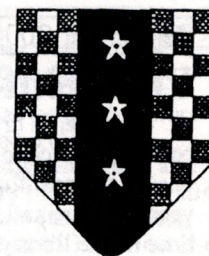


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Please Come to the Library September 13

As you will note on the enclosed new class schedule, the fall classes will begin on Wednesday, September 13, at 10 a.m. Whether you are able to attend this class or not, we invite you to come to the library that day, bring your lunch, and spend the afternoon. The activities planned should be of great interest to you.

At 1 p.m. the Fiske Foundation Board is planning its annual "status of the library" report. This has been a yearly event since the passing of Arthur Fiske in 1996. At that time there was much concern about the future operation of his library, so this was done to keep all interested people informed. Reports will be given by board members about the progress of the past year.

Following this short meeting will be a "Pedigree Party". Long-time Fiske class members will recall that this was a yearly event for some time, though it has not been held for the past few years. So, we invite you to bring your ancestral chart, in whatever form you have it in your records. These will be placed around the room so they can be reviewed by everyone present. Many researchers find that they have mutual ancestors, and this gives you a chance to check this possibility. Of course, it is very possible that someone in the group may have information about your ancestor which you simply haven't uncovered yet. It can be a very interesting and exciting time.

Bring your lunch, and your charts, and come to the library on September 13!

Friends of Fiske Foundation

The regular meeting of the Friends of the library will be held on September 20, Wednesday, at 12 noon. Betty Kay Anderson, president, announced that this will be election of officers, so it is an important meeting. Possible fund-raising events will also be discussed, so please bring your ideas. Everyone is cordially invited to attend

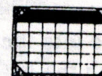
Salt Lake City Trip Scheduled

The researchers who have signed up for the Mid-west trip will be leaving on September 28 for their exciting exploration of those outstanding libraries. Betty Kay Anderson is already busy planning the next trip. This one is the annual trip to Salt Lake City, which is "heaven" for all genealogy researchers. The dates she has chosen are from February 1 through February 10. It is not too early for you to begin preparing for this event, as details are now complete. The brochure giving the cost and registration form are available at the library and on line at <http://www.fiske.lib.wa.us>.

Special Invitation to Genealogical Groups

The school bell has rung! and your genealogical organization is probably back at work planning the activities of your new year. Fiske Library wishes to extend a special invitation for you to visit the library, which can be opened exclusively for the use of your group on Fridays. (Other times are possibilities, also, but Friday is much preferred, as you would have complete use of the library and also the assistants.) A large group from Port Angeles visited in August, and were the happy recipients of much special help from the staff available that day. Smaller groups are also welcome, but it is requested that there be no less than 5 if a special opening is desired. Fiske library also has speakers available who would be happy to come to your local meeting and present a variety of lectures. Either of these options could be a big help in your planning for the year ahead. Please contact Gary Zimmerman at 206-328-2716 or his e-mail address, which is gzim@fiske.lib.wa.us.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Wed, Sept 13, 10 am First Class Meeting *
- Wed, Sept 13, 1 pm Annual Meeting Fiske Board *
- Wed, Sept 20, 12 m Fiske Friends Meeting *
- Wed, Nov 22, 4 pm Library closing for Thanksgiving
- Mon. Nov 20 Close Date for Next Newsletter.

* See article in this Newsletter.

President's Message

Summer is drawing to a close and the Fiske Library has been a resource to a great many people doing family research during the past three months. People who made Seattle their vacation destination have scheduled extra days to spend some time in the library. We have had research visitors from places like North Dakota, Colorado, Massachusetts, and Oregon. We have had research requests from people in Arizona, Arkansas, Mississippi and New York. Librarians in the Midwest have referred queries to their library from other states to our collection, because they found titles in the shelf list on our website as the most easily accessible source for certain information. That is what the Fiske Library is all about! An accessible resource of genealogical information to assist in tracing family history. We must not forget the steady stream of our own members who have come through the Library this summer as well.

To increase the utility of the collection and to add new resources where they are most needed, the sign-in procedures were modified at the beginning of August. When you sign in to a new session at the Library, you are asked to indicate what locality and what surnames you will be researching on that specific day. Over time, this gives us a measure of which areas are of greatest interest to our clientele and helps us to know which portions of the library should be given priority in future purchases. It also helps the volunteers to make further contact with you after you leave the library, if they come across additional resources to help you in that specific research assignment. You would be surprised how much comes to mind in the head of a volunteer as she or he is headed home that evening and muses on the problems you have brought to their attention! Some of you have received follow-up messages with additional information after you have left the premises. It is all part of the service in helping you be in contact with the best resources available for your specific problem.

