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17th Annual Family History Fair Saturday, April 17

Visitors to the fair will find new and interesting exhibits this year, and the usual congenial, informative hosts. Among the topics to be covered are: the Civil War, State of Washington, New England, Pioneer Families, History of Old Ballard, Immigration, and other areas of historical interest. A special guest for this day will be Henry Hoff, a member of the staff of New England Historic and Genealogical Society, who will be available for consultation regarding New York State research. (One must make previous arrangements to schedule a time for this.) David Brazier, our computer expert, will demonstrate the new Fiske Library cable connection to the Internet.

The library will not be open for research on the day of the fair. However, the computer demonstration, some displays, and the sales table of library materials will be located on the library level. Refreshments will be available.

Exhibitors will keep their exhibits open the entire day. The fee remains a very reasonable \$5.00 for the day.

Exhibits are still being accepted. Please call one of the co-chairmen of the event: Carolyn Blount, at 206-322-1174, or Edith Johnson at 425-746-6305 for further information or contributions.

Put this date on your calendar. You will want to attend this outstanding event.

Spring Quarter 1999 Classes Wednesday Seminar Series

There are an interesting series of seminars planned for the Spring Quarter, meeting on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., starting April 7. The New England Institute, starting May 1, meets on the first Saturday of the month. Please see the flier elsewhere in the newsletter for a complete schedule with topics and times.

Seminar on New York Genealogy Friday, April 16

Henry B Hoff, C.G., F.A.S.G., of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, will lead an all-day seminar, including special presentations on "What's New in New York Genealogy," "Hudson Valley Genealogy," "Long Island Genealogy" and "New York Vital Record Substitutes." The cost of the seminar, including printed handouts, is \$40 for registrations before April 10th and \$50 thereafter. There is a \$10 reduction in each price category for annual members of the Fiske Foundation family and for the Pioneer Association members. Advanced registration is advised.

Henry B Hoff is the Director of Development at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. He also serves as a consulting editor of The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record and as a contributing editor of The American Genealogist. Henry is a trustee and fellow of the New York Genealogical Biographical Society and a trustee of the Board for Certification of Genealogists. His research interests include Long Island, colonial New York and the West Indies. Although his seminar titles focus on downstate genealogy, Henry actually is quite versed in family research in all parts of the state. He has a reputation as a very helpful "consultant" to people working on New York families.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Wed. Apr. 7, 10 a.m. First Class Spring Quarter*
- Wed. Apr. 7, 12 m. Friends Meeting*
- Fri. April 16 Seminar on New York Genealogy*
- Sat. April 17, 10 am to 3 pm Family History Fair*
- Sat. May 1, 10 am to 12 m.
. First meeting New England Institute*
- Sat. June Close date for Newsletter.
- Wed. June 10 Last Class Spring Quarter*

* See article in this Newsletter.

President's Message

Spring is coming on quickly and you will want to be ready for it! Circle the two dates of April 16th and 17th for visiting Pioneer Hall and the Fiske Library. You won't want to miss the seminar on New York Genealogy that will be given by Henry Hoff on that Friday and plan your active participation in the Fiske Fair on the Saturday. You should be proactive and send in your seminar registration today! (If you are working on New York ancestry, you will also want to sign up for a private consultation with Henry Hoff on Saturday.)

Please consider signing up for a table at the Fair and sharing your pet area of genealogical interest with other Fiske friends. If you can't see yourself in a "teaching" mode for the day, be sure to gather up all of your "family-oriented" friends and bring them down to the Fair. It will be a fun time for everyone and you just might take away some new ideas for "springing ahead" on your own family history work.

The Library is experiencing some significant growing pains. Our research desks are filling up more often and our classes are getting more crowded. On some days we have had to set up card tables to accommodate all of the people wanting to work in the Library. The logical thing would be to open the library for additional hours of research time each week, but our volunteer corps is not increasing fast enough to keep pace with the demand. We would really like to get some more "volunteers" who would commit to two four-hour blocks of time per month. If we had five people make that commitment, we could open the Library for another 1/2 day per week. If we had ten such volunteers, we could open up the library for an additional whole day per week, beyond what we are now offering.

The training for volunteers is not that onerous. You become a great help to the newcomers and there is usually enough time to work on your own research as well. You would certainly help the broader genealogical community if you could spare the time. Please call the library and indicate your interest or call me at home at 425-803-0938 to explore the options with you.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will see some of the additional materials added to the Library collection since our last newsletter. Be sure to plan a visit to the Library and look for these new materials. We just may have received another link in your chain of evidence!

