



Fiske Genealogical Foundation Newsletter



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Exciting Fall at Fiske Library

Fall Classes begin September 17

Classes/seminars for the 1997/98 year will be presented in three quarters of ten sessions each. The cost is still \$75.00 for the entire year, or \$30.00 per quarter. Students who wish to attend single sessions are allowed to do so on a space available limitation at the minimal cost of \$5.00 per session.

Beginning classes will be offered at 1 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays at the library. The 1 p.m. class starts October 1st, and the 6 p.m. class starts September 17th. Carolyn Blount will also offer individual help to Wednesday evening students.

The "Master Genealogists' Seminar" (a.k.a. the Wednesday morning class) has an exciting series planned, beginning with 3 lessons on Access to Genealogical Resources through Computing. Gary Zimmerman, who has had much experience in this area, will be in charge. See page 5 for a detailed schedule of these seminars. It is suggested that you call the library to indicate your interest in these classes, as there is a limit of 20 persons, and there is much interest in this area of research presently. Following the computer series will be a class by another expert teacher, Helen Waterman, and later lessons on Military records.

We have made arrangements with David Brazier for individual or small group computer instruction on Saturdays at the library. Members of other classes will have first priority for this instruction. Details will follow.

These classes are a real bargain and the Fiske Foundation is proud to offer such expertise to its students.

Friends Meet September 24

The Friends of the Fiske Genealogical Foundation will be holding its first of four annual meetings on Wednesday, September 24 at 12:00 noon at the Fiske Library. They are always looking for eager new faces and encourage anyone to attend. The purpose of this group (aside from fun and camaraderie) is to raise funds for the Fiske Library. In the past year, FFGF has donated over \$1000.00 to purchase books and computer CD's for the Library. The group has about three fund raisers per year, meetings are short and sweet, and participation is very rewarding and satisfying. Try it out . . . you won't be sorry.

NEHGS Seminar October 17 & 18

Have you had the opportunity of visiting the New England Historic and Genealogical Society library in Boston? It is indeed a "gold mine". We now have a chance in Seattle to learn more about this great genealogical resource. Fiske Library will be the local host for the seminar to be presented at the Marriott Sea-Tac this fall, and you should plan to attend. Many people have found New England background (when they get back far enough), but the seminar covers much more than that.

Outstanding speakers will be presented. They include Gary Boyd Roberts, NEHGS Senior Research Scholar. Another speaker will be Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, who appeared recently on the PBS series "Ancestors." Also featured is Maria Melnyk, who has developed "Genealogical Jump Start" for the Boston library, emphasizing research techniques important to everyone. Our own local Sarah Thorson Little is presenting two fascinating lectures on Saturday. Other outstanding classes are also scheduled and there will be much material available for sale and browsing between sessions.

You should register immediately. Forms are available at the Fiske Library and can be mailed to you personally if you cannot get down to the library to pick up a copy.

Fiske Foundation is proud to be associated with this event and much credit goes to Priscilla Greenlees, who has been co-ordinating the event on our behalf.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Wed. Sept. 17, 10 am . . . Class Computers in Genealogy*
- Wed. Sept. 17, 6 pm . . . 1st of 8 Classes Beginning Genealogy*
- Wed. Sept. 24, 10 am 1st of 10 Weekly Seminars*
- Wed. Sept. 24, 12 m. FGF Friends Meet*
- Sat. Sept. 27, 1 pm . . . 1st of 4 Class Beginning Genealogy*
- Wed. Oct 1, 1 pm . . . 1st of 8 Classes Beginning Genealogy*
- Fri. Oct 17, & Sat. Oct. 18 NEHGS Seminar***
- Sat. Oct. 18, no classes.**
- Sat. Nov. 2, 10 am 12 m. New England Institute*
- Sat. Nov. 15 Close date for November Newsletter.

* See article in this Newsletter.

President's Message

The September board meeting of the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington marked the end of the first and the beginning of the second lease with the Fiske Genealogical Foundation. The northwest corner of the lower floor of the Pioneer Building—where the Fiske Library is located—has been a storage area for extra Pioneer chairs. Now, new computer facilities are to be developed there with the assistance of some of our computer experts. These additions should prove very popular with students registering for the computer classes starting the new fall schedule, and other users of the library. So the Pioneer Board, as in the past five years, is continuing to help the Fiske Library.

