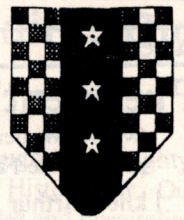




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Fiske Library Celebrates Success of Past Year

Special friends and students of Arthur D. Fiske were invited to a celebration held in the Pioneer Hall on May 18, which was approximately one year after Arthur's death. The purpose was to report to interested people the progress of the past year.

Muriel Winterscheid welcomed the group present and briefly announced the program. David Brazier, the present treasurer of the board, gave a brief financial report. He stated that the money which had been donated in Arthur's memory has been invested in an endowment fund for future use if and when needed. He also reported that the basic monthly expenses of the library have been adequately covered by incoming fees. He plans to develop a budget for the new year so more efficient planning can be done.

Reports were given by Mary Stevenson, Ada Evans, Mary Peters, and Peggy Kleyn about various programs they have led. Priscilla Greenlees gave a talk about the coming NEHGS seminar and Carolyn Blount gave remembrances of Arthur. Excerpts from these talks are included in this newsletter.

This newsletter is intended to inform everyone who was not in attendance that day of the progress of the Library since Arthur's death about a year ago.

Summer Volunteers Needed

The library is very proud of the fact that the doors have never been closed because of the lack of volunteer librarians. However, some of these loyal friends need (and deserve) a bit of vacation this summer.

Could you perhaps sign up for an extra day or two to fill in? It would be very much appreciated, you will learn more about the library, and everyone will benefit.

Sign up on the calendar in the Library, or call Ada Evans at (206) 932-7449. Thank you.

FGF Picnic at Anderson Home August 9

Fiske Library users have enjoyed spending time together for several years at the lovely home of Betty Kay and Roy Anderson on Hoods Canal. They have hosted an annual picnic and everyone who has attended has had a wonderful time.

This is a pot-luck affair, so bring some food to share along with you and enjoy the day with friends. The time is 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 9. Their home is located at East 10111 Highway 106, Union, Washington. If you need directions, please call the library, (206) 328-2716 or Betty Kay at (360) 898-2537. See you there.

Progress Made on Finishing Arthur's Book

By Ann Tuohy

Have you ever searched in vain for a marriage record for a person you know came from New York or a certain New England state? If so there may soon be some help.

Over the years Arthur Fiske had gradually collected a list of New England marriages in which one of the couple came from a different state than the other. Mr. Fiske had begun to enter these marriages in a computer. We are now happy to report that the job has been completed and rough drafts printed. We will now be able to sort names & places several ways to greatly simplify the task of finding that elusive marriage.

Please stay tuned for further news.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Sat. Jul. 5, Library Closed Vacation.
- Sat. Aug. 9, 11 a.m. FGF Potluck Picnic at Anderson's *
- Sat. Aug. 9 Close date for August Newsletter.
- Wed. Sept. 17 Fall Classes Begin *
- Wed. Sept. 17, 12 m. FGF Friends Meeting.
- Fri. & Sat. Oct. 17 & 18, NEHGS Conference *

* See article in this Newsletter.

President's Message

(Muriel Winterscheid's message is Barbara Giles' talk given at the Family History Fair on April 5, 1997.)

I knew Arthur for 19 years--first as a student in his Saturday morning classes, then as a friend. . . and always as my mentor in genealogy. Most of what I know about genealogical research today was a direct result of having known him.

In 1969 Arthur began teaching genealogy classes. That was followed by his establishing the Fiske Genealogical Center in 1971. In 1973 he took the plunge; he quit his "real job" to devote all his energies to genealogy. As the Fiske Center's director he provided on-going education in genealogical research techniques and set about acquiring books and materials for his private library which would benefit researchers and supplement the records at the Seattle Public Library and the Seattle Genealogical Society. Along the way **he built one of the finest libraries** of genealogical materials which would not be otherwise readily available to local researchers.

Eventually, Arthur saw the need to provide for his vision for the future, so in 1990, he established the Fiske Genealogical Foundation, a non-profit educational institution, the results of which we see today.

