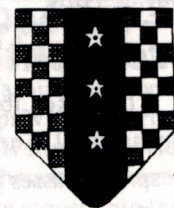




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16th Annual Family History Fair

The Family History Fair, celebrating our diverse heritage, is to be held on Saturday, March 28, 1998 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Washington Pioneer Hall, 1642 43rd Ave. E. in Seattle.

Returning to the tradition of earlier Fiske Fairs, this year's event will place a great emphasis on family history, artifacts, and tradition. Exhibitors are encouraged to keep their exhibits in place the entire day. It is hoped that many displays will include ancestor charts for sharing and discussion.

Visitors to the Fair will find many new and interesting exhibits this year. One table will provide tips and tools to help the beginning genealogies get started. A treat for people of all ages will be six year old Stephany Venard's toy exhibit. Explaining that she has been interested in family history for three years, Stephany described how she plans to "go back in time" to the Depression Era with her collection of toys. This exhibit, entitled "Treasures in the Attic," will be highlighted by her Grandma Hamer's dollhouse, a Ginny Doll which once belonged to her Aunt Diane and a book entitled *A Journey to Jupiter*, from her father's youth. This exhibit will represent childhood treasures of several generations of Stephany's family.

David Brazier, our envoy to New England Historic and Genealogical Society in Boston, will enthusiastically share the significance of Fiske Library's greatly expanded media center which features one new computer with Internet Access as well as numerous records on CD ROM. David's gifts of time, patience and expertise to users of Fiske Library have greatly increased the flow of shared information. David will be assisted by Bill Eberle who each year helps someone find their royal lineage.

Again this year, we are privileged to have Sylvia Gayton-Wesley share her family photographs and memorabilia from a Black Pioneer family in Washington. Another familiar face at this year's Fair will be Curtis Roselle, a favorite lecturer at the Wednesday morning library

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FISKE GENEALOGY CLASSES SPRING QUARTER 1998

Classes meet from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.

Wednesday, April 15:

OHIO State: History, Records and Strategies, Part I

Wednesday, April 22:

OHIO State: History, Records and Strategies, Part II

Wednesday, April 29:

British Origins of American Colonial Ancestors.

Wednesday, May 6:

Canal Era, guest speaker is Shirley Jansen.

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New England Interest, Anyone?

Have you ever wanted to do research at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston or the Connecticut State Library in Hartford? Do you want to shop- at

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Sat. Mar. 7, 10 a.m to 12 m.. . . New England Institute.
Wed. Mar. 18, 12 m. . . Friends of Fiske Library Meet *
Sat. Mar. 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. . . Family History Fair *
Sat. Apr. 4, 10 a.m. to 12 m. . . New England Institute.
Wed. Apr. 15, 10 a.m. First Class Spring Quarter*
Sat. May 2, 10 a.m to 12 m.. . . New England Institute.
Sat. June 6, 10 a.m. to 12 m. . . New England Institute.
Sat. June 6 Close date for Newsletter.
Wed. June 10 Last Class Spring Quarter*

* See article in this Newsletter.

President's Message

The Fiske Library has started the new year of 1998 with a flying start! The winter classes have been very popular, and the spring classes promise to be as interesting.

Outreach to the community continues as marked especially by AKCHO (Association of King County Historical Organizations) meeting at Pioneer Hall with the Pioneer Association, the Daughters of Pioneers, and the Fiske Library as hosts. This Association works hard across King County with the goal of trying to preserve history for the future.

On Saturday, March 28, the annual Fiske Family History Fair will take place. There will be exhibits from old and new contributors who enjoy sharing their passion for genealogical pursuits. The desire to make history personal is important to these participants. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this festive event in Pioneer Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Finally, I would like to emphasize that the Fiske Library is continuing its outreach to Boston to NEHGS (New England Historical and Genealogical Society). David Brazier, director of Fiske Computer Services, is departing on his fourth trip there. He is sharing his Web-based catalog system, developed especially for the Fiske Library, with NEHGS.

Sometime in May, the Library will mark the second year since Arthur Fiske's death. A state-of-the Library meeting will be announced later.

