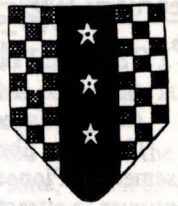




# Fiske Genealogical Foundation Newsletter

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## Family History Fair 1997

by Lyn Melton

On Saturday, April 5, 1997 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. we will be hosting the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Fiske Family History Fair at the Washington Pioneer Hall 1642 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave. East. Our theme this year, Celebrating Our Diverse Heritage, was selected with the intention of attracting many people to our library both longtime researchers and those new in genealogy.

In keeping with our theme of diversity, there will be many new exhibits this year. For the first time we will have experienced researchers in Native American and Czechoslovakian ancestry. The Swedish-Finish Historical Society will also have an Exhibit. These three displays are representative of our greatly expanded family history section which also will include exhibitors in African American and Anglo-European ancestry.

As in past years the Daughters of the Washington Pioneers will play a significant role in our day's activities. Under the leadership of Edith Johnson and Cheryl Bickford a mini fashion show will be presented with members of this group modeling the period dress of their ancestors. In addition, the ladies will conduct tours of their museum during the day.

Focusing on the importance of the Fiske Library's collection of resources, Mary Stevenson's exhibit will be concerned with immigrants on the ship Mary and John while a representative of the Washington Pioneer Families, Catherine Spedden will highlight the Oregon Trail travelers. Also, Claire Raaum, a descendant of William Moore Kincaid, will represent the Longmire Family and the Natches Trail.

Author, Jacqueline Williams will be available to sign her new book, *The Way We Ate*. In the book, Williams draws on diaries, letters, and old newspapers to describe the Northwest Pioneers' food preservation and preparation. These resourceful people had to devise many substitutions for some of their favorite staples such as coffee, white bread, and figs. In a delightfully humorous way the author describes in detail how several families improvised and produced reasonably palatable foods.

Although the library will be closed for research, regular library volunteers will conduct tours to point out new resources. In particular, visitors may request searches for their ancestors on our new computer and ever-growing CD-ROM collection. In addition to census records, we are particularly proud of the complete collection of indexed New England Historical and Genealogical Register.

Our guest speaker will present slides and discuss the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Klondike Celebration. A performance  
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## Spring Quarter Classes to Begin

Classes will begin in the Wednesday morning session under the direction of Mary Peters on Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and the New England Institute under the direction of Peggy Kleyn on Saturday, March 1, at 10:00 a.m. The Wednesday evening class is still to be arranged. See page 3 for complete details.

## Friends of the Fiske Foundation

A very brief meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5 March 1997 at 12:00 noon at the library. The principal item on the agenda is our assistance with the fair being held on April 5. Your attendance is important.

## Amnesty Day and Donations

Please check your bookshelves at home. There are books missing from the library which we would like to have back--no questions asked and no penalties. While you are doing your search, if you run into any books you would like to donate, we would be happy to give them a good home.

Signed,

The Inventory Committee

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Sat. Mar. 1, 10 am 12 m. . . . . New England Institute\*
- Wed. Mar. 5, 12 m. . . . . FGF Friends Meet\*
- Wed. Apr. 2, 10 am . . . . . Class, Little Used Resources\*
- Saturday, 5 Apr, 10 am to 3 pm. . . . Family History Fair\***
- Wed. Apr. 9, 10 am . . . . . Class, Mistakes & How to Solve Them\*
- Wed. Apr. 16, 10 am . . . . . Class, Hist. Of Fashion, etc.\*
- Wed. Apr. 23, 10 am . . . . . Class, Huguenot Research\*
- Wed. Apr. 30 . . . . . Class Field Trip to Tacoma Family Hist. Ctr.\*
- Sat. May 3, 10 a.m. 12 m. . . . . New England Institute\*
- Wed. May 7, 10 am . . . . . Class, Royal Ancestry, Where to Find\*
- Wed. May 14, 10 am . . . . . Class, Mid-Atlantic Research, Hist.\*
- Sun. May 18, 2 pm . . . . . Fiske Library Celebration at Pioneer Hall
- Wed. May 21, 10 am . . . . . Class, Mid-Atlantic Research, Records\*
- Wed. May 28, 10 am . . . . . Class, Mid-Atlantic Research, Records\*
- Wed. June 4, 10 am . . . . . Class, Mid-Atlantic Research, Strategies\*
- Sat. June 7, 10 a.m. 12 m. . . . . New England Institute\*
- Sat. June 1 . . . . . Close date for June Newsletter.