Arthur organized and served as **New England Interest Group Chairman** for many years at SGS. He also developed the model for the New England Ancestor Registration-- it being the model for the PA Interest Group Registration. Arthur also was instrumental in the planning of the SGS Family History Fairs which began modestly in 1975; the last one being held in 1982. This Family History Fair we have today is the outgrowth of those Family History Fairs. The Fair then, as now, was a way of Sharing and Inspiring others about family history, with a little good old-fashioned PR thrown in for good measure.

Arthur was honored for his many decades of service in SGS with a Life Membership in 1983.

He was enthusiastic about every aspect of genealogy and the creator of more general projects than anyone I have ever known in genealogy. He enjoyed the analytics of a problem, but was frustrated by the lack of reference materials in Seattle, especially for his beloved New England states--hence his totally all-consuming passion for obtaining reference books, records and manuscripts to be used in Seattle. Not only has SGS benefitted from his caring devotion, but the genealogists who use the **Seattle Public Library** owe him debts of gratitude for his farsightedness--he was largely responsible for the growth of the Library's books and microfilm holdings in the 1960's.

Perhaps his great personal accomplishment was the creation of the **CARD FILE**, especially the **NEW ENGLAND CARD FILE**. The PA File, Emigrant File, English Origins, and Gen. Ref. File (as he called it) and other card files came later. His grasp of New England families, their origins, and their migration patterns was the

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New On The Bookshelf



A new fiche reader was given to the library recently by Mary Ann Nickell.

New acquisitions at the library are Fiche of the 1890 Veterans Census Index for Texas, Michigan, New York, Mississippi, Minnesota, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, Kentucky, Missouri, Virginia, and West Virginia as well as Early Marriage Records for North Carolina, Texas, Mississippi, Georgia, Washington D.C., Kentucky, Iowa, Tennessee, Missouri, Illinois, and Virginia. Come in and check out these new acquisitions as well as the many new books.

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basis for the FILE that is in this Library today. Arthur had lofty ambitions for this card file. He wanted to be able to account for every individual who lived in New England before 1850 and set about this task by abstracting information from hundreds of books and records. In establishing this somewhat staggering goal, I suspect he was secretly hoping his elusive ancestor Jeremiah Webb would eventually present himself and demand to know of Arthur, "What took you so long to find me; I've been here all along!!!"

He was a catalyst to our own dreams of finding another ancestor. His unique problem-solving approach and his innate ability to discern areas of genealogical concentration in research would always come to the forefront. He would look at our Lineage Chart and immediately pull down a book from the shelf or extract a card from that Mammoth card file with our ancestor's name on it! How did he do that? He was a magician--and if we thought we were hooked before on genealogy--well now there was no turning back!! We just had to know more. So we threw ourselves into this most personal of past times. We delighted in the lessons we were learning (The Ten Steps, 4 P's of research, naming patterns, pinpointing, pointer names, time frames; the list goes on and on.)

Amazing isn't it--that one man could have inspired so much in all of us. His knowledge and caring devotion to the field of genealogy have certainly epitomized that saying "If you would thoroughly know anything, teach it to others."

So Arthur, this day is for you. I know you are looking down and watching; wondering if all of us can pull this Fair off without you here. In fact, I think I hear the typewriter going downstairs.. You taught us well. But we need to get back to work...

There are cards waiting to be filed, Arthur.

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Fall Classes Begin September 17

At the time of this printing, the Foundation Board is in the planning stage of new classes for the fall of 1997. During the next few weeks an evaluation will be made to determine the format which will be of the most value to all students.

Both beginning and advanced classes will be scheduled beginning in September. The next newsletter will give details of these as well as the schedule planned.

Mary Peters has distributed a questionnaire to students in the Wednesday morning class for their comments, but if you wish to express your ideas, please make a note of them and leave it at the library labeled "Fall Classes."

Wednesday Morning Classes in Review

by Mary Peters

We began the year with an orientation to the library by Mary Stevenson and a Genealogical Problem Solving Scavenger Hunt. During each quarter there were a variety of speakers covering a wide range of topics. Mary Peters spoke on "Migration and Tracing Immigrant Ancestors" and "The Suzzallo Library." Laura Sparr came three times and talked on "Court Records," "Immigration & Naturalization Records," and "Little Used Resources."

Curtis Roselle prepared a wonderful presentation on "What Else is There at the National Archives Besides the Census?" Helen Waterman came to tell about "Mistakes I Made and How to Solve Them." What a treat to have someone with 40+ years experience share with us. Don Wingerson shared with us experiences about Huguenot Research. Bill Eberle told us about researching "Royal Ancestry" and shared his 5 page bibliography.