As the Fiske Library developed in many astonishing ways, Arthur Fiske used his considerable genealogical skills gathering Pioneer records. This record-gathering is being continued by others of the Fiske Library with interest in these records. And this policy of cooperation—hopefully will be a desire on the part of the Pioneers, the Daughters of the Pioneers, and the Fiske Library users to increase efforts to **Preserve History for the Future!** The Presidents of these three organizations are making plans to see that this happens in the wonderful old Pioneer Building which we are privileged to use.

Muriel Oliver Winterscheid
President

Homework Anyone?

Arthur D. Fiske copied many New England Cemetery Records in the summer of 1963. Some stones were almost unreadable then, so these are obviously very important records for genealogical research. Some of these records, of course, have been typed and indexed, but many have not. Mary Stevenson recently found Arthur's original notes and has been trying to organize them. If you have a computer or a typewriter, and some extra time to work on this project, please get in touch with her.

Gift to the Foundation Possible

Endowment funds have been invested for the future operation of the Fiske Foundation. If you are interested in contributing to our future we have been advised that the following language is appropriate for your will. "I bequeath and devise \$xxxxx.xx (amount) to the Fiske Genealogical Foundation, in the case of my death." This can be included in your will, or can be added in the form of a codicil. The designation of this gift will help make possible the continuance of the legacy of Arthur D. Fiske. Consideration should also be given to your genealogical library and its future. Many people moving into retirement homes have a limited space for these items and have found them still available for use, even if housed in the Fiske Library.

New On The Bookshelf



Some of the new Acquisitions at the Fiske Library follow:
Genealogical History of Reading, Mass. . (2 Vols.)
Town of Roxbury, Mass.
D.C. Free Negro Registers 1821-1861.
Hollingsworth, Farmer, and Judkins Families.
Hurley Family of America, Vol. 1.
John Freeman of Virginia.
1860 Census of Shenendoah Co., Virginia, Vol. 2.
Genealogical Abstracts from Tenn. Newspapers 1791-1808.
Tennessee Family Histories and Genealogies.
North Carolina Wills Index 1665-1900.
History of Central Washington
Klickitat County Families
John Golden of Goldendale
History of Merrick County, Nebraska
Dictionary of Oregon History
"With Her Own Wings" Pioneer Women in Oregon.
At Rest in Lincoln County Oregon (Cemeteries)

Boeing Grants FGF Matching Funds

Thanks to the suggestion of Mary Peters application was made to The Boeing Company for the Fiske Genealogical Foundation to be granted matching funds for donations by Boeing employees or retirees. The application was approved in April. We can now double donations given by Boeing employees. Boeing retirees' donations are matched at 50 percent.

If you or your spouse are employees or retirees, you can designate your donation for books and the match for the endowment fund or the reverse or any other way you chose.

Please obtain a Boeing Gift Fund Form, fill it out completely including your social security number and other information on the side, and send it in along with your check to FGF to the attention of the treasurer. Our treasurer then will complete the Foundation portion. Matching funds are paid in June for donations given from December 1 to May 31, and in December for those donations given from May 1 to November 30 of any year. To give our treasurer enough time to complete everything and send it on to Boeing, please send your donation no later than November 1 so we can receive the matching funds in December.

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One-eighth page (3 1/2 x 2") \$12.50

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.

Interested in a New England Trip?

By Betty Kay Anderson

There's a potential research trip to New England in the works. This exciting opportunity will happen in late September or early October of 1998 to coincide with Fall Foliage. Participants will have lots of input about the places the group could spend a day or more doing research. HisGen? Connecticut State Library at Hartford? Any other libraries, court houses, or town halls? Want to get to Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Maine or New Hampshire? If you will call the Fiske Library with your name, address and telephone number, Betty Kay Anderson, our fearless and faithful travel planner and tour guide, will put you on the mailing list and keep you informed about this trip. You need not feel committed to take the trip. . .this is an "I might be interested" phone call. Please call—we want to know where you want to go.

