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About Our Web Page

Marge Jodoin has been quietly expanding our web site. She has recently added the shelf list for the state of Connecticut, and will be doing the entire library eventually. However, this is a very BIG JOB, so have patience! Also, it is constantly changing with the new acquisitions, so that makes it even more difficult. When completed, one should be able to find all the library holdings at this site, which is www.fiske.lib.wa.us. Mary Peters has been working with Marge on the project and we owe them a big thank you for the hours they have spent in this effort. The web site also includes the surplus books we have available for sale, as well as the class schedules. Better check it out!

Last Call for Salt Lake City Trip

Betty Kay Anderson has requested that persons wishing to go to Salt Lake City in February of 2000 should send in the deposit by December 15. A number of persons have signed up at this time, but more can be accommodated. This trip is a wonderful way to do your family research at a very reasonable cost with congenial companions.

An excellent class was held at Fiske Library on December 1 regarding research at the LDS library there. Gary Zimmerman reviewed web sites which can help you prepare and save your research time while there. If you missed this class, Gary will be speaking to the computer interest group at Seattle Genealogical Society on the same topic at 10. a.m. on Saturday, February 12. Contact SGS for details.

Let it Snow, Let it Snow!

If it snows, or the weather is otherwise very unpleasant for travel to the library, and you wish to come in, it would be a good idea for you to call the library (206-326-3218) to be sure it is open that day. Many of our volunteers travel a long distance to open the library and it may not be possible for them to get there if there are bad roads. Just call first, to be sure, before you come in. Thank you.

Holiday Party at Library

Please come to the library on Wednesday, December 15, for a little social gathering with a "Merry Christmas to all". Cookies and punch will be served and you will have an opportunity to give a Christmas gift to the library if you wish to do so. The party begins at 1 p.m.

Interested persons who like to open surprise packages are asked to come in at 10l. a.m. At that time 5 boxes of Arthur Fiske's papers will be opened to explore what they contain which may be added to the shelves.

Perhaps one of those boxes will contain a little Christmas "goody" for you!



Library Closed for Christmas Break

Fiske library will be closed and classes suspended from December 19 to January 3 for the holidays. This time will be used to do some minor renovations, perhaps painting and carpet-laying. The library will reopen on Monday, January 3, at 10 a.m., and classes will begin on Wednesday, January 12.

CALENDAR OF EVENT



- Wed, Dec. 15 Christmas Party at Fiske Lib. *
- December 18 to January 2 Library Closed Holiday *
- Wed, Jan. 12 Winter Quarter Classes Start *
- Wed, Mar 8, 12 m Fiske Friends Meeting *
- Sat. Feb. 12 Close Date for Next Newsletter.

* See article in this Newsletter.

President's Message

TIME FOR GENEALOGY

A new millennium dawns, whether you believe it starts on January 1st 2000 or on January 1st 2001. It affords an unique opportunity for reflection. How do you deal with time and its passage?

Genealogists are concerned with time. They start with a living person and they trace the family line back in time. With each new generation they feel a sense of satisfaction. They may have only added another 20 or 30 years to the "time-line" for that lineage, but that represents real progress in their quest for "roots." Most families of European descent are no more than ten or twelve generations from the "old" country and we take great pride in being able to trace each step of that line back to the family origin.

Our sense of "time" is in part cultural. My son-in-law is Asian and he knows his genealogical roots back for 28 to 30 generations, taught to him in the form of a poem that was originally written several hundred years ago. It appears that everyone in that culture shares a common sense of awareness of specific persons over many centuries in their family line.

Two thousand years ago, at the start of the Christian era, seems too remote for credible genealogical work. Yet at the time of Christ, the pyramids at Giza already had been a tourist attraction for over 2500 years! Time is closely tied to your point of view!

So we come to a New Year, a new century, a new millennium. My wish for each and every member of the Fiske Library Family is that it be a happy and prosperous New Year. May you each find the next generation backwards on your line (and if you continue to support the library as you have done in 1999, I wish you two generations' success!).