Our big "show and tell" was Adele Leurqin who brought several of her children (dolls) and helped us to identify photographs by learning about the history of fashion from the late 1700s to the early 1900s.

Four of our students gave lectures. Shirley Jansen did a fantastic job of research and made wonderful maps on the topic "Land Records, Meridians, Ranges, Sections and Townships." Marcy Marx helped us learn about the "Benefits of Genealogy." Mary Ann Nickell lectured on "Maryland and Kentucky People" and showed an interesting video. Ruth Fricke told us about her experiences in researching in "Canadian Records and New Brunswick Research."

We learned more about computers, too. Darlene Hamilton gave two "hands-on" lessons at the Seattle Public Library on "Genealogical Resources on the World Wide Web" and "Internet Search Engines." David Brazier came in twice to help us learn how to use the programs we have on the computers at Fiske.

We took three field trips. One to Surrey, B.C. to spend a day researching in Canadian records. Another day was spent at Suzzallo Library the week after Mary Peters lecture. The third trip was to the Tacoma Family History Center.

Following that was an excellent series of four lectures by Gary Zimmerman on Mid-Atlantic Research: History, Records, Research, and Strategies.

It has been an educational and regarding series of lectures this year. I am sure Arthur would be proud that the tradition he started is being carried on.

Family History Fair Big Success

by Lyn Melton

The spectacular weather of April 5th brought about eighty-five visitors to the 15th Annual Fiske Family History Fair. Our total receipts for the day, including library sales and hospitality, were \$914.60.

The success of this event is due to the willingness of so many people who worked tirelessly. In particular, Muriel Winterscheid and Mary Peters deserve special recognition for securing exhibitors, program planning and table set-up. Loren Winterscheid and Bill Melton were excellent fetch and carriers doing whatever was necessary without complaint! Dolores DiLasco, the official hospitality chairwoman for the Fiske Library, kept the food table laden with pastries, fruit, coffee and tea. Barbara Giles' moving tribute to Arthur will long be remembered as one of the highlights of the day. Edith Johnson and Cheryl Bickford made the Washington Pioneer Hall available to us on both Friday and Saturday. Many of the Daughters of the Washington Pioneers also donned costumes and set-up very interesting exhibits relating to their families. Dear old friends of Arthur and the Fiske library served in many capacities to make the day a success. A sincere thank you to all.

In order to plan for the next Family History Fair we need to hear from you. If you have not already done so, please complete one of the questionnaires at the library or voice your suggestions by phone. We need and appreciate your input.

The State of the Library

by Mary Stevenson

A year ago we were much concerned about whether Fiske friends and students would be interested in coming to this library after Arthur's death. We were unsure about whether they would retain their interest without his presence and expertise. We hoped they would be anxious to see his library remain intact and therefore they would support its continuance.

Today I can tell you that we have been very pleasantly surprised. Thanks to so many people who have come forward and offered all kinds of help, we are very much alive and well!

I would like to touch briefly upon some other things which I consider outstanding achievements.

First is the volunteer program under direction of Ada Evans. (See page 4 for her report.)

Next I would like to mention the growth of the library. Bill Eberle built us several new book shelves and we almost immediately filled them, having acquired approximately 1,000 volumes in the past year. We have not purchased these books. They have all been given as gifts. In addition to the books money given in memory of Arthur made possible the purchase of a new computer with CD capacity. David Brazier was able to install this for us and has provided us with many of his personal CD's on loan. We were also given at that time a gift of the entire New England Historic and Genealogical Register in the form of CD's— all 148 volumes. Bill Eberle was also involved in this project, and we thank all three of these generous people.

We thought it was important to continue the worthwhile classes which Arthur had been conducting for so many years.

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Mary Peters had worked somewhat with Arthur on planning classes, so she took over this job (see page 3, column 1 for Mary's report.)

Carolyn Blount offered to keep the library open on Wednesday evenings, and held a class at that time. During her recent absence Gary Zimmerman filled in for her. He commented briefly regarding his classes.