\* See article in this Newsletter.

## President's Message

A GENEALOGY of ANGELS

(not published but to be found in the Fiske Library)

The Fiske library "Located on the lower floor--not the basement of Pioneer Hall" as Arthur Fiske always insisted--continues to attract more people. Large and small, dark and fair, men and women of various ages may be seen--all carrying books and brief cases. Some hurry in and out and others stay longer periods of time; the hardest to spot are true angels with bright shining halos and angel wings. **But these angels are present.** Perhaps many sightings will take place on April 5, the date set for the Fiske Family Fair when a great flurry of activity may be expected. Of course, Arthur Fiske was the grandfather of all the present Fiske angels and set the precedent for hard work and good deeds.

These luminous individuals are the special guardians of Arthur Fiske's Library which started over fifty years ago. For example, a true descendant--Dolores DiLascio has attended classes for over twenty years and has volunteered a day a week for more than ten years. She and another blonde-headed angel may be seen every Monday laboring away mending books and filing records. Arthur used to talk about "the world of records" and these angels continue to make them available for library users. Amy Hendrickson, a drop-in angel, has been seen several times just when extra funds were needed for special projects.

A number of other angels have been polishing their halos and spreading wings at home and abroad in myriad ways to further the enhancement of the Library. One angel far away in Boston has blessed the computer program. He is Dr. Ralph Crandall, Executive Director of the New England Historic Genealogical Society with the gift of the Register on CD-ROM--a simple, but powerful resource. The whirl of angel wings over our computers has made this resource of a century and a half of published genealogical research an integral part of the Fiske Library.

Among new angels appearing recently in the library are: Fremont Gault--seen cataloging, new Saturday volunteer Helen Waterman--a most gifted long-time teacher of genealogy, and Nancy Hughes--with wonderful gifts of old history books of Eastern Washington. Ruth Woodbridge, a cousin of Arthur Fiske, has come with stories of Arthur's Grandfather Fiske. On a personal note, Martha Storie has appeared with her research on a possible Oliver ancestor of mine. What may all these new volunteers receive in return? I suggest that they will have much greater knowledge of what the library holds, and the plan Arthur Fiske developed for easy access. The Satisfaction of helping solve genealogical challenges, and the nurturing of deep friendships will occur also.

On Sunday, May 18, at 2:00 p.m. on the main floor of Pioneer Hall, all Fiske Students and friends are invited to a special celebration. We will review the year nearly finished since Arthur's Death with a special program planned for those who are indeed the angel guardian of the Arthur Fiske Library.

*Muriel O. Winterscheid*

President

## New on the Bookshelf



We Wish to thank the following people who have donated books recently: Muriel Winterscheid, Nancy Hughes, Ada Evans, Audrey Schroeder, Mary Peters and Mary Stevenson.

Among those of interest were several genealogies, some books containing Washington State information, and some Minnesota, W. Virginia, and German books. Among things purchased at Salt Lake City was a book on researching Confederate Civil War records, Suffolk County deeds, and Peoria, Illinois history, as well as numerous Washington cemetery records. You need to stop by and check on these new arrivals, as they are too numerous to mention here.

Jan Pankratz donated a number of National Geographic Magazines, for which we received \$40 worth of books from Shorey's and \$250 from Seattle Book Center. Some cash was also received from the sale of these magazines at the library, which will be used to purchase more new books.

## Please Help Us

If you gave money on our Christmas map in 1995 and the book you requested has not been purchased yet, we need to know about it. In the confusion of Arthur's illness, the list has been mislaid, and we have no record to check. Please contact the library if you are one of those generous people who gave money and haven't yet seen any results!

