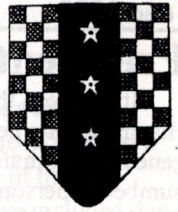




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## SEMINARS TAKE SUMMER BREAK

The 1998-99 Wednesday morning seminars ended their season with a "problem-solving" session and a "pedigree party" on June 9th. Classes will commence again on September 22, 1999. Mary Peters and Gary Zimmerman are working on the speaker schedule for the 1999-2000 seminars now. They have been asking potential students for input on which topics would be of most use to those who will be attending the classes. It is not too late to submit a suggestion for inclusion on that new schedule.

The new schedule will be posted on the Fiske Library website <<http://www.fiske.lib.wa.us>> when it is completed and will be featured in the next Newsletter.

## ANNUAL MEETING FOR LIBRARY MEMBERS

All members of the Fiske Family are invited to come to the Library on September 26, 1999, for the annual report on the progress of the organization and a look at the planning for the year ahead. In the past this has been done in late June and has been mostly a retrospective report on the previous 12 months of library activity. By rescheduling this "report" to the beginning of the new cycle in September, we can provide the best look at what to expect in the year ahead. More details will be included in the next newsletter. Please save the date, for a late afternoon meeting in the Library.

## LIBRARY OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS

With the kind help of volunteer Carlaine Van Allen, the Fiske Library will now be open on the second Sunday of each month, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This coincides with the monthly open house of the Pioneer Association Museum on the upper floors of Pioneer Hall. Why not visit their collections and do a little research on your family on the same day. We appreciate this extra effort on the part of Carlaine. Thank you!

The Library will be closed on three separate days in our normal schedule this summer. Please plan accordingly. There will be no Library access on Monday, July 5th, in honor of Independence Day, on Monday, September 6th, in honor of Labor Day, or on Saturday, July 31st, in honor of Fiske Volunteers. This last date is the day of the annual picnic for Fiske members and their friends. So save the dates in July, August and September for the Sunday afternoon openings and make up for the lost research time that you will now spend with your families on the traditional summer holidays!

## TRAVEL NEWS

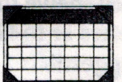
In addition to our annual research trip to Salt Lake City, the Fiske Library is putting together another tour to the Midwest in the Fall of 2000. Our travel consultant, Betty Kay Anderson, is anxious to make certain that all possible tour participants have the opportunity for input into the places (library, historical, genealogical societies, etc.) that we will visit. A tentative itinerary of two weeks will likely include: Newberry Library in Chicago, Ill., Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, Ind., Filson Club in Louisville, Ky., Illinois Historical Society Library in Springfield, Ill., Ohio Genealogical Society in Mansfield, Ohio, and the Indiana State Library and Indiana Historical Society Library in Indianapolis, Ind.

Betty Kay can be reached at (360) 848-2537, or <[bettykay@hctc.com](mailto:bettykay@hctc.com)>, or 10111 E. State Route 106, Union, WA., 98592, with your suggestions.

## COMPUTING RESOURCES

Through the donation of a generous financial gift from Dr Loren C. Winterscheid and his wife, Muriel Winterscheid, past president of the Fiske Foundation, the Library is able to move forward with its plan to expand the computer area. Additional computers and an enhanced printer will soon be on line in the northwest corner of the Library. There will be a computer workstation for the staff to use and eventually a dedicated computer will offer the catalog and shelf-list in electronic format. Mary Peters has contributed another computer table for this area and our resident computer guru, David Brazier, has designed an extended local area network to provide Internet access to all of the workstations. If you haven't noticed yet, the Fiske Library web site, with the fine hand of webmaster Marjorie Jodoin supervising, has been greatly expanded at <<http://www.fiske.lib.wa.us>> and will continue to present the Library to the world.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Mon. July 5, Library Closed	Holiday, Independence Day *
Sun. July 10, 1 pm to 4 pm	Library Open *
Sat. July 31	Fiske Picnic, Library Closed *
Sun. Aug. 14, 1 pm to 4 pm	Library Open *
Mon. Sept. 6, Library Closed	Labor Day Holiday *
Sun. Sept. 11, 1 pm to 4 pm	Library Open *
Wed. Sept. 22	Start of Fall Quarter Classes *
Sun. Sept. 26	Fiske Annual Meeting *

\* See article in this Newsletter.