Book sales from the Fiske Library have been brisk this summer. Not only publications offered by the Fiske Library, often based on research by Arthur Fiske himself or past volunteers at the Library, but also duplicate and surplus books from the Library collection itself are available. These are usually priced at less than the national market rates for similar used books and can represent really good bargains. They are listed on a regular basis at the Fiske website (<http://www.fiske.lib.wa.us/surplusbks.htm> or <http://www.fiske.lib.wa.us/publicat.htm>, depending on which category of book you want). All of the proceeds of these book sales go directly to the book fund for purchase of additional genealogical resources in the library collection. If you have genealogy books that are surplus to your needs, consider donating them to the Library, even if you know that a copy is already on our shelves. We can re-sell them and place the income into the book fund. Book orders over the internet, through the list on our website, actually outnumber book sales in the library.

Please read this newsletter from start to finish. There is a lot of news about coming events here. And it is almost time for Fall Classes to begin! Mark the dates on your calendars!

Gary Zimmerman
President

New On The Bookshelf



Fiske library is very appreciative of the new gifts received during the past few weeks. Donors have included Hilmer Swanson, Mary Peters, Gary Zimmerman, Lyn Melton, Spence Chamberlain, Bob Stevenson, Margaret Miller and Marjorie King. Betty Kay Anderson has also donated monetary contributions from travellers, which have been much appreciated and used to purchase books in Salt Lake City. We thank each and every one of these people for thinking of the library, as this is how we continue to grow.

WASHINGTON STATE

Inventory of County Archives of Washington for the following counties: Cowlitz, Chelan, Lincoln, Stevens, Garfield, and King County, Vol II
Laws of Washington Territory for the following years: 1861, 1863-4, 1865-6, 1867-8, 1869, 1871, 1873, 1875, 1879-81, 1883, 1885-6, 1887-8, 1889-1890, 1891, 1893, 1895, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1903 and 1905.
Proceedings of the Free and Accepted Masons of Washington for 1904, 1910, 1916 and 1940.
Bellevue-Kirkland City Directory, 1960
Directory to Greater Everett, 1954
Everett City Directory, 1941 and 1950
Pigtail Days in Old Seattle
Union Guide to Photo Collections in Pacific Northwest
Remembering Yakima
Entering Bellingham
Wash. Women as Path Breakers
Northwest Discovery publications, 1981 through 1987

GENEALOGIES

Genealogy of the Hitchcock Family
The Ladd Family, descendants of Daniel Ladd of Haverhill, Mass.
McAlpin Genealogies, 1730-1900
Judge John Philo Hoyt and other Hoyt families
Jacob VanWoermer family
Several Rice Family ancestries
William Parke and related families of Wheeler, Bailey, Bates, and Holbrooke.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Cassell's New German & English Dictionary
John Bellow's French Dictionary
Concise Dictionary of national Biography, Vol I & II
The Clan Almanac - Complete Guide to Scottish Family names
French-German Dictionary, two vols.
It All Began with "A" (PEO history)
Heraldry, Ancestry & Titles
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One-sixteenth page, (3 1/2 x 1") \$7.50

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MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS

Fiske Library is fortunate to have some very loyal volunteers, so we wish to recognize these people, as you see them frequently when you visit the library. We are especially appreciative of those who spent many extra hours at the library the past summer, so others could be away on vacation. This begins a series of articles to enable you to get to know them better.

DOLORES DILASCIO has been volunteering at Fiske Library almost since there was a Fiske Library. She began attending Arthur's classes in about 1975 after her husband passed away. Her neighbor and friend, Catherine Gilly, was interested in genealogy and Dolores soon became interested also. They both came to a Wednesday morning class, and soon were staying after class, offering to do whatever they could to help with chores such as filing cards, shelving books, etc. Since moving to our present location Dolores works every Monday in the area at the very back of the library. She has been filing papers in the section called "More Families", which is a compilation of various items of interest and help for genealogists. She has tediously gone through many boxes of Arthur's papers trying to determine whether the information is already recorded, or needs to be made available for you to review. Dolores also spend some of her time mending books in need of repair and doing many other chores around the library. She always has a smile on her face and a pleasant word for all, and we do appreciate her.

