



Fiske Genealogical Foundation Newsletter



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OUTSTANDING GENEALOGIST TO SPEAK

David Curtis Dearborn of the New England Historic Genealogical Society will be presenting a two-day seminar at the Fiske Genealogical Library on Friday, April 7, and Saturday, April 8, beginning at 9 a.m. each day. You may attend both days for a reasonable \$55.

Topics for Mr. Dearborn's lectures will be: New England Manuscript collection; Methods of Tracing Present-Day Relatives; Lesser Known Sources for Genealogical Research; Methods of Finding a Wife's Maiden Name, and Migration Patterns Within New England to the Midwest. He will also be available for a limited number of individual half-hour consultations at \$25.

Mr. Dearborn has been a member of the staff of the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston since 1976. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Boston with a B.A. in History, Northeastern University with an M.A. in History, and holds an M.S. in Library Science from Simmons College. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, former president of the Massachusetts Genealogical Council, a former trustee of the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History, and a contributing editor to *The American Genealogist*.

His areas of special interest include northern New England families, families of Essex County, Massachusetts, migrations, urban and twentieth-century genealogy and research in England, Scotland, and Italy.

The Fiske Genealogical Library is located at 1644 43rd Ave. East, Seattle 98112, in Madison Park at East Blaine Street on Lake Washington. Free use of the Library, and free mini-seminars on New England, Pacific Northwest Research, Computer Research, Beginning Genealogy, and Use of the Library will be presented during the afternoons of the seminar. A registration form is included in this newsletter and may be mailed directly to the Fiske Library.

SPRING SEMINAR SERIES 2000

Spring Seminars will start on Wednesday, April 5 at the Library at 1644 43rd Ave. East, Seattle. Please see attachment elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

SILVER TEA ON APRIL 30

On Sunday, April 30 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. the Daughters of the Pioneers and the Fiske Genealogical Foundation are hosting their Spring Silver Tea at Pioneer Hall. Following refreshments, Deborah Dimitre, creator and performer of Patch-work Tales, will present a docu-drama on the well-known aviator and poet, Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

Please help make our Tea a special fund-raiser by joining us at the Hall that Sunday. For information or tickets (suggested donation of \$5), please call our DPW chairperson Kathy Dettmar at 425-771-9513 or the Fiske Foundation chairperson Mary Peters at 206-784-8403.

NO FAIR, THERE'S NO FAIR

The Fiske Foundation Board has decided not to hold the annual Fiske Family Fair this spring. After reviewing the amount of volunteer time required for a successful event, the attendance figures and the reactions to the fair over the past two years, it was determined that there were sufficient opportunities for alternate contact with the genealogical community. The additional hours of service at the library are requiring additional volunteer commitments from our users. Furthermore, Fiske family volunteer time is still needed in activities like the Fiske booth at the Roots Fair in Crossroads in early March, in the logistics for the David Dearborn seminars in April and in support of the Spring Tea being jointly sponsored by the Fiske Friends and the Pioneer Daughters of Washington.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Wed. Apr. 5, 10 am first session of Spring Seminar Series *
- Wed. Apr. 5, 12 noon Fiske Friends Meeting
- Fri. Apr. 7, 9 am. Dearborn Seminar *
- Sat. Apr. 8, 9 am. Dearborn Seminar Continued *
- Wed. Apr. 26, 6 pm. Beginning Genealogy Class *
- Sun. Apr. 30, 12:30 pm. Silver Tea *

* See article in this Newsletter.

President's Message

"Education is a Priority, Too!"

The Fiske Foundation not only offers a major library resource for doing genealogical research, but it gives an equal weight to educational activities to emphasize the quality of the research that you do. I hope that you are taking advantage of these educational opportunities. Several initiatives are described in this newsletter.

Experts in specific areas of genealogical interest can teach you many ways to improve your research skill. In a few weeks, the Foundation will host Dr. David C. Dearborn from the staff of the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. Dr. Dearborn will offer five separate presentations on New England research topics. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for details and then make your reservation for this April educational event. You also may schedule a half-hour consultation with Dr. Dearborn to discuss your own personal research efforts.