## President's Message

It has been three years already since Arthur Fiske died. His dream of a permanent home for his collection of genealogical materials seems ever more viable and the number of persons touched by his energetic support for the discipline continues to grow. The collection is healthy, the research space continues to be improved, the enrollment in classes at the Library is increasing, and the daily use of the facility is booming. There were several days this Spring when more than 30 persons had been in to do research in one day.

The single most important factor in maintaining a stable future for the Fiske Library is a core of active, enthusiastic "annual members" who believe in the work of the Foundation and in the value of the research collection. By attracting new members into association with the Library, the vision of Arthur Fiske can be carried forward into the future.

Each one of us can make a significant step toward this goal by recruiting just one more member for the Library before the fall season arrives. It is as simple as that: help one more person find value in the library and convince them to join as an annual member.

Start by thinking of your friends and acquaintances who are working on their own family history. Perhaps they already are in a local genealogical society with you now. Invite them to come with you for a day of working in the Fiske collection. Follow up with a personal invitation from yourself, asking them to consider becoming a member for the next year. When they have said "yes," bring them back with yourself for a second visit. (We have to cultivate the "habit" of using the Library....)

Thanks to all of you who have carried this work forward for another year. Arthur would be very pleased with what you have accomplished!

*Gary A. Zimmerman*  
President

## DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE GENEALOGY LIBRARY?

Have you ever worked in a genealogy library, of about the same size as The Fiske Library, that really impressed you with the way the collection was laid out and the way in which you could use their catalog? If so, we would like to hear about it. As we plan on automating our catalog and as we cope with a rapidly increasing collection, we want to find the best systems available. We hope to visit several libraries and compare notes on how they assemble their catalog and how they shelve their resources. Please send a message to Mary Peters or to Gary Zimmerman at the Library with your suggestions. Jan Olson, a professional librarian by day and a Fiske researcher in her off hours, is helping us to explore those options.

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## New On The Bookshelf



PLEASE NOTE: Because of the long list of donations this past few months, the periodicals and a few of the less genealogically significant books have been omitted from this list. It will be worth your time to come into the library to check areas of interest for new periodicals.

### Family Histories

The VanBenthuyzen Genealogy  
Descendants of George Spear, 1642-1988

### Books

(Washington State Records)

Whatcom County Territorial Auditor's Census 1871, 1885, 1887 and 1889

Washington Women, Vol. I and II

(Norwegian)

Cassell's Dutch Dictionary

Ole Rynings True Account of America

My Ancestors were Quaker

Handy Guide to Austrian Genealogical Records

Norwegian American Studies, 3 volumes

Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches

### LOCATIONS

Using Pennsylvania German Church Records

Philadelphia Quakers 1681-1981

Passengers and Ships prior to 1684 (Pa.)

Berks Co. Pa. Area Key

History of Reed Church, Northumberland Co., Pa.

Annals of Harrisburg, Pa.

Church Records of the United Church of Christ, Lancaster, Pa.

1847 History of Northumberland Co., Pa.

1843 History of Schuylkill Co., Pa.

1843 History of Chester Co., Pa.

1848 History of Dauphin Co., Pa.

History of Mudd Creek Reformed Congregation, Lancaster Co., Pa.

Quaker Records, Berks. Co., Births & Deaths

Quaker records, Marriages in Berks Co.

Quaker arrivals in Pennsylvania

Some of the first settlers of the forks of the Delaware

A Brief History of Schaefferstown, Pa.

Springfield, Pa. churches 1751 to 1953

Will Books and Intestate Records of Lancaster Co., 1729-1850

Fayette Co., Pa. Newspaper Extracts

Sparta, New York Presbyterian church

Colonial Chesapeake Bay Society

The Barbour Collection of Connecticut:

Vol. 14, Goshen, Granby and Greenwich

Vol. 15, Griswold & Groton

Vol. 16, Guilford

Vol. 17, Haddam, Hamden, Hampton

Vol. 18, Hartland, Harrington, Hebron

History of Harvard, Mass.

Marriage Records of 4 Reformed Congregations of Columbia Co., N.Y.