Another big job which Mary Peters undertook was the cataloging of new materials. Arthur had worked with her on his system of doing this so she continued this job and has now made up a new catalog of things we have received in the past year. While doing this work she became very aware of the need for an inventory of the actual books on the shelves, so one complete catalog could be assembled. With the help of some volunteers, that project is now nearly completed. It is presently in the form of a book but will soon be put into a computer in order to be more accessible. This enables us to begin purchasing books, as we now know exactly what we have. A policy will be put into place by the Board in order to acquire what is the very best for our library, with a great deal of emphasis on Washington state, as well as New England, as Arthur was doing. There will also be selections in areas for which we have little information. We thank Mary for adding this valuable new tool to our library.

We have present today another loyal friend of the library who travels all the way from Hoods Canal to participate in classes. She not only plans our trips for us, but also is president of the Friends of Fiske Foundation. (Betty Kay Anderson made brief comments and invited any interested persons to join the Friends.)

In addition to those things which I have touched upon, we have had donations of time and money by persons such as Bill and Lyn Melton, Vic and Ada Evans, and the Winterscheids, who have all participated in the painting and refurbishing of the library. Of course the Meltons were also planners of the Family Fair and Ada Evans has spent many hours answering queries we have received.

As of today, I can report that we have had about 30 people registered for classes of various kinds during the year and about 65 on the yearly library user's list. We have had a number of groups come from quite a distance to use our library--even as far as Port Townsend, Yakima, Shelton, Whidby Island, and Belfair. We have new faces coming in the door every week. We are extremely pleased that this high level of interest is continuing. Groups wishing to visit the library can make arrangements to have a special Friday opening during the summer by contacting the library.

Arthur's will left a few of his personal books to his family, and all of the rest of his library to the Foundation. It is my pleasure to report to you that his probate has now been completed, so all of the books which are here, even those which are stamped Fiske Center, now officially belong to the Foundation as ordered by the Court.

I wish to thank each and every one who has contributed so much. We are elated with our progress and hope to continue toward Arthur's goal to add a valuable genealogical resource to our community.

Volunteers at Fiske Genealogy Library

by Ada Evans

There have been 1558 recorded hours of volunteer service during eleven months of 1996. Arthur also contributed a number of hours before his death in June of 1996. Since then, the library has been staffed 100% by volunteers. We are fortunate to have such faithful people. As a result the library has not had to be closed even one day. We welcome staffing help from others who wish to contribute their time as there are many rewards.

Fiske New England Class

by Peggy Kleyn

The Fiske New England group meets the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. This class specializes in cooperative learning. There is a basic organization to uncover who, when, and why people left their homeland to settle in New England. Mother towns, expansion areas, even English history are some of the factors explored as settlers push their way from the coast and river valleys into the interior. Methods of obtaining land titles, problems of boundaries, and changes in government are discussed. Freedom of religion becomes a subject open to debate. Relationships with local Indians and with French allied Indian tribes are uncovered.

There are so many questions we wished Arthur could have answered. But with the aid of his past classes and with the excellent New England area of the Fiske library, we have been able to reach many of the goals in learning about New England.

Plan to join this group in the fall. We look forward to helping you learn about your New England ancestors!

NEGHS Fall Seminar Fiske Library Co-Host

by Priscilla Greenlees

It is fitting that we honor Arthur today by working together intellectually and emotionally so that the Fiske Library is able to grow, both in reputation and stature in the genealogical world as well as in physical content and size. This we must do--grow and reach out to the surrounding area to make our mission better known to the ever increasing population which is searching for its "roots." Genealogy is the largest growing hobby in this country, as people begin to wonder about their heritage.

As you know Arthur was heavily into research in New England in particular, and the Library, while it has expanded into other areas on a limited basis, is very heavily weighted toward New England research. Sometimes I feel as though it is an outpost of our Colonial Ancestors. I have heard Arthur say "Go back far enough and you will probably find yourself in the New England States."

