROM of Skagit City, b. Sweden, farmer, age 29 & Anna Christine SWANBERG of Skagit City, b. Sweden, age 24
- Aug 6, 1893 Victor J. LANGUILLE of Seattle, b. U.S.A., bookbinder, age 32 & Estella S. MOORE of Seattle, b. U.S.A., age 18.
- Aug 14, 1893 James Ozman HESTWOOD of Seattle, b. U.S.A., fresco artist, age 31 & Marion Marilla ESTEY of Seattle, b. U.S.A., age 35.
- Aug 26, 1893 **Thomas Luther HAMILTON** of Seattle, b. U.S.A., nurseryman, age 24 & **Etta GREEN** of Seattle, b. Ontario, age 21.
- Sep 9, 1893 Joseph E. SHREWSBURY of Seattle, b. U.S.A., stationery engraver, afe 26 & Moynhill BALLARD of Seattle, b. U.S.A., age 24.
- Oct 11, 1893 Augustus RUDORF of Seattle, b. Germany, cook, age 27 & Lizzie CLARK of Seattle, b. U.S.A., age 25.
- Nov 15, 1893 Adam T. ARVIN of Seattle & Ida MARTIN of Kossuth, Ks.
- Dec 13, 1893 John MAGERS of Seattle & Gracie SMITH of Seattle.
- Dec 25, 1893 Arthur E. ANDREWS of Seattle & Agnes May GRAHAM of Seattle.
- Jan 17, 1894 James A. RITCHIE of Memphis, Tenn., & Ida May REICHERT of Seattle.

BOOK V

Marriages by Edwin Randall, Jr.
Place 622 Union St. unless noted otherwise.

Nov 10, '96 T. G. PERKINS of Seattle & Emilie C. CARLSON of Seattle, witness Wm. Collier, R. H. Denny

- Nov 19, '96 J. W. GREEN of Seattle, born St. Johns, N.B. age 22, parents H. J. Green & Mary E. Mathoney & Mabel A. BARNUM of Seattle, born St Johns, N.B. age 19, parents Perry E. Barnum & Sarah Rose, married at residence of bride, SW Cor. 7th and University St., witnesses E. A. Fuller, Pearl Snyder
- Dec 23, '96 Damas LaFONTAINE of Seattle & Mertie STEPHENS of S. Seattle, (married at residence of bride-S. Seattle) witness, W. G. Cline, Minnie Anderson
- Dec 31, '96 Walter SWALWELL of Everett & Edyth MOORE of Seattle, married 1512 Ninth Ave., witness S. S. Ailec, W. S. Harlan
- Feb 1, 1897 Chancellor H. SCHROEDER of Tacoma & Edith M. CRAPSER of Tacoma, witness Mamie P. Hubenger, Jennie Randall
- March 13, 1897 George R. MARTIN of Centralia, born Shawano, Wisc., age 34 (running a sawmill) parents H. H. Martin and Esther Andrews & Jessie A. HICKMAN of Centralia, born Princeton, Minn., age 30 (second marriage Jessie A. COWLES) parents H. B. Cowles & Hattie Stimson, witness G. M. Blakney, R. O. Casper
- Apr. 18, 1897 William T. PHILLIPS of Bremerton & Mary E. CASPER of Bremerton, witness R. O. Casper, E. Casper
- Apr 20, '97 Harry T. WAMACH of Columbia City, Wash., & Millie GILLIHAN of Columbia City, Wash., married at Lewis House, Seattle, witness Oscar S. Brown, Bert Jacobson
- May 24, '97 Chas. S. PARKER of Seattle & Minnie DROWN of Seattle, witness Jennie Randall, Mamie Huberger
- June 17, '97 Daniel Ole BUMP of Seattle & Frank Edna CARROLL of Seattle, married at 1009 Third Ave. witness Frankie A. Fuller, Mary E. Thomas
- June 29, '97 Franklin BARTHOLOMEW of Seattle & Fannie A. BAKER of Seattle, m. at 707 Fifth Ave. witness Mrs. B. C. Kelly, S. S. Baker
- July 3, 1897 Samuel GREENWOOD of Vancouver, B.C. & Nancy Jane WILBAND of Vancouver, B.C. witness J. W. Efaw, Jennie Randall
- July 3, 1897 John A. BRIXNER of Wallace, Wash., & Sorena C. MONGER of Freeland, Mich., witness W. G. Cline, Mamie Huberger

These records will be continued on a space available basis in future issues. Remember the entire book which has an all names index is available at the library.