## Who is Gary Zimmerman?

You will notice the name of Gary Zimmerman mentioned several times in this newsletter, so we would like to tell you a bit about him. Dr. Zimmerman has had a career in the field of education, and has contributed greatly to many community activities for many years. He is also past president of the Pioneer Association of the state of Washington. Gary is also a professional researcher and very kindly offered to fill the place of Carolyn Blount on Wednesday evenings at the library during Carolyn's absence. He is teaching a class at that time and will be teaching the Wednesday morning class for 4 sessions beginning May 14.

We are most fortunate to have Gary join us and we appreciate his generosity in doing so.

## Special Thanks to our "Cub" Reporters

We wish to thank the following special people who contributed to the writing of this newsletter: Lyn Melton, Mary Peters, Betty Kay Anderson, Ann Tuohy, Ada Evans, and Peggy Kleyn.

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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.

## Wednesday A.M. Class Schedule

by Mary Peters

Classes for the spring quarter will begin on Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> with Laura Sparr presenting a class on "Little Used Resources".

On Wednesday, April 9, Helen Waterman, with over 40 years of research and who served as a volunteer at the Archives at Sand Point and other places, will give a class on "Mistakes I've Made & How to Solve Them and Problem Solving."

Wednesday, April 16, Adele Leurquin, who will use her wonderful collection of dolls to show her class "History of Fashion, How Fashions can Help You Identify Time Periods of Old Photographs."

Wednesday, April 23, Don Wingerson, a member of the Huguenot Society will have a class on Huguenot Research."

Wednesday, April 30, class is a field trip to the Tacoma Family History Center.

Wednesday, May 7, Bill Eberle, who has been working on the British Royal Family Ancestry, will use a 5 page bibliography as a basis for "Royal Ancestry, Where to Find Information."

Wednesday, May 14, Gary Zimmerman, a professional researcher and past president of the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington will start a 4 part series on "Mid-Atlantic Research: Part I--History."

Wednesday, May 21, Gary Zimmerman with "Mid-Atlantic Research: Part II--Records."

Wednesday, May 28, "Mid-Atlantic Research: Part III--Records."

Wednesday, June 4, "Mid-Atlantic Research: Part IV--Strategies."

## New England Institute Class Schedule

by Peggy Kleyn

The New England Institute meets on the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 12.

March 1 will have a presentation of use of Suzzallo Library for genealogy. Speaker is Mary Peters.

March 12, on Wednesday, Join the Wednesday class for a tour of the Suzzallo library.

April 5, Attend the Family History Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. see article on page 1.

May 3 and June 7, Class from 10 a.m. to 12 m. Emphasis will be on settlement of Western Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont; border disputes; and changes with statehood establishment.

## About Our New Computer

As you know, we have a new computer which has C.D. capacity, which was donated in memory of Arthur Fiske. The C.D.s available for use include the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 148 years of it which is complete with an all names index. Also included are C.D.s with census records and collections of genealogical books. Computer usage is included with your library fee and either David Brazier or another library helper is available to assist you.

## INVENTORY PROGRESS

by Mary Peters

The inventory of the books, pamphlets, and periodicals at the Library is over 90 percent completed. Only 3 states remain to be done and the genealogies. Printed copies of the catalog containing all material for a specific state, region or reference section should be out before the Family History Fair. Eventually, the entire catalog will be available in ASCII text format.

Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who have spent countless hours inventoring the books. They are Bud Gault, Shirley Jansen, Betty Kay Anderson, Jackie Peterholm, Marcy Marks, Lyn Melton, Ada Evans, Bobbie Morris, Mary Stevenson, and Muriel Winterschied.

Catalog 8 is for sale. It is the largest one yet. Arthur would certainly be proud. I have included the surname analytics which is in two columns and 40 pages long (and I used small print). There are over 550 entries for material in the locality/reference section.