Warmly,

Muriel Winterscheid

President

The Fiske Library board is developing a policy for acquisitions to the library. Members are invited to submit suggestions for this acquisition policy (not to exceed 2 paragraphs) to any board member. These ideas will be utilized in the development of the policy.

Suggestions should be for policy, not for specific books. For example, should the focus be on New England, the Pacific Northwest, or other areas?

Members' input will be appreciated.

Double Your Donations

Boeing employees' or retirees' donations are matched--100 percent for employees and 50 percent for retirees. If you qualify, please be sure to include a Boeing matching gift form with your donation. Perhaps you have friends who qualify and would consider making a tax-deductible gift.

Are you part of another company that has matching funds? If so, contact a Board member so forms can be obtained and FGF can receive approval for their program.

New On The Bookshelf



Santa Claus has been making regular off-season trips to the Library, even though Christmas has long gone. We are still receiving gifts and we are most appreciative of the generosity of our friends. In addition to the acquisitions from the Salt Lake City travelers, the following have been received recently:

Encyclopedia of Northwest Biography
Riverside Remembers (Everett, Washington)
North Bend/Snoqualmie, Washington
Early Days in the Big Bend Country
The American Genealogist (July-October 1997)
Klamath Co. Echoes
Idaho (a short history)
Norsk Amerikanerea-Vikings & Descendants
Scandinavians on the Pacific
Washington Pioneers, Vol. 3
History of South Dakota
Directory of Black Artists
The Source
The Center (Washington, D.C. research)
Pioneer Pickings, Washington Co., Ind.
Death Records for Washington Co., Ind.
Crown Hill Cemetery, Salem, Ind.
Marriage Records, Washington Co., Ind.
Divorce Records, Washington Co., Ind.
Over the Mountain Men (SW. Virginia)
Early Visitors to Southeastern Alaska
Marylanders to North Carolina
Vermont Families in 1791, Vol. II
Men of New Jersey in the Revolutionary War
Map Guide of American Migrations
Lincoln Co., Washington
History of Bristol, N.H., Vol. II
Glossary of terms used in Heraldry
History of Windham, N.H. (2 Vols.)
Tennesseans before 1800, Washington Co.
The Highland Clans
Raymond Family Genealogy
Madawaskan Heritage (Sire Cyr Family)
Charlotte Hall, Md.
The Seeleys of New Brunswick
Browne-Brown Ancestry, Descendants & Biographies

These books were given by Mary Peters, Kathy Benson, Betty Sheeran, Mary Ann Nickell, Mary Stevenson, Jane Green, Jackie Cedarholm, Ruth Fricke, Melvin Brown and the Friends of the Fiske Foundation.

We have also received a number of new computer C.D.'s which space does not permit us to list.

See also Salt Lake City Gleanings on Page 3.

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One-sixteenth page, (3 1/2 x 1") \$7.50

Ads submitted for publication must be in a form ready for printing, and must be submitted prior to the deadline for that issue given on page 1 of the previous newsletter. Send check with your ad to Fiske Genealogical Foundation.

Salt Lake City Gleanings

While in Salt Lake City, the "Trippers" took a few minutes to check with the person at that library who has charge of the disposition of extra publications. This was the inspiration of Ada Evans who was soon joined by Betty Kay Anderson and Mary Stevenson. They met with a very nice lady who showed them only a "few" which were available at that time and told them to check to see if there was anything they could use at Fiske Library. (Foolish Thought!)

After spending some time checking over the shelves, the choices were packed in seven boxes, purchased at an unbelievable low cost, and flown home with the happy Salt Lake Trippers.

Books about the following states and country were obtained for Fiske Library. Come in and check them out.

Alabama, California, Connecticut, Dakota Territory, England, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia.

Special Thanks to Generous Friends

During the past few months Fiske Library has received several monetary gifts for the purchase of new books. Donors included Amy Hendrickson, Mary Peters, and Ardeth Grant. There were also monetary gifts in the amount of \$95.00 placed on the Christmas map at the holiday party. A donation was also made by Betty Kay Anderson's Salt Lake City travelers in memory of Arthur.