Gary A. Zimmerman

President

New On The Bookshelf



Thank-yous go to the following contributors to this large collection of new items for the Fiske Library: Mary Ann Nickell, Mary Peters, Joan Bakeman, Martha Storie, Ruth Wright, Kathy Kerr, and Marge Jodoin.

C-D's and TAPES

Vital Records Index of North America, 1631-1888
 Vital Records Index of the British Isles, 1538-1888
 FTM Rhode Island Genealogies, 1600-1800
 SAR Graves of Revolutionary War Soldiers
 Denni Hiasatel Obituary Index (Czech newspapers)
 1891-1970

FAMILY GENEALOGIES:

The Snedden Saga
 Gen. of the Page Family in Virginia
 Otis Holbrook Rolfe
 Michael McDonnell
 The Sheldon Magazine
 Lomen, Joys & Brandt Families
 Those Who Came Before Us (Hall)
 Joseph Greene of Westerly, R.I.
 Thomas Tracy
 William Warriner of New England
 Descendants of John Drake
 Barber Genealogy, Descendants of Thomas Barber and John Barber.

LOCATIONS:

Founding of Massachusetts
 We Claimed this Land (Portland, Ore.)
 At Rest in Lincoln Co. (Ore.)
 Winneshiek Co., Iowa
 Wood Co., Ohio
 Oregon County Boundary Changes
 Cong. Church in Essex, Mass.
 Pennsylvania, the Keystone State
 Who's Who on the Pacific Coast
 Pioneer Links (IOOF in Wash.)
 Penn's Cove, Whidby Island
 Lewis & Clark H.S., Spokane, 1891-1911
 Pioneer Hist. of Coos & Curry Co., Ore.
 Early Kentucky Land Records
 The Domesday Book
 Mason Co., Texas
 E. Greenwich, R.I. Cemeteries
 Vital Records of Tiverton, R.I.

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One-quarter page (3 1/2 x 4 1/2") \$22.50

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.

South Dakota Publication

If you ordered a copy of the printing of Arthur Fiske's Seminar in South Dakota, please know that these are ready for you to pick up at the library. The cost is still a very nominal \$5.00. Those persons who have not yet received the copy which they ordered are: Claire Burnett, Barbara Giles, Ardeth Grant, Maureen MacDonald, Joyce Nordby, Mary Stoebeck, Ann Tuohy, and Muriel Winterscheid. Please check with the librarian on duty when you come in to get your copy.

Thank You to Eastside Genealogy Society

Recently our president, Gary Zimmerman, was asked to give a presentation to the Eastside Genealogical Society. He covered the three groups presently using the Pioneer Hall, which are the Washington Pioneers, the Daughters of the Pioneers, and Fiske Foundation Library. He gave a wonderful lecture, and much interest was indicated by the audience. After the program several people came up to ask Gary questions, one question of which was, "Would your library like a donation of some periodicals?" It seems that their organization is no longer able to put these on their shelves, so they needed to find a new home for them. As a result of this, Eastside donated a number of boxes of publications to Fiske Library. These periodicals cover a very large area of the United States, as well as some foreign information. Every reader needs to come in to check on "what's new", and take advantage of this wonderful contribution from Eastside.

"Work Days" Big Success!

The two Wednesdays which were set aside in December for volunteers to come to work on library projects were a fantastic success. Many people came and worked diligently to clip periodicals. Unfortunately, the job is not completed, so more "work days" may be scheduled at a later time. A special thank-you goes to the following people who generously gave time for this project: Phyllis Beaulieu, Melvin Brown, Thelma Cowan, Dolores DiLascio, Ada Evans, Marion Lane, Mary Peters, Margaret Porro, Karen Stahl, Mary Stevenson, Ann Tuohy, Helen Waterman, and Gary Zimmerman.

Coming Soon!

Fiske Library computers will soon be connected to the internet, and you will be able to do research thereon at the library. These services are provided by U.S. West, and, of course, this will be an added expense for our limited budget, but the Library board feels it is an important addition to our resources. There will be a charge of \$1.00 for the use of the internet, and use time will be limited only by the number of persons participating on any given day. Details will be available at the Fiske Fair, so be sure to check the computer corner that day.

Gleanings From Salt Lake City

by Betty Key Anderson

Twenty-two avid researchers took off from the Sea-Tac Airport on Thursday, February 4, for the annual Fiske Library Research Tour to Salt Lake City. Escort Betty Kay Anderson reports that at least one-third of the group were first-timers, while probably about one-fourth were "old pros", and the rest lay somewhere in between.