The New England Historic Genealogical Society, which is the oldest genealogical society in our country (and which, of course, concentrates on New England), has asked that Fiske Library be their co-hosts at a seminar which they

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are holding on October 17th and 18th at the Airport Marriott Hotel. This is quite an honor for us, and gives us exposure to many individuals who probably do not know that we are here. Our responsibilities are few: they ask that we have two or three of our members staff the registration table, that we be available to answer questions, and that we help with the local publicity. We will be able to have our own table for disseminating information about our Library, AND one of the lectures will include details about our holdings and their availability. To this end, they will send their premier genealogist, before the conference begins, to spend time reviewing our Library and its catalogue, so that he can weave information about what we have into his lecture on the "Core of New England Research." Gary Boyd Roberts is known to many of you for his extremely valuable insight into sticky problems in genealogy, and we are excited at the prospect of his being here. He will also be offering special tutorials here at our Library for our own members--after he has had a chance to review what we have. Details of the conference are still being worked out, and I will be in Boston in June and again in August to be sure that everything goes smoothly.

I am excited about this opportunity, and I hope you will be too. As liaison between the two Societies I can see wonderful things happening--the most important of which, I believe, is the line of communication which we are establishing. It is worth its weight in gold.

If you would like more information about NEHGS please feel free to contact me at the Fiske Library.

Memories of Arthur Fiske

by Carolyn Fix Blount

Many of you worked with Arthur Fiske when he served as President of the Seattle Genealogical Society, or perhaps went to his classes when he lived on 5th Avenue and taught a few classes in the front of the house. Or perhaps you discovered Arthur before I did when he taught in his library on 6th Avenue on lower East Queen Anne.

But I well recognized that many of you had an even longer history of working with Arthur, so I have spoken to many of you, and have chuckled with you over the stories and insight you shared with me about Arthur D. Fiske. Thank you for that, and here are some of those stories.

Ada Evans has known Arthur the longest of his library friends. She noted how Arthur was always talking about home life, and she knows about his home life, because they both grew up in Clinton on Whidby Island. She noted that Arthur's sister, Catherine was in her grade, while Ada's sister was in Arthur's grade. Arthur spoke often of his "humble beginnings," and Ada testifies that he spoke very truthfully. There was a lot of poverty in that era. Ada and her friend, Arthur's sister, would stay over night together so she went sometimes to Arthur's home. One would never know that Arthur or his brother were even around, so shy they were. So, Ada reminisced, the beginnings were humble, and she would today be hard pressed to say which family was the poorest during those depression years. Those of us who took his classes realize how he used his early religious training in genealogy too, and helped us find siblings because

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he knew which Biblical names might be members of the same family because of the naming patterns.

Dolores DiLascio thinks that she may have been one of the first volunteers, or as Arthur teasingly described the group, one of Arthur's slaves. She began taking classes in the mid 1970s after her husband died, and suggested that they might as well continue on during the summer and help with the filing and other tasks when Arthur was on 5th Avenue. She continued, with Catherine, to the 6th Avenue location as well. With an early group they went to Vashon Island to one of the Cemeteries and began transcribing all the inscriptions. That is a project they always meant to finish. Dolores has been on several trips: to New England 2 times, and to Jamestown and Washington D.C. later with Betty Kay, and to Salt Lake City when the group stayed in the old Temple Square Hotel.

Peggy Kleyn related how, as a new student back in the Queen Anne Days, she recalls Arthur's smile as he suggested that she check the bathroom for the reference she sought, and it was there. Probably no other home on Queen Anne Hill had such a wide assortment of reading material surrounding the bathtub, as Arthur filled every available nook and cranny with his beloved genealogy books.

Mary Stevenson joined Arthur's group in the little Queen Anne library. Her first trip with Arthur was in 1984 and she took several trips with him between then and 1995. Arthur's expenses were paid by the participants of the trip. However, periodically Arthur would disappear at dinner time, as he was visiting local book stores instead of eating, spending his food allowance for books. Arthur always took along an extra suitcase to carry home his treasured purchases. One time while at Salt Lake City he brought back so many books that his suitcase gave up and broke open. Somehow it was patched together to get on the plane so the books could get to the library. Of course, we all remember when a book was particularly wanted or needed, in Arthur's opinion. The coveted book would soon appear, and he would proudly show it to the classes he always opened with a display of new books and research materials, donated, as he said, by "anonymous," often jokingly pronounced "anon-a-mouse."

Gary Zimmerman first met Arthur when he visited him in the Queen Anne library when he went to see how compatible the Fiske Library would be for the basement of the Pioneer Building. Gary recalls how every nook and cranny was filled with books. Fortunately he saw the possibilities apparent in having the Fiske Genealogical Library become tenants in the Pioneer Building. Gary has been so helpful in bringing forth this partnership in the use of the wonderful space the Library enjoys today.