Fiske Picnic August 9

A beautiful summer day was made even more pleasant with a gathering of Fiske Library friends at the home of the Andersons on Hood Canal. The event was the annual picnic which they host in such a gracious way. Roy cooked a "yummy" salmon and all guests made delicious contributions. The day was spent sharing genealogical tidbits, **eating**, visiting, **eating**, basking in the sun, **eating** and enjoying a look at Betty Kay's new auto which replaces the one in which she was so badly injured some weeks ago. (She is recovering nicely.) About 20 people were able to attend and every person went home with an appreciation of the beautiful location which the Andersons call home. We thank them for a delightful day.

New Short Class in Beginning Genealogy

Helen Waterman, a well known local genealogist and instructor, will teach a 4 session class for beginning genealogists given Saturday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. starting September 27th. The cost will be \$15.00 for the 4 sessions.

Course Content:

1. How to Start (Ancestor Charts, Family Group Sheets, etc.)
2. Use of census records to determine locations to search.
3. How to start genealogical research.
4. Use of library resources—what, where and how available in the Seattle area.

Special Invitation to Groups

With the resuming of meetings of genealogical and historical groups this fall, Fiske Library is again encouraging you to set aside a day for a trip to the library. A group can be better accommodated by making a reservation for a day that the library is closed to others, for example, on a Friday. Just call (206) 328 2716 to make your reservation.

Salt Lake City Visit on Schedule

It's only five short months until the next annual research trip to the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City—the genealogical gold mine of gold mines!! We leave on Thursday, February 5 for nine nights, and return late on Saturday, February 14. As always, we stay at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel (formerly Howard Johnson's,) right next door to the library. Everything is included in the price except your eats and photocopies. Also included will be an evening lecture by one of the Library's finest genealogical experts. Our group averages between ten and twenty people, and the price (which will be finalized and announced in October) runs around \$600. per person double occupancy. If you are interested and are not currently on Betty Kay Anderson's Salt Lake brochure mailing list, please call her at (360) 898-2537 or leave a message at the Fiske Library. **Remember:** there is no better research opportunity on the face of Planet Earth.

Vacations Bring in New Books

Sound Strange? Yes, when people go on vacations, they visit book stores, that is, some people do. Fiske genealogists do. And then they give them to our library. Recent acquisitions from such wanderings were books purchased by Mary Peters, Carldine VanAllen, and Mary Stevenson. These covered a variety of areas of interest, including some southern, Midwestern, and Washington state. In addition to these books, Kathi Abendroth generously donated several books of interest in Massachusetts, some family genealogies, and some southern information. Thank you, one and all!

Fiske Representatives to be Guests at Eastside Genealogical Society Meeting

Muriel Winterscheid, as president of the Fiske Genealogical Foundation board, was asked recently to present the program at the next meeting of the Eastside Genealogical Society. This will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 11 at the Bellevue Public Library. She will be reviewing the contributions of Arthur Fiske to the genealogical community in the past.

Mary Stevenson will then summarize the holdings of the library at the present time. This will include a sampling of some of the outstanding books on the shelves.

Following that Muriel will speak of the future plans of the library, the coming N.E.H.G.S. seminar, fall classes being planned and future expansion.

Fiske Library Fees to Remain Low

The Fiske Foundation Board voted to maintain low rates for library and class fees for the 1997/98 academic year. Rates are:

Single class session (if space is available)	\$5.00
Single day library fee	5.00
Annual library use fee	40.00
Annual library use fee for couple	60.00
Quarterly class fee	30.00
(includes library use for the quarter)	
Annual class and library fee	75.00
(Annual class fee includes full year use of library)	

Thanks to Our Volunteers

Once again, we express our appreciation to our faithful volunteers who unlock the door on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. We are especially appreciative of all those who spent part of their summer vacations and coped with the horrendous parking problem when the weather was warm and the nearby beach so inviting. Their efforts made it possible for many of us to have some "time off" and this included coverage of the library on August 9, the Anderson picnic day.

Our doors were never closed when they were scheduled to be open! Thank you, each and every one. And a special thanks to Ada Evans for coordinating the schedules of everyone involved.