1860 Gazetteer of New York State

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## Summer Fiske Picnic on Schedule

Although she is very busy planning trips for us genealogists, Betty Kay Anderson is not too busy to extend an invitation to friends of the Fiske Library for a picnic at her home again this year. The date for the gathering will be Saturday, July 31. Her home is on Hoods Canal two miles west of Twanoh State Park, so it makes for a nice day-long event to drive over there and spend the day with friends on the waterfront. Again the picnic will be pot-luck, so look up your very best recipe and bring it to share. The time set is 11 a.m. If you need driving directions, either call the library or Betty Kay at 360-898-2537. Her address is E 10111 Highway 106, Union, WA. See map on pg 5.

## REMEMBER OUR ILL MEMBERS

It is a pleasure to report that Mary Eberle, who broke her leg in January, has now returned to her home and is convalescing nicely, under the watchful eye of her husband, Bill Eberle.

Mary Ann Nickell now has moved into a smaller home near her daughter. Since Mary Ann is unable to get to the Library as often as she has in the past, you may want to write to her by e-mail at [mnickell@ptinet.net](mailto:mnickell@ptinet.net) or by post at her new address 3231 357th Ave SE, Fall City, Washington 98024.

## VOLUNTEER WORKSHOPS

On June 16th, all of the Fiske Library Volunteers were able to participate in either of two workshops offered that day to review the procedures for improved use of the library collection and facilities. Everything from replacing the toner in the photocopier to reshelving the books in a reproducible way was on the agenda. Providing better service to the customers who want to do research was the main objective of the day. The session will be repeated early in the Fall for anyone else who may be interested in serving as a volunteer in the Library. But you can still serve this summer if you have a spare 1/2 day or even a full day... just call Ada Evans at 206-932-7449 or call the library at 206-328-2716. Your hours of service will be greatly appreciated.

## IN MEMORIAM....

Norman Harvey and his wife, Esther Harvey, attended Arthur Fiske's genealogy classes for many years. Recently, they both have been living in a retirement home in Shoreline, north of Seattle. Norm passed away on April 21st. In addition to the widow, Norm is survived by two married sons, five grandchildren and a brother and sister. Norm was a retired commander in the US Naval Reserve.

Victor J Evans, husband of active Fiske volunteer Ada Evans, was a frequent visitor to the library. He would play his violin at Fiske social functions and he painted cards with incredible scenery that were offered for sale to benefit the Library. Vic passed away on May 3rd. Besides his wife, Vic is survived by two sons, a daughter, and two grandsons and a sister.

Professionally, Vic was the chief chemist at the Fisher Flouring Mills on Harbor Island in Seattle, but avocational, he was a musician. He played the violin in the Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra for 38 years and he played in several chamber music groups. In addition to his watercolors, he also made violins and violas. He made his first violin at age eighteen and played it until his retirement.

We will miss these two supporters of the Fiske Library and we offer our condolences to their widows, Esther Harvey and Ada Evans.

## THE COLLECTION IS GROWING

Many generous friends have donated books and periodicals during the past few months. Some of these new books are enumerated elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter, but none of the new periodicals are included due to space limitations. There are genealogical society publications from Maryland, Nebraska, New York and Pennsylvania among these new acquisitions. (Even the new catalog issued in January already is several hundred entries out of date!)

Special thanks go to Lynne Elfendahl for the contribution of her late brother's collection of French Canadian and Scandinavian resources. The vital records and historical works on Quebec and the French in North America are a major addition to the Library. If you are following French-Canadian roots you will want to explore this material. (Caution: much of the new collection is available only in French.) The Elfendahl gift also included district histories and family lineage books from Norway and Sweden, but there are no English translations for most of that material either.

Claudia and Robert Erdman recently moved to new quarters and in the process of consolidating their treasures offered the Library boxes of genealogical resource material from Claudia's years of work on Pennsylvania and German research. These new resources are shelved and available for use in their respective sections of the Library. (Long time associates of the Fiske Library will remember the Erdman's as the landlords of the previous library space of the Fiske collection.)

Ada Evans recently steered another major gift toward the Library involving a considerable number of vital records from New York State counties and local histories from that area. That collection is still being processed but will be available for research use in just a few weeks. Hazlehurst Beezer brought the Library together with donors of an extended run of the Social Register, which has considerable family information for persons in Philadelphia and New York.

We should not overlook the book, cd rom and video tape contributions from Mary Ann Nickell, Mary Peters, Jackie Cedarholm, Merl Nellist, Martha Osborne, Mary Stevenson and Gary Zimmerman. We also have traded "duplicate" books from our collection for "duplicate" books at the Heritage Quest Library in Sumner, to the mutual benefit of both collections.