Gary Zimmerman

President

A REMINDER

As announced in the last newsletter, open hours for Fiske library have been expanded. They are now Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday from noon to 8 p.m., Thursday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The library is also open on the 2nd Sunday afternoon of each month from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., which coincides with the time the Pioneer Museum upstairs is open. Please make a note of these new hours for your future use.

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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.

New On The Bookshelf



GENEALOGICAL GUIDES

1815 Directory of Va. Landowners
1996 Update to Register of Huguenot Ancestors
Cyclopedia of Methodism
Flintlock & Tomahawk (King Phillips' War)
Heraldry
NEHGS Circulating Library Catalogs
Pictorial History of New England
Seafaring Women
Ships of our Ancestors
Strangers from a Secret Land (Welsh in Canada)
Surname Index to 65 volumes of Col. & Rev. Pedigrees
Welsh Administrative & Territorial Units

FAMILIES

Avery*
Coleman*
Cook*
Cox*
Crawford*
Edwards (Sagebrush Heritage)
Hamilton*
Hammond*
Heath*
Henderson*
Herman*
Herring*
Howe*
Hubbard*
Hulse notebook
Hurley (Vol. 2)
Husbrook
Johns*
Kent*
Kerr*
Kirby*
Lewis*
Moody*
Nelson*
Page*
Pickett
Pugh*
Richardson*
Shelburne
Strong*
Terry*
Warren (Mayflower Families-5 generations) Vol. 2
Webster*
White*
Woodward*

* Indicates AGRI books

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About the Tacoma Public Library

A group of students from Fiske Library journeyed south to the Tacoma library on Wednesday, November 10. The director of their genealogy department, Gary Reese, told about the holdings of the library in his department, which includes early Washington history. Among those holdings are historical maps of Washington, some territorial survey plat books, city directories, and an extensive obituary and "people" file. Persons with early Washington interests would be well-advised to consult with this department of this library.

The library also has many basic genealogical sources, such as the Hale collection, Barbour index and many other popular sources. Family histories are located on the shelves with locations - the Dewey decimal system is used for shelving books. Several film and fiche readers are available. The library is quite easy to locate, and it can be a pleasant, worth-while experience to go there

Gift from Salt Lake City

Three or four years ago while the Fiske library group was in Salt Lake City some of the members, namely Betty Kay Anderson, Mary Stevenson, and Ada Evans, decided to check with the person who has charge of their surplus materials to see if there was anything available to purchase for the use of our library. At that time they made the acquaintance of the lady who has this responsibility and were able to purchase several boxes of books to bring home. However, during the conversation, she said that every fall they give their surplus materials to other libraries. Mary asked if our library might be placed on the list of those who were given this opportunity and, as a result, last year we received a few books. This fall we again received their list, made some requests, and recently received about 20 books. These are all gifts, the only cost being the postage involved in shipping the materials to Seattle. The Family History Library in Salt Lake City is most generous with their surplus materials, and they seem to prefer to make a gift to other libraries rather than selling the items to the general public. This has been a real "extra bonus" added to the Salt Lake City tour groups' accomplishments and we much appreciate these gifts

Hartford Times Genealogy Column

At the recent Tacoma-Pierce County Gen. Soc. Seminar, Mary Peters was given several years' of the cut-out newspaper column along with archival pages and glue to make scrapbooks. Some years have already been put into e scrapbook, but five or six years remain to be done. The column was a weekly one, so there is a lot of glueing to be done. If anyone would like to volunteer for the job, call Mary Peters at 206-784-8403 to arrange to get the materials.

Library Open

The library will be open on both M.L.King's Birthday and Presidents' Day Holidays.

For New England Researchers

Included on the list of acquisitions in this issue are three things which should be of special interest to you. As you probably know, the Barbour collection of Vital Records for Connecticut is being printed in book form. These are alphabetical by the name of the towns, and we recently received the latest publication, which includes the towns beginning with the letter "L". We intend to continue to acquire these as they become available.