These funds will be used very soon for the acquisition of new things and you will be informed. We sincerely thank all these generous people. You add so much to our library.

Update on the Card Files

While compiling our shelf list in the past few months, Mary Peters has generated many thousands of cards to be filed in Arthur's card files. These are cross-references for family names not listed in the book titles, and is the kind of information which can be very valuable in finding that elusive ancestor.

Helen Waterman is diligently toiling away at the HUGE project of filing these cards, and recently a few other volunteers have been assisting her. If you haven't checked this file for your family names recently, it might be worth your time to do so now.

More Bookshelves Needed?

You will notice there is a long, long list of new book acquisitions in this newsletter — and those acquired in Salt Lake City were not even listed. Further, more were received since this paper has gone to press. We are again anticipating the need for new bookshelves. If you would like to participate in this project, your help would be greatly appreciated. Leave your name and number at the library and you will be contacted.

Spring is Coming!

And it will be a good time for your group to spring into the library for a new look at the new books. Call to make arrangements (206) 328 2716.

New Computer Corner Opened

With the beginning of the new year the library saw many many changes. The new lease with the Washington Pioneers gave access to the corner which had been previously curtained off behind the antique display case. Several friends provided the muscles to move the case opening up the entire corner. The microfiche and microfilm readers were moved into the area, as well as two computers. One of these computers is new and new programs are being installed on both computers. This is a great expansion of Fiske Library facilities and it makes 1998 an exciting new year.

What in the World is David up to?

You may have heard some rumors flying about Fiske Library in regard to our computer expert. This is an effort to clarify that situation.

When NEHGS was here in October for the seminar (which was sponsored by Fiske) several members of their staff were given a tour of the library by none other than David Brazier. They were apparently much impressed with his extensive knowledge of both computers and libraries, and they wanted him to have a look at their situation. It seemed that they wanted to get their library catalog on the Internet, and had asked a computer company to check it out. Apparently they had not succeeded in solving the problem. They asked David to come to Boston for a week in November to check out his ideas in regard to their library. They asked him to return in December for another week, and again in January for two weeks.

In short, David is currently involved in working out this process for the New England Historic and Genealogical Society library, and the project is proceeding nicely.

Since David has such a great interest in Fiske Library, it is presently his goal to do the same thing here. As of January 1 he has begun a new cataloging procedure. Of course, it is a tremendous job, but David has much enthusiasm and energy for the task. He is, however, never too busy to let you interrupt with a question about your (or the library's) computers. A vote of thanks to David for applying his expertise to the benefit of all of us.

Friends Meet March 18

A short meeting of the Friends of Fiske Library will be held at noon on Wednesday, March 18. The main purpose will be planning for their participation in the Family Fair on March 28. Your attendance is appreciated.

My, How Times Have Changed

While checking city directories for the 1860's in Salt Lake City the following advertisements were noted:

Burial cases & caskets, (air tight), one of which was a glass model which was to be used for times when relatives would be coming long distances.

Trunks and carpet bags.

Fine linens, Irish and German.

"Foreign" fruits.

Tallow candles, soap and lard oil.

Fluid Inks.

"Steam" candy manufacturing.

Dealers in pure lake ice.

Shirt fronts.

Fancy Dyer and Scourer.

Self-Ventilating refrigerators.

Spring bed-bottom.

Salt Lake City Trippers' Report

Among the most exciting things these 14 travelers found were: The McBrides each found some clues to ancestry they were looking for, some of which were Scottish and records are scarce in Seattle on these people. Ada Evans and her sister Marie spent their time "finding tid bits," but were happy to do so. Susan Larson had a happy surprise when she met a man across the desk who was researching the same family as she was looking for in Ohio. He was a cousin, who down-loaded family information from his computer and gave her a disc full of names. She was, obviously, thrilled. Thelma Cowan spent her time copying reams of information about her people, including the Harmon connection. Ardeth Grant had the most successful trip ever. She discovered her husband's great-grandfather, whom she knew almost nothing about, on a membership list of a small church in Minnesota. The information contained his date of birth, place of birth, and date of immigration, none of which she knew. It made her annual trip a special one this year.