The winter tour to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City was a successful venture for the 28 participants. Now it is time to look forward to a Fall Tour of a series of Midwestern Libraries. If you are following family lines into the Old Northwest Territory or into Kentucky and the Ohio River Valley, you will want to take advantage of this educational opportunity. Exploring the Newberry Library in Chicago or the Filson Club in Louisville with some of your colleagues offers a unique opportunity for doing quality research. Don't miss this tour!

Guest lecturers in our weekly seminar series also bring useful new viewpoints for your consideration. If you haven't been to a class at the library in the recent past, it might be worth your trip to Pioneer Hall. The Spring 2000 schedule is enclosed in this newsletter. Guest speakers during the first six months of this year include Laura Pemberton Sparr on the Draper papers, the Reverend Dennis Andersen on deciphering German handwriting, John Ernest on creative uses of census records, and Jean Roth on the Ellis Island Experience.

Mary Peters and I continue to plan these Wednesday seminars and are always open to suggestions for additional speakers and topics. Mary offers an opportunity for beginning genealogists to learn the basics of family records research in her free, fourth Wednesday of the month discussion from 6 to 8 pm in the Library. If you have any doubts about where to start on your work, come to one of these sessions. It will be worth your time. If you have a friend interested in getting started in genealogy, suggest that they come to one of Mary's sessions.

If you are learning something new, today, you are still ALIVE! Stay alive by getting involved in an educational offering from the Fiske Foundation.

Gary Zimmerman
President

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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



FAMILIES

The Daniel McEachern Story
Otto Ping (Photos of Brown Co., Indiana)
A Leg of Lamb
Tice Families of America
History & Genealogy of the Reed Family
Descendants of the Worcester Family
Plimpton Genealogy
Record of the Descendants of Timothy Rockwell
Frost Family in England & America
Spellman Genealogy
Newcomb Genealogy
Ashley Genealogy of Springfield
Solomon Pierce Family
VanHorn Family History
Genealogy of Samuel Haitt of Lynn

NORTHWEST

Washington Territory 1850 Census
Washington Territory 1860 Mortality Schedule
Washington 1880 Mortality Schedule
History of Gilliam Co., Oregon
Sprague, Lamont, Edwall, Washington
Satsop Cemetery
Humptulips Cemetery
St. Johns Cemetery
Klamath Echoes - Langell Valley & Bonanza, Ore.
Gateway to the Palouse (Spangle, WA.)
Stone Age to Space Age in 100 yrs. - Cascade Co., Mont.
Century in the Foothills- 1876-1976, Cascade Co., Mont.
Montana Western History, two issues.

LOCALITIES OF INTEREST

History of Christ Church, Hartford, Ct.
Record of the Parish of Amity, Ct.
Kansas Historical Quarterly (2 issues)
Book of Rhode Island
Dundy Co., Nebr.
History of Clinton Co., Ohio
History of Porter and Lakes Co., Indiana
Early Rosters of Cincinnati & Hamilton Co., Ohio
Tennessee Historical Quarterly
1902 Biographical Memories, Henry Co., Indiana
Henry Co. 1821-1871 Past and Present
Trail Tales (Boone Co., Iowa) several issues
Drouin's Three Volumes of French-Canadian Genealogies
1608-1760
History of New Cambria, Mo.
1855 Census of Iroquois Co. Ill.
1880 " " "
1900 " " "
1890 Iroquois Co. Tax List
Iroquois Co. deaths 1902-1948

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NOW IS THE TIME

for YOU to take advantage of the extended hours at Fiske Library. Recently the open hours were expanded significantly, and the new hours give a wonderful opportunity to use all the library facilities, along with a lot of professional assistance with your research. Please make a note of the new schedule:

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.

Saturday - from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday - the 2nd Sunday of each month, - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

You will find it much easier to use the library during these hours when help is more readily available and books are more accessible.

WEBMASTER MARJORIE JODOIN

It has been almost a full year since Marjorie Jodoin assumed the role of "webmaster" for the Fiske Library's window to the world of the internet. She has put in long hours in designing and maintaining this important resource. You will find the efforts of her labors at <http://www.fiske.lib.wa.us> and you need to visit it over time to see how dynamic a site it really is. There always is something "new" on the web site.