Also, you will notice a large collection of Vital Record books for Massachusetts towns. Henry Hoff, of NEHGS, (who came here to give a seminar on New York State) has been instrumental in filling the vacancies in our collection. In this issue you will see 20 new books which have been added to our collection.

Henry Hoff also forwarded a copy of the "Lane Manuscripts" as a gift from NEHGS to the Fiske library. This compilation of the vital records to 1850 of all Massachusetts towns, listed alphabetically by surname, was prepared over many years by Evelyn Lane, a friend of the library in Boston. This is a tremendous finding aid, for Fiske Library users can now go from the Lane Index to a volume of vital records for a specific town. It eliminates much arduous hunting. Come try it out! Many thanks to Henry Hoff and our friends in Boston.

Vanishing Generations

The Nordic Heritage Museum, Ballard Historical Society, and the Swedish-Finn Historical Society have entered into a joint project called "Vanishing Generations." This project was recently recommended for full funding by a city-wide review committee. The goal of the project is to interview immigrants to Ballard or first generation family members who remember stories their parents told of the experience as an immigrant. The project includes Scandinavian immigrants as well as other nationalities who immigrated and eventually settled in Ballard.

The first step is to gather the names, addresses and phone numbers of approximately 200 people who might be interviewed. If you or someone you know might qualify, please send the information to Susan Cook, president, Ballard Historical Society, % Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014 N.W. 67th St., Seattle, Wa. 98117.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to be an interviewer, performing clerical duties, or working with the archives in relation to the processing of the tapes, transcripts and photographs and the proofreading of the publication, please send your name, address, and phone number to Gordon Strand at the Nordic Heritage Museum at the above address.

Help Wanted!

The Eastside Genealogical organization is planning an event to be held at Crossroads Mall in March. This will consist of a number of tables of various genealogical interest and help. Fiske Library board has been asked to have a table at that event, so your help would be much appreciated. It is suggested that each person work a two-hour shift. If you are able to do this, please contact Carolyn Blount, at 206-322-1174 for further details. The date is Saturday, March 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BOOK REVIEW ESPECIALLY FOR PENNSYLVANIA

"Book Reviews" usually are about books which have been published. This review, however, is about two large notebooks located at Fiske Library which are a much different format. They consist of clippings from a genealogical column, "Our Keystone Families", published by the Press and Journal newspaper of Rehrersburg, Pa. for some years. If you have early Pennsylvania ancestry you need to check these books. The weekly columns from 1983 to 1995 have been clipped and filed according to the year of publication. Each year has a separate index covering the families which are reviewed that year, and other articles of Pennsylvania interest. The column is edited by Schuyler Brossman and items are submitted by many family members. There is also a query section.

Claudia Erdman, a long-time friend of Arthur Fiske, has much interest in Pennsylvania. She has collected and donated all these newspaper clippings to the library where they are indexed and filed. Claudia has also given many other Pennsylvania publications which are now on the shelves. Pennsylvania researchers will appreciate her generous gift.

THIS NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL????

It has been suggested that some of the persons on our mailing list for the Fiske Newsletter might prefer receiving their copies by e-mail. If you are one of these, please call the library and leave that message. Repeat your name and address, so that it will be very clear, or send an e-mail from the address where you wish to receive the future mailings, to our web-site.

We
All Have
2 Parents
4 Grandparents
8 Great Grandparents
16 Great-Great Grandparents
32 Great-Great-Great Grandparents
64 Great-Great-Great-Great Grandparents
128 Great-Great-Great-Great-Great Grandparents
256 Great-Great-Great-Great-Great-Great Grandparents
512 Great-Great-Great-Great-Great-Great-Great Grandparents
1024 Great-Great-Great-Great-Great-Great-Great-Great Grandparents
After
just
10
Generations