One newcomer hit what he called the "mother lode of mother lodes" and got back from his grandfather in Michigan in 1880 all the way to the 1200's! Many of the group were in the line to enter the library when it opened at 7:30 a.m., and just as many were tromping back to the hotel just as the library closed at 10:00 p.m. each night. Several people spent the entire time "in Norway", but the rest divided their time between being "hooked" on the books on the Main Floor and rolling microfilm after microfilm on the second floor.

Free classes were offered by very expert library personnel about three times each day for about an hour each, and several of our members availed themselves of these special opportunities. The ARC (Automated Resource Center on the Main Floor) now has over 200 genealogical CD-ROMS, with everything from the Vital Records of New York to the Griffith's Valuation of Ireland. Many of the group spent happy hours getting print-outs off the computer in this area, knowing how much it would have cost if they had had to buy the same CD's at home.

On the Sunday day off (when the Library is closed) a record number of eighteen people from the group took in the brunch at the Little America Hotel. They stayed, relaxed and ate from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., when they returned to the hotel to organize their notebooks for the Monday research day. Again, on Monday evening, the Library closed early for Mormon "family night", and the Fiske group went to a fabulous Italian restaurant called Baci ("kiss" in Italian) for a fine meal and more sharing of genealogy between tour members.

In the middle of all of this research and occasional socialization, two of the tour members found time to arrange for a nominal purchase of three huge boxes of books which the Library was discarding. How exciting for the Fiske Library to get some of the hand-offs of the L.D.S. Library!

By Saturday, February 13, everyone was truly "rummy" and tired. The tour leader was so "used up" that she forgot her research notebook in the hotel lobby, and had to ask the van driver to make an extra round-trip airport run to return to the hotel to get it for her. But everyone returned very pleased with all their new finds, and many said they couldn't wait until next year's trip.

"Fresh Look" at The Library

While the library was closed for the "holiday break", a painter was hired to do some "touch-up" painting, which was badly needed. As a result, the paint which was peeling from the furnace pipes and the floor paint which was chipped has all been renewed and once again looks presentable. We thank our president, Gary Zimmerman, for making these arrangements.

E-mail Address For This Newsletter

<listserver@fiske.lib.wa.us> - This is the address to get on the e-mail list to receive the Fiske Newsletter. A few people have signed up, but more are welcome, so just send us an e-mail with your address and we will take your name off the mailing list and put it on the e-mail list!

The Red Line

Postage rates have risen twice in the past six months for the mailing of this newsletter. Therefore, we are finding it necessary to reduce our mailing list (which now consists of over 750 people). If you have not been active in our organization recently, you may find a red line under your name on this publication. If that is the case, you will need to give the library a call to indicate that you wish to remain on our mailing list.

Friends Meeting on April 7

An important meeting of the Friends of Fiske Foundation, will be held at noon on Wednesday, April 7 at the library. At this time plans will be made in support of the annual Fiske Family Fair. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend.

Cont. from Pg.2, Col. 2, New on the Bookshelf

Vital Records of E. Greenwich, R.I.

Vital Records of Little Compton, R.I.

Vital Records of No. Kingston, R.I.

Loyalists of Massachusetts

New England Annals by Towle

PLUS: periodicals from more than 30 states and countries, given by Eastside Genealogical Society!

AND ANOTHER PLUS: Three boxes of books and periodicals were received when the Salt Lake City travelers returned on February 13. Look for these items in the very next newsletter, or come in to look them over!

News From The Snack Bar

Marion Lane has volunteered to take over as the manager of the snack bar at Fiske Library. She will replace Mary Ann Nickell, who has been working at this job for some time, and has earned a much-deserved rest! Marion is the gal who comes in every Monday morning and immediately tidies up the place....so we know she will do a great job of taking care of the goodies. She says, "All suggestions for improvement will be gladly accepted." She also suggests that those who have coffee cups in the drawer, please mark them with your name, as she wants to "tidy up" this area, too Thank you, both Mary Ann and Marian.

Update on Illnesses

Vic Evans is recovering nicely from his recent illness, and has gained over 20 pounds! We are also happy to report that Dick Blount is doing very well in his recovery from heart surgery in December. Mary Ann Nickell will soon be moving into a new home, which will enable her to be a bit more mobile, and will be next door to her daughter, which is good news for her. However, we need to report that Mary Eberle fell in January, and broke her leg just above the knee. She had surgery and was hospitalized for some time, but is presently recovering in the Wedgwood Rehabilitation Center, 9132 Ravenna NE, Seattle 98115.

Our best wishes to all of these friends.