Edith Johnson went to Salt Lake City on one of Arthur's tours and she had with her several articles that a cousin had photocopied and sent her from Pennsylvania. Of course, the articles had no annotations, because, like so many of us when we begin research, the cousin had not thought that the source mattered. But Arthur just looked at the articles, and went to the shelves there in that huge LDS library, and brought Edith the books from which the articles had been copied. Edith remarked that the incident really showed her how familiar Arthur was with genealogical sources.

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David Brazier told a story of one of Arthur's amazing finds, only slightly more miraculous than others many of us can also recall. David had helped his parents move to the Parkshore 3 1/2 years ago. While cleaning out his parent's home he discovered letters from 1960 when his father had a Neiman fellowship to Harvard, and his father, David's grandfather asked him to look up David's dad's half brother. This half uncle had just prepared his application for Sons of the Revolution, and though David's dad was not the least bit interested in genealogy, he did think it was neat that the Braziers were in the Revolution, and he had enjoyed looking at a book on Boston Cemetery inscriptions. So David, having just read the letters that morning, was now in his new neighborhood walking to lunch when he first saw the Fiske Genealogy sandwich board. He walked downstairs and met Arthur who gently but firmly relieved him of \$5. He told Arthur the story of this rare book that had so interested his father. Arthur showed him where the Boston books were located. Within 4 minutes they were holding a copy of the rare Boston Cemetery Inscription book which had a press run of only 200. When David opened the book, there was his uncle's signature on the fly leaf. Not only was it the book David wanted, it was the very same copy of the book that David's father remembered holding. Arthur must have found it at some book sale when touring Boston. Later David found books formerly owned by a cousin in Illinois, right here in Arthur's library. "Was it just serendipity" David asks, "or were we just more open to such possibilities after knowing Arthur?" We all like to remember such moments as examples of Arthur's miraculous finds.

Bobbi Morris delighted in recollecting Arthur's apparent "glee" at finding a black sheep in the ancestors of someone who was hoping instead for ties to royalty. He insisted that our charts were lineage charts, not pedigree charts which were just for dogs.

Peggy Kleyn noted how very fond she was of Arthur, and how he had departed "without her permission when she was out of town." Others too mourned, not only the loss of Arthur as a personal friend, and mentor, but also the loss to the library of his knowledge and amazing memory for names, places, details, history, books and sources.

Muriel Winterscheid won the coveted door prize at one of the Genealogy Fairs, four hours of research with Arthur Fiske. They worked together at the Seattle Public Library and at Suzzallo at the University, and Muriel was hooked! She began attending the Wednesday evening classes on Queen Anne where she and I first became friends. Her dedication to Arthur and her energy as President of the Fiske Genealogical Foundation, and her whole family's very hard work has carried us through this year since Arthur's death. For that we thank you. Muriel continues to nudge and inspire us on, and her vision for the Foundation over the next years, the next century, is leading us into the future, as we preserve records from the past for our grandchildren, and their grandchildren.

I do know that many of your memories may go back further than my own. I suppose I was long interested in family history. I had loved to hear my grandparent's stories, both sides early pioneers to the Oregon and Washington

Territories. I had even looked up old 1600 and 1700 family home sites in England, but had not really developed a system, nor had I recognized where my interest might take me until, in 1983, I finished by doctorate at Seattle University, and decided to "do genealogy" as a way of continuing my love of research, and avoiding meddling in our young adult children's lives.

On someone's advice, was it Ruth Fricke?, I began taking Arthur's Wednesday night classes, and rarely missed one the rest of his life. His knowledge, helpfulness, almost photographic memory, wry wit, and warm humor charmed me. He became a dear friend and I often drove him home after classes. He came for several years to celebrate Thanksgiving with our extended family. He chortled when he learned that he and we had participated in the large Peace March on Capitol Hill that went from St. James to St. Marks. His insight, knowledge and intuition helped me with my own family history research and gave me skills and confidence to insert little units on family history research into my sociology of the family and history of costume classes at Shoreline Community College. And I am beginning to realize how Arthur lives on in this library, in the books he cherished, and in the lives of those he trained so well who are recognizing how much we really learned under his tutelage, and of the value of his genealogy collection and amazing card file.