Merry Christmas

and

Happy New Year

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NORTHWEST

First Century at the U of W
Masonic Cemetery at Tumwater
Move of miners from Nortonville, Cal. to Black Diamond
Cemetery Records for Whatcom Co.
Cemetery Records for Skagit Co.
Union Cemetery at Sedro Wooley
US Census of Linn Co. Ore, 1870
US Census of Marion Co. Ore, 1860
Scandinavians on the Pacific (Puget Sound)
Overland Journal (Ore.-Calif. Trail)

LOCALITIES OF INTEREST

Our Kentucky Pioneer Ancestry
Fairfax Co., Va. - Maplewood
Fairfax Co., Va. - Moorefield
Nova Scotia Genealogist
Sketch of Hanover Co. Va.
Vital Records from History of Allamackie Co., Iowa
Benton Co. Ark. Biographies
Pike Co. Ark. Biographies
Atlas map of Tuscarawasa, Ohio
History of Dearborn & Ohio Cos., Indiana
History of Delaware Co. and Ohio
Pershing township cemeteries, Jackson Co., Ind.
Rose Hill cemetery at Mason, Ohio
Barbour Collection (V.R. of Hartford, Huntington, Kent, Killingly, Killingworth, Ledyard, Lisbon, and Lebanon)
History of New York City to 1898
Duchess Co., N.Y. records
Contributions of old residents of Lowell, Mass.
History of Ancient Windsor (Ct.)
Burials at Evan. Ref. Church, Frederick Town, Md.
Blanchester Cemetery, Clinton Co., Ohio
The Church on the Hill, Ontario, Can.
Way Back When - Ontario, Can.
Geog. & Hist. of Digby, Nova Scotia
Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, Ontario
Vital records of Massachusetts for Ashford, East Bridgewater, Great Barrington, Hanson, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lee, Lowell, New Ashford, Northboro, Milford, Stoneham, Tewksbury, Wakefield, Wayland, West Boylston, West Bridgewater, West Newbury, Westford and Westminster

Among those who donated books are Helen Barton, Jackie Cedarholm, Mary Peters, Ella Pool, Jack Seeley, Mary Stevenson, Lynne Elfendahl, Claudia Erdman, David Williams, Carlidine VanAllen, and Gary Zimmerman. We much appreciate their interest in the growth of Fiske Library. We also wish to thank the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and the New England Historic and Genealogical Society Library in Boston, who were instrumental in adding to the collection.

LATE NEWS FLASH - The Friends of Fiske Library and the Daughters of the Pioneers have a great Spring Luncheon on the calendar for April 30. Please save the date. More details later.

FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION
WINTER SEMINAR SERIES 2000

- Jan 12 Family History Centers of Puget Sound and "hands on"
practice with the Family History Library website
by Mary Peters, Director of Education
- 19 The Ellis Island Experience
by Jean Roth
- 26 Creative Uses of Census Records
by John Ernest
- Feb 02 American Catholic Church Records
- 09 New Hampshire and Vermont I Historical Background
- 16 New Hampshire and Vermont II Records and Resources
- 23 The Corbin Collection
- Mar 01 Problem Solving Session -- discussion of "problems"
submitted by participants in the seminar
- 08 Mexican American War Records
- 15 Reading German Scripts and Handwriting
(bring your own documents for discussion)
by Reverend Dennis Andersen

All classes will be held from 10:00 am to 12 Noon in the Library at 1644 43rd Avenue East, Seattle, Washington (in the Madison Park neighborhood). Tuition is \$5 per class or \$30 per quarter or \$75 for the annual membership with educational privileges. All classes are taught by Gary A Zimmerman, unless otherwise indicated. Questions may be sent to the library by e-mail to gzim@fiske.lib.wa.us or by calling 206-328-2716. Visit our webpage at <http://www.fiske.lib.wa.us> for further details.

BEGINNING GENEALOGY

Newcomers to genealogy may want to come to the Library on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 6-8 pm for a discussion of how to get started on family history research. There is no charge for this "orientation" although participants may want to purchase handouts at cost. Coordination of these meetings is by Mary Peters, Director of Education.