The Fall schedule is being set up and volunteers are again being needed to man the library. Could you take a Wednesday afternoon or a Saturday from your personal schedule to set aside to help at the library? Once each month or 6 weeks would be appreciated and all of us will benefit.

Class Registration Fees Due

All students registering for classes in September are reminded that their payments will be due upon their attendance at the first class. You may pay for the quarter (\$30.00 - 10 lessons), or for the year (\$75.00- 30 lessons), or for a single session (\$5.00) if there is room to accommodate extra people. These fees should be paid at the desk in order to relieve the instructor of this extra duty. The few exceptions to this reminder are those students who paid a yearly fee beginning in January of this year. Of course, the class fee includes library usage for the time period involved. Thank you for your continued support of our program.

About The Beginning Classes

Since there are three beginning classes listed on the schedule for this year, some clarification seems in order. The Wednesday afternoon class from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. is the same format as the one taught last year at that time. Mary Peters is the instructor and it will be a series of 8 lessons beginning October 1, the cost being \$30.00. Carolyn Blount will also repeat the beginning class she taught last year at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. This, too, is a series of 8 lessons, plus some time set aside for library research. The quarterly fee for her class is \$30.00 and it begins September 17. The new class, taught by Helen Waterman, is also a basic class and is set up from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays for 4 sessions. This series begins September 27, the cost being only \$15.00.

The Fiske Foundation Board feels that this is a great opportunity for new researchers to begin their studies. All three of these teachers have been involved in their personal family research for many years, have had much experience in the teaching field, and will be able to give you a "jump start".

Degory Priest Has Not Returned!

As we mentioned in a recent newsletter, volume 8 of the 5-generation Mayflower series, has left the shelf. This book is an important one in the series and we are hoping for its early return to our shelves. Thank you for your help!

The Search Is On!

The Fiske Foundation Library Board is looking, seeking, and checking "behind every bush" for your hidden talent! We feel we may not be taking advantage of the past experience of some of our members and we really do need YOU! Do you have former library training or experience? Do you have office training or capabilities? Have you been a bookkeeper or accountant? How about publisher of a newsletter? We have need for people with all sorts of capabilities. So please do not hide your talent any longer! Let the person on duty at the library desk know what you would be willing and able to do. There are a variety of needs at the present time. We thank you for your consideration of this situation.

New Microfiche Now Available

Fiske Library has recently received a new **microfiche reader** and we have the following records to assist your research:

District of Columbia Marriages, Early to 1825
 Georgia Marriages, early to 1825
 Illinois Public Domain Land Tract Sales (44 fiche)
 Illinois Marriages, early to 1825
 Indiana, Harrison co. Marriages 1850-1920
 Iowa Marriages, early to 1850
 Kentucky 1890 Veterans Census
 Kentucky Marriages, early to 1800
 Louisiana 1890 Veterans Census
 Maine 1890 Veterans Census
 Maryland 1890 Veterans Census
 Massachusetts, Concord, Rev. Peter Bulkeley (2 fiche)
 Massachusetts Vital records for Cheshire, Enfield, Hancock, Raynham, Savoy, and Paxton (19 fiche)
 Massachusetts Hancock Town Records 1776-1801
 Massachusetts, Savoy Marriage Intentions 1797-1854
 Massachusetts 1890 Veterans Census
 Mayflower Descendant, Index & Vol. 1-34
 Michigan 1890 Veterans Census
 Minnesota 1890 Veterans Census
 Mississippi Marriages, early to 1825
 Mississippi 1890 Veterans Census
 Missouri 1890 Veterans Census
 New York 1890 Veterans Census
 North Carolina Marriages, early to 1800
 Tennessee Marriages, early to 1800
 Texas Marriages, early to 1850
 Texas 1890 Veterans Census
 Vermont Land Grantees, 1759-1803
 Virginia 1890 Veterans Census
 Virginia Marriages, early to 1800
 West Virginia 1890 Veterans Census

This is only a partial list of the microfiche now available at the library. Check the complete list located at the front of the shelf list catalog on the desk. Much microfilm is also available at this time.