LATEST CONTRIBUTION OF MARY PETERS

She does many things for Fiske Library, but the most recent of these was perhaps the most time-consuming and the most important as far as daily library-users are concerned. In December of 1997 Mary Peters entered into her computer all of the resources of the Fiske collection and printed out a shelf list, which was invaluable. This, obviously, was a very difficult job and took many hours of her time. However, just one year later, that shelf list became almost obsolete, as many additional items had been added to the collection. So, nothing would do but Mary felt she needed to up-date the list, and this she did in January of 1999. She also printed an alphabetical list of titles which is a wonderful help for anyone who is looking for a specific book. These two resources are now located on the counter above the "Rare Books" and are in constant use. This task has taken many hours of time which Mary has generously contributed in spite of her involvement in many other important activities, such as assistance in the planning of the class schedules.

We all owe Mary Peters a special "Thank You" for this, her latest contribution.

Library Membership Cards

Members who have recently paid the yearly fee for library use have probably received a library card. However, there are many people who have been members for many years, who may not have received one of these. Please check with the librarian on duty upon your next visit to the library, and a card will be issued.

TIPS FROM ARTHUR'S TIP SHEETS:

It is important to relate the population of a colony or province to the time frame involved in a genealogical puzzle. The following population estimates on this handy research sheet will serve as a reference:

Population in Colonial Period:

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| 1610 | 210 |
| 1630 | 5,700 |
| 1650 | 51,700 (Decades of large Puritan immigration) |
| 1670 | 114,500 |
| 1680 | 155,600 |
| 1700 | 275,000 |
| 1730 | 655,000 (Decades of great immigration from Ireland and Germany) |
| 1770 | 2,205,000 |
| 1800 | 5,310,000 (Includes 900,000 slaves) |
| 1830 | 12,865,000 |
| 1850 | 23,191,876 (Immigration from famine countries; also revolution in Germany) |
| 1880 | 50,155,783 (Large influx of immigrants from Northern Europe, & Scandinavia) |
| 1900 | 75,995,000 |

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SPRING QUARTER 1999 CLASSES

Wednesday Seminar Series

All classes will meet from 10:00 am to 12 noon in the Fiske Library (located in the Madison Park neighborhood). The ten-session quarter has a tuition fee of \$30.00, although individual sessions may be attended for \$5.00 each. All sessions are led by Gary A Zimmerman, unless otherwise indicated.

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| April 7 | England and Wales I: Civil Registration |
| 14 | England and Wales II: Parish Registers |
| 21 | England and Wales III: Census and Probate Records |
| 28 | Doing Genealogy in Wisconsin I |
| May 5 | Doing Genealogy in Wisconsin II |
| 12 | Going to the Source: Where Your Ancestors Lived Presented by Eldon Davis |
| 19 | Heraldry Presented by Chris Webber |
| 26 | Organizing Your Records, by Mary Peters |
| June 2 | Quaker Records, by Velma Rice |
| 9 | Discussion of Research Strategies for Current Problems Problems proposed by seminar participants |

The first three seminars this quarter will each begin with a videotape from the England and Wales series of educational materials from Video Knowledge. The video presentations are presented by special arrangements with the distributors. Each video will be followed by focused seminar discussion on that day's topic.

NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE
Spring Quarter 1999

Persons interested in New England genealogy may meet with Peggy Kleyn on May 1st and June 5th, in the Fiske Library, from 10:00 am to 12 noon. Specific topics to be discussed are set in consultation with the participants in the Institute. Normally held on the first Saturday of each month, the Institute will waive its meeting in April and recommend student attendance at the New York Genealogy seminar.

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Friday, 16 April 1999

9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Pioneer Hall

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“What’s New in New York Genealogy?”

“Hudson Valley Genealogy”

“Long Island Genealogy”

“New York Vital Record Substitutes”

Advance registration is advised

Attendance is limited for the comfort of participants

Printed handouts are included in the price of registration

Midday break for meals on your own in area restaurants

Registration: \$40 before April 10th, \$50 thereafter

(Annual members of the Fiske Foundation receive a \$10 discount)

Henry Hoff will be available for 30 minute private consultations

on Saturday, April 17th, during the Fiske Fair 99

Call the Fiske Library for details and to reserve a time for consultation

Private Consultations are \$25 per 1/2 hour session

Mail your reservation now to Fiske Library, 1644 43rd Ave E, Seattle WA 98112-3222
(Enclose check made payable to Fiske Genealogical Foundation)

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Fiske Association members and Pioneer Association members pay \$30; all others, \$40
All persons desiring private consultation on Saturday add an additional \$25