Marge is a native of San Francisco, but her grandmother, Kathryn Hellenbrand was born in Washington Territory near Ellensburg, the daughter of Washington pioneer Frederick Hellenbrand. Marge's grandfather was Allan Cunningham, the inventor of the Cunningham Air Whistle and other electrical deck machinery for shipping. With his brother, Cunningham ran a marine business on the Seattle waterfront for many years. Marge attended the University of Washington and earned an undergraduate degree in history and anthropology.

When WebTV came along, Marge got interested in the internet and the programming of web pages. She has begun to put her own genealogical research into web pages at her personal website and she has discovered the fun in digitizing photographs to add to the story that she tells about her family. (You can see those pages at <http://www.geocities.com/mjjodoin/> and learn more about her family.)

It was on the internet that Marge learned more about her own background, finding information about the Hellenbrand's who first came to the Oregon country in 1859 and about a tie by marriage between her family and that of Francis Pettygrove, the man who named Portland, Oregon. Anecdotes like that whet her appetite for more family research. Currently, she is putting her attention on pursuit of the trail left in Scotland by her forebears. The internet is of immense help in finding those distant clues.

Marge is the office manager of the Center for Spiritual Development at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Seattle. She joined the Fiske family through her friendship with Carolyn Blount. We appreciate the talent and energy that she has brought to the Library. Thank you, Marge!

TAPES AVAILABLE AT LIBRARY

A seldom-used resource at Fiske Library are a number of audio tapes which can be checked out in the same manner as the books (by yearly members). These cover many areas of interest and many helpful ideas which can be explored by researchers. Some of the titles are:

Determining Maiden Names in Colonial New England

Where There's a Will, There's a Way (England)

Celebration of a Century

The Healing Efforts of Studying One's Own Family History
Ireland

Tracing your Irish Protestant Ancestor

Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan & Wisconsin - Research in
States of the Old Northwest Territory

What's New in Palatine Genealogy

From the Midwest to the Northwest: Records of the Great
Northern and Northern Pacific Railroads

Using Community Studies & Irish Records to Locate the
Place of Origin of your Scotch-Irish Ancestors Estates: A
Gold Mine

How to Think Southern (by a 5th Generation Tennessean)

Research Techniques Using Anthropology, History,
Geography, and Political Science.

Where's the Dirt? How, Why, and Where of US Land Records

Too Young: Revolutionary War - Too Old: Civil War -

Finding Military Records Between the Wars

Needle in a Smokestack - Urban Research Techniques

Finding Origins & Birth Families - Methods That Don't
Work and Those That Do.

Cherokee Connections? Filtering Fact from Fiction

Tilling the Southern Soil for Northeastern Roots

Public Domain Land Records

The Taxing Details: Tax Records for Genealogists

Research Principles used in Difficult German Research
Problems

Is it Soup Yet? Using Circumstantial Evidence to Solve
Genealogical Problems.

Documentation: How to Avoid Asking "Where in the Sam
Hill Did I Get that From?"

Regular and Irregular Marriages in England

My Name is Yon Yonson, I Came From Wisconsin -
Scandinavian Research

Nicknames - Another Research Stumbling Block

THIS LETTER BY E-MAIL

The Fiske Foundation Board is requesting that persons who have e-mail addresses "subscribe" to this newsletter by that method. The two reasons for this request are very simple - our mailing list has grown tremendously in the past few years, and the postage rates have done likewise. So Please check our website: www.fiske.lib.wa.us and scroll down to the "Check here to sign up for the newsletter". When you click on that title, it will allow you to send an e-mail to the proper person. The only information needed is your name, e-mail address, and the word "subscribe".

We thank you for your help!!

WORK PARTY REPORT

Five large boxes of Arthur Fiske's papers were opened at the library on December 15. This event had been scheduled in the morning, with Christmas cookies scheduled for the afternoon of that day. It turned out that people unpacking the boxes seemed more interested in the papers than the cookies! As a result, all the papers were sorted, and not nearly all the cookies were consumed!

We thank those who participated, among whom were Carolyn Blount, Karen Bridgeman, Jackie Cedarholm, Dolores DiLascio, Ada Evans, Mary Peters, Mary Stevenson, Ann Tuohy, Carlidine VanAllen, and Virginia Weiss.