A very warm thank you is extended to each of our resource donors and to the friends who "broker" the connections with potentially useful additions to the collection. Yes, we have added more book shelving and we have had to relocate some parts of the collection to accommodate the growth. But if you weren't aware of these shifting shelf spaces, it is a clear sign that you are not coming into the Library often enough. Plan to spend some of your summer in the cool work space of the Fiske Library.

**Cont. from pg 2, col. 2, New on the Bookshelf**

Niskayana Reformed Church, Schenectady, N.Y.  
 Zion Lutheran Church, Athens, N.Y. Linlithgo Reformed Church, Livingston, N.Y.  
 Reformed Church, Kinderhook, N.Y. Red Hook, Rivoli, Mellenville & Linlithgo Reformed Churches  
 Reformed Church, Marbletown, N.Y.  
 Low Dutch Church of Klyn Esopus, Ulster Park, N.Y.  
 Reformed Church, Rhinebeck, N.Y., Baptist  
 Reformed Church, Middleburgh, N.Y.  
 Cemetery Guide for the Davenport Hist. Area  
 History of St. Lawrence & Franklin Co., N.Y.  
 Marriages in New Lebanon, New York  
 Greene Co., N.Y., (Four churches)  
 Reformed Dutch Church of New Hackensack, Dutchess Co.  
 Katabasa & Saugerters Reformed Church, Ulster Co., N.Y.  
 Tompkins Co., N.Y. Church Records  
 Brick Reformed Church, Montgomery, Orange Co., N.Y.  
 New Paltz Records of Ulster Co. Churches  
 Dutch Reformed Church, New Hurley, Ulster Co.  
 Albany Co. & Greene Co., N.Y. Churches & Cemeteries  
 Rochester Reformed Church, Accord, Ulster Co., N.Y.  
 New York State Area Key  
 Calendar of Wills 1626-1836, State of New York  
 Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, Shawongunk, Ulster Co.  
 First Reformed Church, Fishkill & Hopewell, Dutchess Co.  
 Wilderness Road Cemeteries (Ky., Tenn., Va.)  
 Kentucky Records - Early Wills & marriages  
 Missouri research Guide  
 Genealogical research in Maryland  
 Black Baltimore  
 100 Years of the Hilda Methodist church, Mason Co., Texas  
 Guilford Co. Deed Books #1 & 2 (No. Car.)  
 index to 1900 Van Zandt Co. Fed. Census (Texas)  
 Early Births, 1872-1900 Van Zandt Co., Texas  
 Mason Co. Census Records, 1860-1870, 1880 (Texas)  
 Population schedule of US Census of 1850, Jefferson Co., Tenn.  
 Alabama Genealogical Sources  
 Colorado DAR member & ancestor Index  
 Men of the Pacific Coast (1902)  
 History of Malheur Co., Oregon  
 Cemeteries of San Juan Co., N.M.  
 Cemeteries of Eastern Lewis Co., Idaho  
 Grand Island Story (Alger Co., Mich)  
 The Nebraska Cattlemen, Obituaries & Early Pioneers  
 History of St. Paul & Ramsey Co., Minn.  
 Jones co., Iowa various records  
 Cemeteries of Center-Manchester townships, Morgan Co., Ohio  
 Putnam Co., Ohio Cemeteries  
 Tombstone Inscriptions from Tymochetee township, Wyandot Co., Ohio  
 Official Roster of Soldiers of American Revolution, Ohio  
 Inscriptions from Greenwood Cemetery, Reedsburg, Wisc.  
 Roster of Ohio Soldiers in War of 1812  
 Scotch-Irish family research made simple  
 Monumental Inscriptions, Isle of Man  
 Handy Book of Parish Law

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Land and Window Tax Assessments  
 Militia Lists & Musters (British Isles)  
 Poll Books 1696-1872 ( Britain)  
 Local Census Listings 1522-1930  
 Local newspapers 1750-1920 (Britain)  
 Nottinghamshire, Eng. E. Retford Registration