**Some new books (not included in Catalog 8) are:**

DIGGING FOR GENEALOGICAL TREASURE IN NEW ENGLAND TOWN RECORDS

WOMEN & THE LAW OF PROPERTY IN EARLY AMERICA

HISTORY & REG. OF WASH. ST SOC. DAR 1924

AMERICAN WILLS PROVED IN LONDON 1611-1775

HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF SUTTON,

MASSACHUSETTS 1704-1876

PILGRIMS IN LEIDEN, 1609-1620

305 MARRIAGES PERFORMED. BY REV. ALFRED

WILCOX, BAPT. MINISTER IN ERIE &

CHAUTAUQUA COS. NY & ERIE & ALLEGHENY COS. PA

WASHINGTON STATE CEMETERIES & BURIAL PLOTS

WASHINGTON: NORTHWEST FRONTIER--FAMILY &

PERSONAL HISTORY Vols. III & IV

BENTON COUNTY PLACE NAMES

MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS AT FIRST METH. CHURCH

BY REV. J. RALPH MAGEE 1921-1930

## Report from Salt Lake City

by Betty Kay Anderson

Eleven die-hard genealogists flew off on the annual Salt Lake City research trip from January 30 to February 8. Most of these eager beavers were in line for the library when it opened at 7:30 a.m. and dragged their piles of new document photocopies back down the short alley hop to the hotel at 10:00 p.m. Ruth Fricke found a pile of great books for the Fiske Library on sale, and Mary Stevenson scooped them up for a mere \$5.00.

Several days the FHL offered free lectures and some group members availed themselves to incredible learning opportunities with the best of teachers. Sample subjects were "Family History on the Internet," "Evaluating your Research Findings" and "Hamburg Passenger Lists."

About half the group used their Sunday "day off" for a tour to Park City {home of the 2002 Winter Olympics} and the other half actually spent four hours eating and talking at the Sunday brunch at the Little America Hotel.

Arthur was certainly right when he called the FHL the "gold mine of Genealogical repositories."

## More New Bookshelves

Arthur would indeed be proud of our recent progress at his library. Thanks to the donation of lumber by our generous friend, Amy Hendrickson (who also purchased our southern collection recently), we have been able to expand the shelf room for books. Bill Eberle spent many hours of his time in construction of 7 new double shelves, each 4 feet long, totaling an additional 56 feet of shelves. Bill reports that several other people offered to help with this project and he thanks all of you. Muriel Winterscheid wielded the paint brush and, with much shifting of furniture, the shelves were put into place at the same time the floor was painted during Christmas vacation.

The cooperation of these generous people have added a new dimension to our library plan and the shelves are rapidly being filled with new books.

## Remember the December Snow Storm?

Betty Kay Anderson will not forget it for a long time! The electricity went off at the Anderson home on Hoods canal and she and Roy came to Seattle to spend a few days with electricity. When they returned they found their house had been burglarized. Among things stolen were her automobile, checkbooks, tax returns, silver and silverware, fur coat, jewelry, copy machine, important papers, and many less significant items.

And, strange as it seems, these creatures shredded ten years of genealogy research. (For what reason?)

After considerable sleuthing in the Tacoma area, Betty Kay has located some of the stolen items. Her car has been returned also. It has been determined that someone perhaps "sold" the location of their home to some drug dealers, six of who are now residing in the Tacoma jail.

Betty Kay and Roy have had a very traumatic time dealing with all of this, and she will be some years getting things back to normal, if she ever does. Anyone want to volunteer to put pieces of genealogy research back together?

## Carolyn Blount on "Vacation"

In case you have been wondering where Carolyn is hiding these days, you should know that Carolyn has been granted a sabbatical leave from Shoreline Community College for a quarter. She is presently teaching in Santa Lucia, which is a wonderful experience for her.

Of course, Carolyn is the treasurer for Fiske Foundation, and Bill Davis generously agreed to take over those duties for her while she is gone. He is doing a great job of it. Carolyn also had been teaching a class on Wednesday evenings while keeping the library open. Gary Zimmerman volunteered to assume that responsibility for her.

We miss Carolyn, but we very much appreciate the two persons who have been helping us during her absence.

## Spelling Lesson Anyone?

One of the Salt Lake "trippers" observed the work of someone in need of a spelling lesson. On the census of New Jersey for 1915 she found the following places recorded: Road Island, Whales, Schotland, Mastachusets, S. Dacota, Rode Island, Florida, Den Mark and Rhoad Island.

## New Paint Job Completed

You may have been relaxing over the holidays, but some of the library volunteers were toiling away! On Saturday, December 21, things were being moved in preparation for painting the floors at the library. The tables were moved and stored out of the way and the floors were scrubbed. Surplus file cabinets were also moved out. After the floor dried for a couple of days, the Evans, Melton and Winterscheid families along with Bill Davis and David Brazier began their HUGE job of painting. And they did **SOME** job! The floors really look great. We owe these hard-working and generous people a vote of thanks for spending much of their holiday time to do this job for us.