MARY PETERS has not been a genealogy fan as long as Dolores, but has made a great contribution to Fiske Library for several years. After leaving the teaching profession, she began taking classes in about 1987, and soon became deeply involved in her own research. Mary has made many contributions to Fiske Library, but perhaps the most important is her work cataloging materials as they are acquired by the library. Before Arthur passed away she learned his system of doing this work, which is an amazingly difficult and tedious job. She keeps our shelf list on her computer and periodically updates our printed copy for your use in the library. In addition to this, Mary works closely with Gary Zimmerman on the class schedule. This, too, is a difficult job, as they must make decisions regarding the subjects to be included as well as qualified instructors who may be available. Mary does some of the teaching herself, as well as volunteering to work in the library many hours each month. She and her husband Frank are participants in the Boeing "matching fund" whereby money is donated to non-profit organizations, and the firm matches the sum. She is always happy to answer questions which researchers may have and is a true asset to Fiske Library.

HELEN WATERMAN retired some years ago from work as a Medical Records Librarian. She has had a vital interest in her family history and has done extensive research on several branches of her "tree". One branch, the Alpin family, has included so much work that she made a record of it on microfiche and has donated a copy to several libraries, including Fiske. However, her present concern is the card file which Arthur Fiske began many years ago. Few volunteers would be willing to spend the time and energy working with these cards and organizing them so you can find what you are looking for! But Helen comes to the library often - many times twice a week - by bus, from her retirement home, and spends the day working on these files. Obviously, it is a huge job and it is estimated that the file now contains some 500,000 cards or more. Helen is also very well acquainted with other genealogy materials, as she volunteered at the Seattle branch of the National Archives for some years, as well as being well versed in what is available at other sources in this area. She is making a very valuable contribution to the library and deserves a big vote of thanks from all of us!

Early Washington Records

Bob Stevenson decided to clean house, as he needed more shelf room in his office. So, he discarded some old Washington Territorial Law books, beginning with 1861 and continuing for several years thereafter. Mary took a look at the old, worn books, and began to look for names (as any person who is interested in genealogy would understand.) She found a lot! So they were gladly accepted as an addition to Fiske library, as a valuable part of our Washington collection.

Since individual names are not indexed, Mary is in the process of looking at each book and making cards of each name in each volume. She has presently made and filed an estimated 1000 cards. Among the kinds of information recorded are divorces, name changes, adoptions, permits to build bridges and roads, ferry permits, early corporations formed, and some county officials. These records could be very useful in establishing the identity and location of very early Washington residents. Bob believes they were probably the only court records for some of this time period.

There are many more volumes to be completed, so have patience!

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New Castle on the Delaware - Tercentenary Ed., 1651-1951
Old Kittery (Maine) 1647-1947
Influence & History of the Boston Athenaeum 1807-1907
Klamath Falls (Ore.) Directory, 1948
Christ Episcopal Church, Sidney, Nebr.
Covered Wagon Women's Diaries, (2 vol.)
Wyoming Place Names
Courts of Europe
Lost Courts of Europe
Kingdoms of Europe
King & Queens of Great Britain
Official Tartan map
The Arkansas Gazette Obituary Index
Cedartown, Ga. telephone book, 1976
Louisiana Sketches of Historic Homes
Guide to Printed Sources in Louisiana
Death Notices from Louisiana Newspapers
Searching in California
Oregon City City Directory 1960
Portland, Ore. City Directory 1952
Reminiscences of Annandale, N.Y. 1895
Historical Sketch & Alumni, Iowa Wesleyan 1842-1917
Connecticut 1800 Census Index
Early American Series, Connecticut, Vol. 1
Maine 1800 Territorial Census Index
Soc. of Colonial Wars in New Jersey yearbook 1968
Register of Soc. of Col. Wars in District of Columbia
Va/WVa Revolutionary War Records, Vol 1-6 (CD)
Delaware Bible Records, Vol 1-4 (CD)
Missouri, various county records, Vol 1 (CD)
Gen. Abstracts from early New Hampshire newspapers, vol. 1
Edgefield Co., So. Car. deed books, 32 & 33
"Family Secrets" (Birth records from Windham Co., Ct.)
Colonial Delaware, Wills & Estates, 1800, Index
Middlesex Co., N.J. deed abstracts, Book 1
Burlington Co., N.J. deed abstracts, books A, B, & C
Monmouth Co., N.J. deed books, A, B, C, & D
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PERIODICALS

Ohio Gen. Society Newsletters
The Genee News (Iowa Co., Iowa)
Niagara Co., N.Y. Gen. Soc. Newsletter
VanBuren (Mich.) Echoes & Gen. Soc. Index
Arkansas Family Historian
Ancestry
Midwest Gen. Register

MURPHY'S LAW OF GENEALOGY

(Author unknown, but shared between many e-mail genealogy groups in the summer of 1998)

The public ceremony in which your distinguished ancestor participated and at which the platform collapsed under him turned out to be a hanging.