So many of you have contributed so very much to the continuation of Arthur's dream for a real research library for genealogists here in the Pacific Northwest. Mary Peter's and Mary Stevenson's inventory, Bill Eberle's bookshelves, Mary's library organization, Muriel's painting projects, the oak card files, Ruth's sales tables, David's computer system, the Fiske Expo, the classes taught by Mary Peters and Gary Zimmerman, and all of the many volunteers who spend so many hours here have all contributed so very much. Thank you all! Arthur's work lives on as he wished. We have grown in knowledge and vision as we have worked together to continue bringing about his dream. For that we thank you. And Arthur, I can't help but believe, is smiling down upon us. I wonder if he has yet met his long lost cousin, Jeremiah Webb?

Lost Book

Volume #8 of the *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations* by Degory Priest is missing. If you may have checked out this book some time ago, please check your book shelf. We appreciate your concern.

Foundation Board Selects New Officers

At a meeting held on April 21 the Board of the Fiske Genealogical Foundation selected the following as officers:
David Brazier, Treasurer
Carolyn Blount, Secretary
Mary Stevenson, Vice President
Muriel Winterscheid, President

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

These records are being continued from the November 1996 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.

- July 3, 1897 **John A. BRIXNER** of Wallace, Wash., & **Sorena C. MONGER** of Freeland, Mich., witness W. G. Cline, Mamie Huberger
- July 3, 1897 **Alfred T. OSBERG** of LaConner, Wash., b. Mongona, Il. age 22, farmer, Parents Andrew Osberg and Albertina Jacobsen & **Margaret CLIFFORD** of Seattle, Wash., b. Rich Hill, Mo. age 19 parents Daniel Clifford and Ellen Conners. witness J. Jorgenson, G. H. Broadland Aug 8, 1897 **Charles BUTTERFIELD** of Seattle, Wash., & **Nellie LOOMIS** of Seattle Wash., m. at 2020 Republican St., witness Earl G. Butterfield, Frank A. Campbell
- Sept 9, '97 **James M. CORBET** of Spokane, Wash. & **Ruth E. COLE** of Seattle, witness Avetum J. Cole, Roote Cole Sharp
- Oct 6, '97 **Chas. E. CORNELIUS** of Kent, Wash & **Florence NEWELL** of Kent, Wash., witness W. S. Cowen, J. W. Efaw
- Oct 26, '97 **William S. HARRISON** of Seattle, Wash. & **Emma MEARS** of Seattle, Wash. m. at 9th & Stewart Sts, witness Manly Danforth, Frank Mears.
- Oct 28, '97 **John Milton BEST** of Seattle, Wash. & **Ethel Alameda NELLIS** of Seattle, Wash., witness W. N. Skeets, Bertha Nellis
- Oct 30, '97 **Charles B. BYLES** of Elma, Wash. & **Maggie M. JOLLEY** of Elma, Wash. m at Hotel York, witness Chas. E. Hill, A. S. Palmer
- Nov 23, 1897 **Leon V. LEEPER** of Novelty, Wash. & **Mamie D. McKAY** of Novelty, Wash. m. at Lyndhurst, Seattle, witness Harry S. Bancroft, Allace M. Bancroft
- Dec 12, '97 **August F. KEIL** of Seattle, Wash. & **Christine M. CLEMENSEN** of Seattle, witness Ernest W. Keil, Christina Christensen
- Dec 27, '97 **Geroge Grant WHITNEY** of Seattle & **Minnie KUSKA** of Seattle, m. at 2209 Eighth Ave., witness C. W. Hopkins, Mrs. C. W. Hopkins
- Jun 5 1898 **John M. THOMAS** of Black Diamond & **Lizzie H. JONES** of California, witness John M. Thomas, Ida M. Davies
- Nov 11, 1897 **Odin N. HALSTED** of Leavenworth, Ka. & **Lily M. GERION** of Seattle, Wash. m. at 1306 Eighteenth Ave.
- Jan 24 1989 **Wm. A. HESS** of Seattle & **Helena Maud WALTHER** of Seattle, m. at 217 Lenora St. witness Mrs. Wm Calvert, Jr., Lola M. Albrighton