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BEGINNING GENEALOGY CLASSES. Several choices being offered this fall:
Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., 8 lessons beginning Oct. 1, taught by Mary Peters, Fee \$30.00
Wednesdays 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., 8 lessons beginning Sept. 17, taught by Carolyn Blount, \$30.00
Saturdays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., 4 lessons beginning Sept. 27, taught by Helen Waterman, \$15.00

NEW ENGLAND INTEREST GROUP Meets monthly, leader Peggy Kleyn. The first meeting scheduled for Saturday, October 4 at 10:00 a.m. Discussion of the coming NEHGS seminar will be the topic to be led by Priscilla Greenlees, who is coordinating the event.

"MASTER" GENEALOGISTS' SEMINAR SERIES - Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Classes begin September 17 with a series on computer usage by Gary Zimmerman, who will be assisted by David Brazier. Students are asked to call the library, 328-2716, to register in advance for this series, as a limited number of persons can be enrolled. Cost \$30 per quarter; \$75 yearly.

FIRST QUARTER SCHEDULE

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| Sept. 17 | I. Orientation to Access to Genealogical Resources through Computers |
| Sept. 24 | II. Strategies for Access to those Sources |
| Oct. 1 | III. Specific Access Points in Genealogy Research |
| Oct. 8 | Case studies with Helen Waterman instructing. Seminar participants may submit problems for evaluation and discussion. |
| Oct. 15 | Field Trip - place to be selected |
| Oct. 22 | Recap of learnings from the New England Seminar on Oct. 17 & 18 |
| Oct. 29 | Military Records I - Federal Resources by Curtis Roselle |
| Nov. 5 | Military Records II - Historical Review by Gary Zimmerman |
| Nov. 12 | Military Records III - Search Strategies by Gary Zimmerman |
| Nov. 19 | "Postcards as a Genealogical Resource" by Jean Roth, past president of Seattle Genealogical Society |

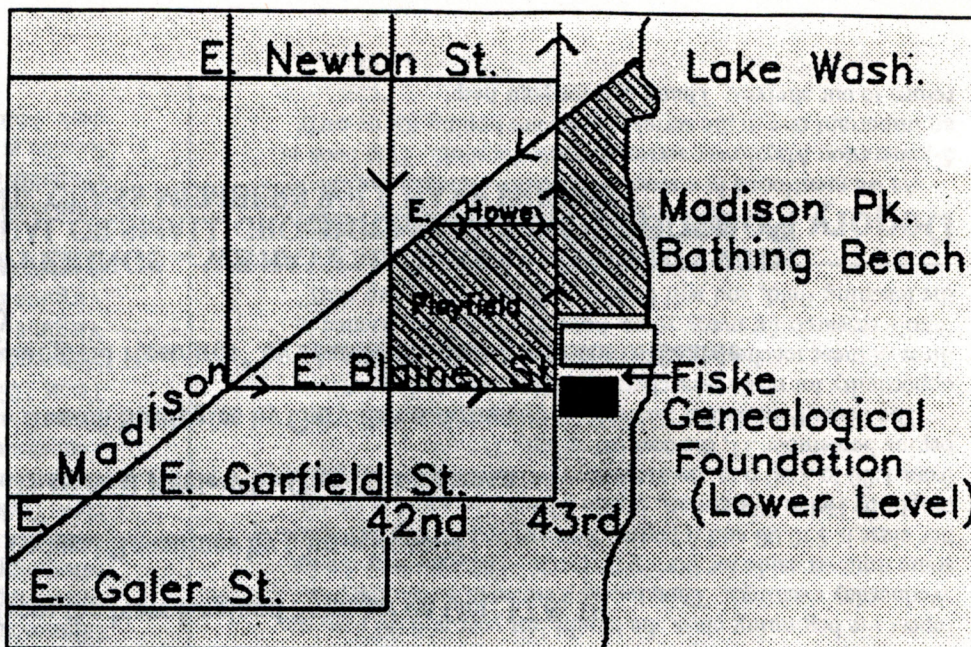
IN ADDITION TO THESE OFFERINGS - WE HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH DAVID BRAZIER FOR INDIVIDUAL OR SMALL GROUP COMPUTER INSTRUCTION ON SATURDAYS BY APPOINTMENT. CLASS MEMBERS WILL HAVE PRIORITY.

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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