But, most astonishing of all, Betty Kay found her own name on a film in the library. It seems that a person who was fond of his graduating class in Iowa in 1899 had kept track of its members for some 50 years. In his notes were recorded Betty Kay's father, his parents, and his family. This was on a film of miscellaneous notes of the area. Betty Kay is still in a slight state of shock. Everyone who went with the Fiske group this year found something of value, but, obviously the **biggest find** was the 7 boxes of books which flew back to Seattle with them. Ada Evans was responsible for this acquisition and did much of the work in getting them on the plane. Thanks go to both Betty Kay Anderson and Ada.

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classes. Curt has hands-on knowledge of how to search for the military records of ancestors at the National Archives as well as National cemeteries and National Battlefields. He plans to include some tip sheets at his exhibit.

Another exhibitor, Peggy Kleyn, who teaches the New England class once a month at Fiske will provide information on the forms and procedures required for membership in the Mayflower Society. She will also answer questions concerning DAR membership.

Tours of the second floor of the Pioneer Hall will be conducted by some of the Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington. These ladies, dressed in the period clothing of their ancestors will share stories about the families whose lovely antique possessions are displayed here.

The Library will not be open for research on the day of the fair. However computer displays, a Beginning Genealogy Class, and a sales table of library materials will be downstairs in the basement.

In all there will be more than twenty-five exhibits and a great deal of information for family history buffs and genealogists alike. Plan now to come for this 16th annual Fiske Family History Fair.

New Books at the Library Review

Browne-Brown Ancestry, Descendants and Biographies: Thomas Browne 1628-1693 of Lynn Massachusetts and Allied Families by Betty Brown Sheeran. 1971
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This two-volume set of the ancestors of Betty Brown is the result of twenty years of research. Arthur Fiske worked with her for eighteen years gathering information. She traces over 100 of her immigrant ancestors and documents with pictures, wills, certificates of marriage, deaths and births, etc. It includes an every-name index.

Kentucky Ancestry by Roseann R. Hogan

This guide to Kentucky research includes chapters on the early settlement, libraries and archives, Kentucky's constitutions, courts and clerks; birth, marriage and death records; homesteaders, taxpayers and soldiers; women and African-American families; secondary resources and inventory of microfilmed records. Appendices include a bibliography, Kentucky county boundary maps, and a list of journals, magazines and other publication sources.

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Wednesday, May 13:

WASHINGTON State: History, Records and Strategies.

Wednesday, May 20:

ALABAMA & MISSISSIPPI States: History, Records & Strategies

Wednesday, May 27:

Doing Czech or Slovakian Research Here and There.

Guest speaker: Rosie Bodien. Rose is the author of "In the Beginning: STRAKA KURE Family History and has been to Czech Archives three times.

Wednesday, June 3:

Church Denominations and Records. Guest Speaker: Laura Pemberton Sparr

Wednesday, June 10:

WASHINGTON DC: Research Strategies Resources

Gary Zimmerman will be the speaker at all sessions except where guest lecturers are indicated. Please join us on topics that are of interest to you. There is a \$5 charge for attending a single class. The fee for the series is \$30.00 per quarter or \$75.00 for the year (3 quarters).

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Goodspeed's or Higginson's book stores? How about a tour of Plymouth. . . or Newport, Rhode Island. . . or Salem's witchcraft trial site. . . or Mystic seaport, Connecticut? The Fiske Library has organized a trip that includes all of the above and more. It leaves from Sea-Tac on September 29 and returns two weeks later. There will be a full day of Fall Foliage (New England's leaves at their ultimate) sightseeing. Space is limited so sign up early, at \$1,695 the price is right!

With the announcement of the schedule for the trip to New England next fall, it is expected that travelers will want to "brush up" on their New England interests. Therefore, the wonderful classes which Peggy Kleyn is teaching on the first Saturday of each month should definitely be on your schedule these coming months. These are excellent classes and should help persons to pinpoint their particular areas of interest for the fall trip. Remember, 10 A.M. is the time.

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Traditions of Our Ancestors

Computer Applications in Genealogy

Exhibits

Guest Lectures

Admission \$5.00

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