ABOUT FISKE TRIPS

Betty Kay Anderson, the "trip person" for Fiske Library, has a large following. 28 researchers "followed" her to Salt Lake City in February, and over half of them had been with her on previous trips. In spite of the large number, however, she took care of the arrangements in her usual efficient manner, and still found time to help many with their research while there.

So now she is planning another trip for you! This may be even more exciting than the last one. On September 28 a group will depart for the Midwest where it will be visiting eight libraries within two weeks, so a vast amount of new information will be available for your research.

Since a trip as extensive as this requires a great deal of planning, you are requested to register as soon as possible. (The number of travelers is also limited). See the attached information sheet for details, as well as the registration form.

ON-LINE GENEALOGY LESSONS

If you know of someone who would like to get started on the path of doing good genealogical research, you might steer them to Rootsweb's Guide to Tracing Family Trees. This is a series of free, on-line lessons written and compiled by Myra Vanderpool Gormley, Rhonda McClure and Julia M. Case. The lessons can be read in a web browser or downloaded to read with an Adobe Acrobat reader. (This last software is available for free from <<http://www.adobe.com>>.) The lessons are designed to be done on-line, so there are pictures and sound elements to accompany several of the chapters.

To access these lessons, you can go to <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~rwguide/>> where you will find an index to some 30 different topics for your use. (As of this writing, only the first 26 lessons have been posted to the website.)

New on the Bookshelf (Cont'd from Page 2)

Sheldon City Cemetery (Ill.)

Sugar Creek Chapel Cemetery (Stockland, Ill.)

Miscellaneous Records of Iroquois Co.

American Genealogical Biographical Index, CD

Family History Library Publications

Special thanks go to Karen Bridgeman, Lynne Elfendahl, David Williams, and Betty Kay Anderson's Salt Lake City Trip participants for their contributions to the collection.

HELP THE LIBRARY - NOT THE I.R.S.

Gifts to the Fiske library are tax-deductible and in the past several people have generously given such gifts. They are much appreciated.

However, in the event some of you are thinking about taxes upon death, the Fiske Library has a suggestion which may save your heirs money, and at the same time benefit the library. Make sure your Last Will and Testament provides for a gift to the library. The suggested wording below is for you to follow and must be made a part of your Will. This can be done either with a new Will or a Codicil to your present Will. Both require two witnesses to be valid in the State of Washington. The Will, or Codicil to your present Will, must be signed by you in the presence of both witnesses and the witnesses must sign in your presence.

"I hereby devise and bequeath to the Fiske Genealogical Foundation the sum of \$ _____." With this

simple sentence you may well provide your heirs with a tax deduction from your estate as well as a much appreciated benefit to the library. This will, in turn, provide funds to purchase those genealogical materials for people in the future. See Chapter 11, Estate Tax, Subchapter A - Estates of Citizens or Residents, Part IV, Taxable Estate, Section 2055 (Transfers for charitable uses) of the IRS Tax Code.

The library thanks you for considering this thought to the benefit of both your heirs and the library.

No Fair (Cont'd from Page 1, Col. 2)

During breaks in the Dearborn program on April 7th and 8th, there will be focal tables set up in the Library and volunteers at each table to orient newcomers to the strengths of the Fiske Library Collection. Each day after the completion of the lecture program, the Library will be open for further consultation with the volunteers and to browse the collection. It is hoped that this will attract new patrons to use the collections.

This decision will receive careful review in planning for future years.

Please feel free to share your thoughts on this by talking with a member of the Board or by sending a message to Gary Zimmerman at the Library or by sending an e-mail to gzim@fiske.lib.wa.us or just drop in to the Library and chat with us.

SUBJECT: GENEALOGY HUMOR

Can a first cousin, once removed, return?

Cemetery: (n) A marble orchard not to be taken for granite.

Crazy.... is a relative term in MY family.

Genealogy: It's all relative in the end anyway.

Genealogy: Tracing yourself back to better people.

I trace my family history so I will know who to blame.

It's hard to be humble with ancestors like mine!

Life takes it's toll. Have exact change ready!

Searching for lost relatives? Win the Lottery!

That's strange; half my ancestors are WOMEN!