When, at last, after much hard work, you have solved the mystery you have been working on for two years, your aunt says, "I could have told you that".

Your grandmother's maiden name that you have searched for over four years was on a letter in a box in the attic all the time.

You never asked your father about his family when he was alive because you weren't interested in genealogy then.

The last will and testament you need is in the safe onboard the Titanic.

Copies of old newspapers have holes occurring only over the surnames for which you are looking.

John, son of Thomas, the immigrant whom your relatives claim as the family progenitor, died on board a ship at age ten.

Your great-grandfather's newspaper obituary states that he died leaving no issue of record.

The keeper of the vital records you need has just been insulted by another genealogist.

The relative who had all the family photographs gave them all to her daughter who has no interest in genealogy, and no inclination to share.

The only record you find for your great-grandfather is that his property was sold at a sheriff's sale for insolvency.

The one document that would supply the missing link in your dead-end line has been lost due to fire, flood, or war.

The town clerk to whom you wrote for the information sends you a long handwritten letter which is totally illegible.

The spelling for your European ancestor's name bears no relationship to its current spelling or pronunciation.

None of the pictures in your recently deceased grandmother's photo album have names written on them.

No one in your family tree ever did anything noteworthy, owned property, was sued, or was named in wills.

You learn that your great-aunt's executor just sold her life's collection of family genealogical materials to a flea market dealer "somewhere in New York City".

Ink fades and paper deteriorates at a rate inversely proportional to the value of the data recorded.

The thirty-seven volume, sixteen thousand page history of your county of origin isn't indexed.

You finally find your great-grandparent's wedding records and discover that the bride's father was named John Smith.

"Genealogy - where you confuse the dead and irritate the living!"

And there is also this:

Do you have a stash of old family letters with blurred unreadable postmarks and no dates inside? These postal rate changes will help a little on dating those old letters.

July 1, 1885 - 2 cents

Nov. 3, 1917 - 3 cents

July 1, 1919 - 2 cents

July 6, 1932 - 3 cents

Aug. 1, 1958 - 4 cents

Jan. 7, 1963 - 5 cents

May 16, 1971 - 8 cents

Mar. 2, 1974 - 10 cents and up.

A little genalogy 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.

Every family tree has some sap in it.

FLOOR: (n) The place for storing your priceless genealogy records.

Friends come and go, but relatives tend to accumulate.

Genealogists never die, they just lose their roots.

Genealogy: A hay stack full of needles. It's the threads I need.

Genealogy: Collecting dead relatives and sometimes a live cousin!

Genealogy: Where you confuse the dead and irritate the living.

Heredity: Everyone believes in it until their children act like fools!

I think my family tree is a few branches short of full bloom.

Life is lived forwards, but understood backwards.

My ancestors are hiding in a witness protection program.

My family tree is a few branches short!

Research: What I'm doing, when I don't know what I'm doing.

Take nothing but ancestors, leave nothing but records.

Theory of relativity: If you go back far enough, we're all related.

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Continuing Education in Genealogy and Family History

FALL SEMINAR SERIES 2000

All Classes will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Library at 1644 43rd Ave. 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.

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| Sept. 13 | Doing Genealogy in Rhode Island |
| Sept. 20 | Land Distribution Records in the West |
| Sept. 27 | Where Did All the Loyalists Go? |
| Oct. 04 | Doing Genealogy in Arkansas |
| Oct. 11 | New Resources at Fiske Library |
| Oct. 18 | Subject to be Announced -
by Laura Pemberton Sparr |
| Oct. 25 | On the Trail of Hessian Ancestors
by Mary Peters |
| Nov. 01 | Huguenot Genealogy |
| Nov. 08 | Forced Transportation to British Colonies |
| Nov. 15 | Roadblock Removal Stories and Problem Solving Session
- Alternative strategies for genealogical research |

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 p.m. There will be no tuition, but participants will be asked to pay at cost for their handouts. The instructor is Mary Peters, Director of Education. These sessions will begin in October, 2000.