## Volunteer Report for 1996

By Ada Evans.

Volunteers reported 1558 total hours for 11 months of 1996. Arthur contributed an uncounted number of hours until his death. A lot of hours were not recorded by volunteers. Many many hours of work were done that were not recorded. The teaching staff have put in hours of research for their classes. Mary Peters and others put in hours inventoring books. Bill has built the new bookshelves. David has put in hours of computer work. The board has spent many unrecorded hours for the good of the library. Everyone has contributed time and money for the good of the library. By recording your name and hours at the library 1997 is getting off to a good start.

## Doing "Spring" Cleaning

A reminder that your genealogical materials are of great value to the Fiske Library. If you are discarding surplus books and papers this spring, remember that we are non-profit, which means tax-deductible, and VERY VERY appreciative of all donations.

Cont. from page 1, FAMILY HISTORY FAIR by young Scottish dancers and a bagpipe will precede this presentation.

As this is our first Family History Fair without Arthur, every effort is being made to pool our interests and energy and present an event that represents well both our library and its founder.

## Authors Wanted

The Newsletter would welcome sort articles by students, or library members on various genealogical subjects. These articles could be as short as two to three lines in the column to as long as several pages.

Anything submitted should be typed, double space or as a computer file. We reserve the right to reject or edit any work submitted.

## Important Future Date

Heritage Quest rendezvous on October 11, 1997 with theme **Roots Revisited: Essentials of Successful Genealogical Research**. Speakers will include Myra Gormley, Cindy Howe and George Ott.

**Wiske Genealogical Foundation\***

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual**

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**Tables of Instruction**

**Computer Applications in Genealogy**

**Exhibits**

**Traditions of Our Ancestors**

**Guest Lectures**

**Admission \$5.00**

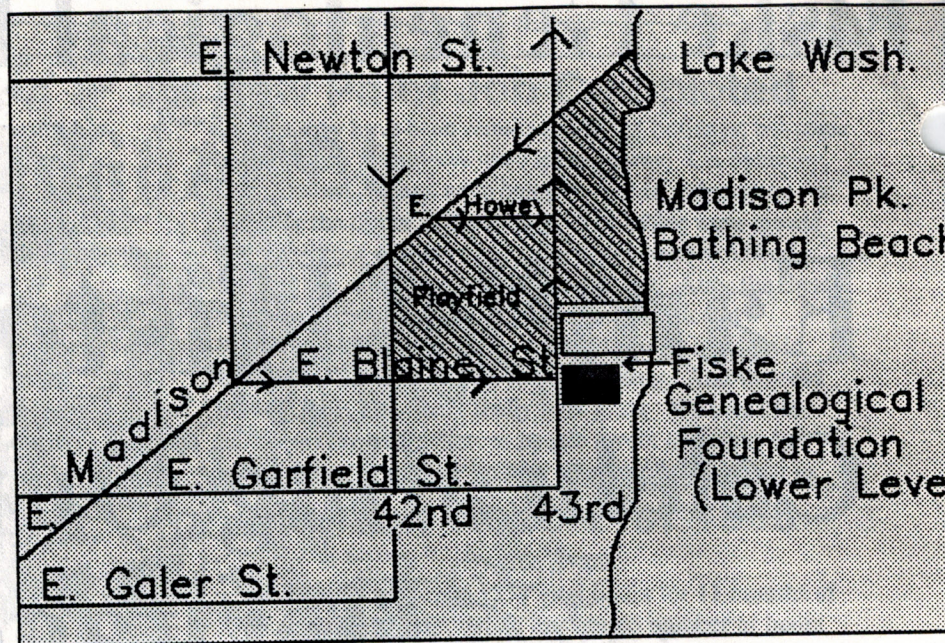
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# Where You Will Find Us

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.



## LIBRARY HOURS

The Library is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday all year except on holidays. You are welcome to use the library even if a class is in session. A volunteer is available to help you locate materials.

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