**Tidbits from Arthur's Files**

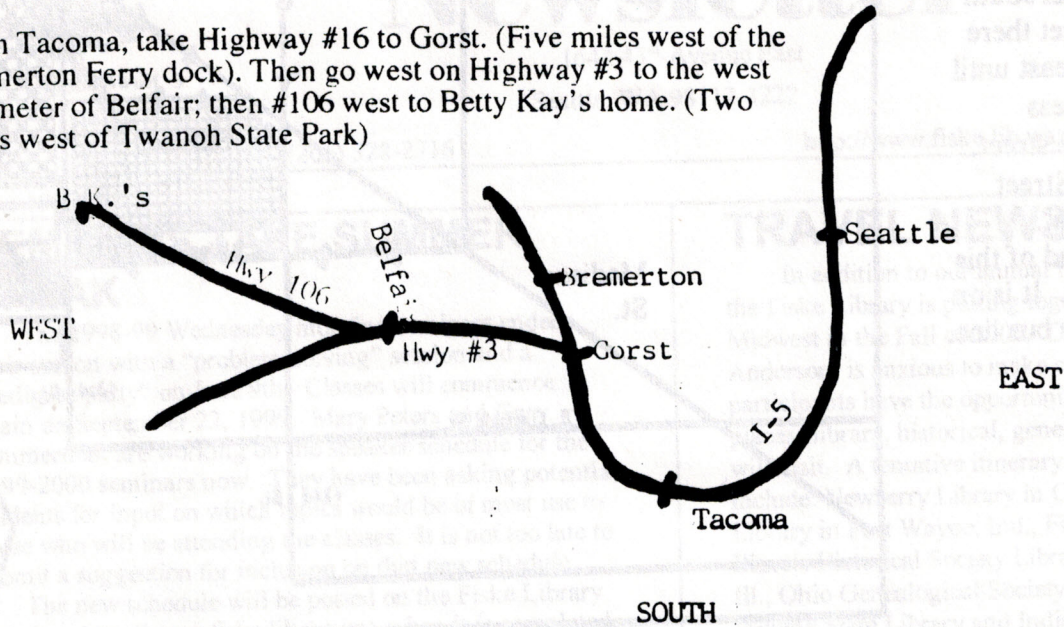
*A new feature of the Newsletter which we hope to continue.*

Scholarly Abbreviations and Terms used in Genealogical Research:

Ante Before in time  
 cf. Compare  
 V.D.M. Clergyman, especially in Presbyterian and Dutch Reformed churches  
 e.g. Example  
 et al And others  
 et seq. And what follows  
 et ux And wife  
 ff. Following  
 f. Folio (sheet in original)  
 ibid In the same place  
 ib. Abbreviation for ibid.  
 hiatus A break, vacancy or gap in a record  
 c, ca Circa, or about, regarding dates  
 Inst. Instant, as in present month  
 Ult. Ultimo (last), as in previous month  
 op.cit. Opus citatum - in the work cited or quoted  
 i.e. That is  
 liber (L) Book or volume  
 ob. Obit. (died)  
 R.I.P. Requiescat in pace (rest in peace)  
 viz. Videlicet (namely)  
 Mss. Manuscript  
 vide infra See below  
 vide supra See above  
 Post After  
 ch. Chapter  
 Esq. Esquire  
 J.P. Justice of the Peace  
 O.H.M.S. On his Majesty's service  
 L. Latin  
 O.E. Old English  
 O.F. Old French  
 C.R. Church Record  
 Ct.R. Court Record  
 G.R. Grave Record  
 d.s.p. Died sine prole (without surviving issue)  
 non compos mentis (not of sound mind)  
 R.C. Roman Catholic  
 P.E. Protestant Episcopal  
 M.E. Methodist Episcopal  
 M.P. Methodist Protestant  
 C.P.C Cumberland Presbyterian church  
 U.P. United Presbyterian  
 U.B. United Brethren in Christ  
 Anglican - Church of England

# THE WAY TO THE PICNIC JULY 31

From Tacoma, take Highway #16 to Gorst. (Five miles west of the Bremerton Ferry dock). Then go west on Highway #3 to the west perimeter of Belfair; then #106 west to Betty Kay's home. (Two miles west of Twanoh State Park)



## WHAT IS YOUR AREA OF INTEREST?

We are currently taking a survey of areas of interest of our library users with the thought of acquisitions in those areas. Therefore, we hope you will fill out the form below and return it to the library as soon as convenient.

### THE STATES AND COUNTIES IN WHICH I AM MOST INTERESTED:

state	county	county	county	county
1 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5 _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Thank you.