Do I even WANT ancestors?

Some I found I wish I could lose.

Fiske Library's 2000 Genealogy Research Tour to the MIDWEST

September 28-October 12, 2000

Includes:

Round-trip coach airfare from Seattle to Cincinnati, Ohio

14 nights hotel accommodations

Daily transportation in large van

Trips to: Mansfield, Ohio; Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Chicago, Illinois; Springfield, Illinois and the key tourist sights related to Abraham Lincoln; Indianapolis, Indiana including optional opportunities for an auto race; Louisville, Kentucky; and Frankfort, the capitol of Kentucky.

Research at: Ohio Genealogical Society

Allen County Library in Ft. Wayne Indiana

Newberry Library in Chicago

Illinois Historical Society Library

Indiana State Library

Filson Club in Louisville

Library of National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR)

Louisville Free Public Library

Kentucky Historical Society Library

PRICE: \$ 1320. per person double occupancy (\$ 600. single supplement). Based on minimum of 10 participants; trip will not operate with fewer than 10. Entrance fees and meals not included, except Continental breakfast 7 mornings.

DEPOSIT: \$500. per person. Space is limited, so deposits and reservations will be honored on a first-come-first-served basis. Final payment due June 20. No credit cards. Cancellation at any time after deposit may result in penalties; additional Trip Cancellation Insurance is recommended.

Please make all payments and the purchase of Insurance through: Hood Canal Travel, Inc., P.O. Box 939, Belfair, WA 98528 (phone 360-275-2831).

APPLICATION FOR 2000 FISKE MIDWEST TOUR

Please return this application with your \$500. deposit per person to Hood Canal Travel, Inc., P.O. Box 939, Belfair, WA 98528

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ Telephone _____

I want a _____ Single _____ Double. My roommate is _____

I _____ do _____ do not do genealogy. I _____ do _____ do not smoke.



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Pioneer Building, 1644 43rd Ave. East, Seattle, 98112
Madison Park: East Blaine on Lake Washington

Presents

David C. Dearborn

of the

New England Historic Genealogical Society
Friday April 7, 9-2:30 and Saturday, April 8, 9-11:30

New England Manuscript Collections
Methods of Tracing Present-Day Relatives
Lesser Known Sources for Genealogical Research
Methods of Finding a Wife's Maiden Name
Migration Patterns Within New England and to the Midwest

Full Seminar: \$55.

Friday only \$45, Saturday Only \$35,
(\$10 reduction to Fiske Genealogical Library Members - \$40 annual Fee)
Individual Consultations, with David Dearborn: one half hour: \$25.

Registration: The Fiske Library: 1644 43rd Ave. E, Seattle 98112
Questions: 328-2716 or 322-1174

Name-----

Address-----

Telephone-----

Email-----

Friday & Saturday----- Friday only----- Saturday only-----

Individual consultations with David Dearborn, one half hour: \$25. Limited numbers, in order of registration_____
Fiske Library Annual Membership: \$40 includes book check-out privileges_____
Total amount enclosed, Checks payable to The Fiske Genealogical Library_____

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SPRING SEMINAR SERIES 2000

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 sessions are led by Gary A. Zimmerman, unless otherwise indicated.

- Apr 05 Draper Manuscripts
by Laura Pemberton Sparr
- 12 Swedish Finns: Their History and Genealogy
by Syrene and Don Forsman
Swedish-Finn Historical Society, Seattle
- 19 Records of the Canadian Maritime Provinces
- 26 Doing Genealogy in Missouri - I: History
- May 03 Doing Genealogy in Missouri - II: Genealogical Resources
- 10 Civil War Records of the Confederacy
- 17 Creative Uses of Census Records II
by John Ernest
- 24 Field Trip to a Regional Record Repository
- 31 Review of Midwest Genealogical Libraries
background on holdings of sites to be visited by Fall 2000 tour
- Jun 07 Hereditary and Lineage Organizations

BEGINNING GENEALOGY

Drop-in sessions for beginners on the basics of getting started in family history research will be offered on the fourth Wednesday evening of each month in the Library from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. There is no tuition, but participants will be asked to pay at cost for their handouts. The instructor is Mary Peters, Director of Education.