Jan 26, '98 **Gustave Adolph STEINKE** of Seattle & **Anna Belle FARLEY** of Seattle, m. at 309 Ninth Ave.. witness Sarah E. Smith, A.L. Waters

Feb 22, '98 **Edward Hugh WAUGH** of Interbay, Wash. & **Celia DURHAM** of Interbay, Wash., m. at R.R. House, Interbay, witness A. L. Waters, Mrs. Rose Simmons

March 20, '98 **Martin Samuel JOHNSON** of Seattle & **Amy PIERCE** of Los Angeles, Cal. witness Jennie Randall, Regina Anonson

Mar 28, '98 **Wm. DAY** of Issaquah, Wash., & **Annie STEPHEN** of Seattle, witness Emma Mullarkey, J. T. Mason

Mar 30, '98 **Jabez Kellogg BOSTWICK** of Seattle & **Louise M. CARLETON** of San Francisco, Ca. witness Martha Efaw, Jennie Randall

Apr 8, '98 **Thomas DICKSON** of Seattle & **Carrie M. DICKSON** of Seattle, witness Ashbel F. Hite, John H. Barnes

Apr 11, 1898 **Stewart B. JOHNSON** of Seattle & **Carrie B. PEPPER** of Waterville, Wash, m. at 920 Washington St. witness Florence S. Ashley, C. E. Rood

May 2, 1989 **Frank NELSON** of Tacoma & **Matilda BRITHOLLE** of Port Townsend, witness D. Jennings, Carrie Phinney

May 4, 1898 **Columbus J. STURGEON** of Seattle & **Cora B. GRISAMORE** of Seattle, m. at 225 4th Ave. N. witness J. W. Efaw, Mrs. Tom Seater

May 19, 1898 **S. W. WHITTINGTON** of Columbia City, Wash. & **Katie W. OWEN** of Seattle, m. at 307 9th Ave. witness S. C. Whittington, Mrs. S. C. Whittington

June 21, 1898 **Galon G. HULSE** of Vancouver, B.C. & **Mary M. BUTLER** of Kansas City, Mo. witness Jennie Randall, J. W. Efaw

July 2, 1898 **John MILLER** of Tacoma, Wash. & **Ella NELSON** of Tacoma, Wash. witness Ella Clark, Jennie Randall

July 6, 1898 **Joseph S. BLACKBURN** of Seattle & **Anna WRIGHT** of Seattle, m. at 704 Spring St., witness C. A. Wright, John T. Blackburn

July 9, 1898 **James B. BALL** of Clinton, Wash. & **Emma W. BURBANK** of Seattle, Wash. witness J. W. Efaw, Jennie Randall

July 13, 1898 **Charles Wm. LOOMIS** of Seattle, Wash. & **Lucy Bell WILLIAMS** of Columbus, O.

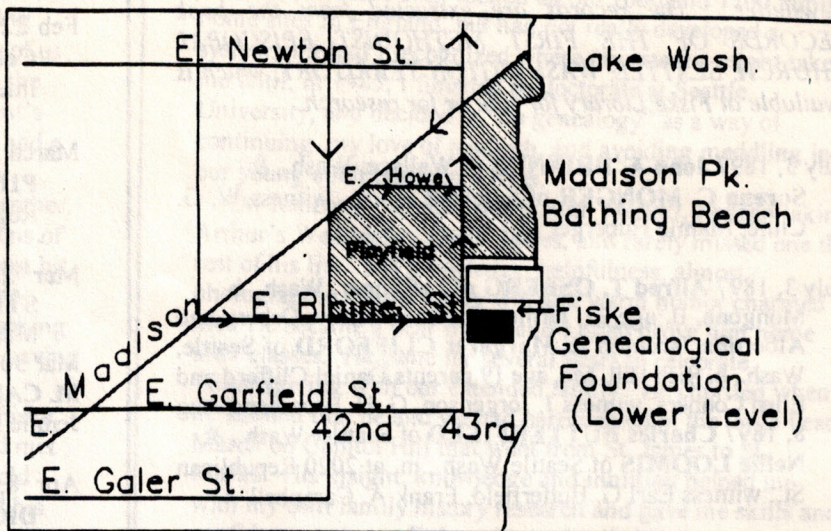
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