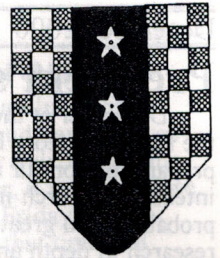




# Fiske Genealogical Foundation Newsletter



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## Meet Our Volunteers

The last issue of the newsletter featured three volunteers who give generously of their time working at Fiske Library. This issue presents three more, all of whom contribute a great deal continuously. We are very grateful for these people and wish to express our thanks to them in this way.

CAROLYN BLOUNT is truly a Daughter of Pioneers. Two sets of great-great grandparents came to Washington in the early 1800's, so she has heard stories of early settlers all her life. And she was very interested in those stories as a child. Carolyn remembers also a family history book which her grandmother had, showing a family home in Yorkshire which they eventually visited. She recalls many other memories as she listened to grandparents' tell of their family experiences. There is a large family portrait of some of her family above the fireplace in Pioneer Hall. However, Carolyn is a teacher and was busy teaching and raising her family of three children for many years, so could not pursue family history as she would have wished. Then, in 1962 when she completed study for a doctor's degree, she was asked what she was going to do with her "spare" time and nobody was surprised when she said she was going to take Arthur Fiske's class in genealogy. She became a member of his evening class, as she was still teaching during the day, and was soon asked to be on the board of the Foundation. Then, after 36 years of teaching, some of which was abroad, and 33 years of which was at Shoreline, Carolyn "retired" about a year ago. Since she had been a volunteer on Wednesday evenings (after work) she offered to open the library on Thursdays, so Fiske resources would be available those additional hours. She brought with her a friend from her church, Marge Jodoin, who immediately became the person in charge of Fiske web-site. Carolyn has been a member of the Fiske board for several years, and gives very generously of her resources to assist in the continuation of the work of Arthur Fiske.

ADA EVANS knew Arthur Fiske as a child, since one of his sisters was a close friend. However, she became a member of his class through another pathway. Ada's husband, Vic, was a violinist and was a friend of another violinist, Jackie Cedarholm, who has Welsh background. Vic Evans also had Welsh background and he and Ada had traveled to Wales to visit. Jackie suggested to Vic how he might find his family there, but he was not interested, so

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## Library Holiday Closure

Please make a note on your calendar: Fiske Library will be closed from Thursday, December 22, at 8 p.m., until noon on Wednesday, January 3, 2001, so all volunteers and staff will be able to spend time with their families over the holidays.

## Saturday Library Open Hours to Change

David Brazier, our computer expert, has been opening the library at 9 a.m. each Saturday specifically to give researchers help with our computers. He reports that there is currently little or no interest in this service - apparently you all know how to use our computers by now. Therefore, David will be available by appointment only, and the library will open at 10 a.m. on Saturdays instead of 9 a.m., beginning in January. If you wish to make an appointment with David, please leave a message at the library desk.

## Newsletter by E-Mail

Have you given the library your e-mail address? If you have done so, you will probably receive a copy of this newsletter by postal service and also e-mail. If you have given us the information and do not receive it, please let us know, as we may have the wrong e-mail address for you. The purpose of this new procedure is to reduce the size of our postal mailing, which has now expanded to about 900 names. The next issue will go only by e-mail for those persons who have given us their e-mail addresses. We thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Thurs. Dec 22, at 8 p.m. . . . Library Closed for Vacation \*
- Wed. Jan. 3, at 12 m. . . . . End Vacation Library Open \*
- Wed. Jan. 10, at 10 a.m. . . . . First Class Winter Quarter \*
- Wed. Jan. 10, at 12:30 p.m. . . Fiske Library Open House \*
- Wed. Jan. 17 at 12 m. . . . . Fiske Friends Meeting \*
- Sat. Feb. 17 . . . . . Close Date for Next Newsletter.

\* See article in this Newsletter.

## President's Message

December at the Fiske Library always brings a focus on the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. It is the time for preparation for our annual "tour" to Salt Lake and ten days of intensive research in the collections of the FHL. There probably is no greater, single location for a genealogist to do research in depth and with ease than in the four floors of open stacks at the FHL.

I spent one long day in Salt Lake City in October, as I was passing through on my way to a vacation week with family. From 7:30 am opening to 10:00 p.m. closing of that single day, I could do the kind of in-depth work that would take many, many days if I were trying to visit successive county courthouses in East Coast states. Because the bound books in the FHL do not circulate to the local Family History Centers, I usually start with that collection for the locality in which I am interested. I know in advance what I will find on those shelves, since I can do a call number search in the internet catalog at <http://www.familysearch.com> and see each of the books "on the shelf" side by side without ever leaving Seattle. It takes only a few minutes to handle each of the books on the actual shelf and determine which ones will contribute to my current investigation.

As new leads are identified in those bound books, I can follow them quickly through access to the full catalog of the FHL on conveniently placed computer terminals throughout the building. Then it is a matter of just a few steps to move to a shelf for another area and the research continues.

The microfilm collections are stored in "open" cabinets and drawers just a few steps from the well-maintained reader machines. When you find a record of importance to your search, you can quickly disengage that reel of film and take it to the photocopy room on that floor and put it into a photocopy reader and get a hard copy to take home with you for a very modest price.

Time is running out for members of the Fiske Library who want to participate in the 2001 trip to Salt Lake City. Details can be found on our website at <http://fiske.lib.wa.us> or in the handouts at the Library in Madison Park. Consider going with our group. Betty Kay Anderson will again lead the group, arrange for orientation sessions for first-timers, and be available for day-to-day coaching as your work progresses.

Trips to Salt Lake are always effective. They are even more worthwhile if you take the time in advance of your departure to use the FHL on-line catalogs to plan your first two or three days of work which you will do when you arrive in Utah. Knowing which counties or countries you will focus on, having an idea of the specific resources available at the FHL for those areas, and remembering that the Mormons have not photocopied every record in a distant courthouse, will help you place a proper perspective on where the search will begin. You won't be disappointed! And doing the searching in the company of twenty of your friends from the Seattle area, gives you a tremendous support group when you find the hunting a little more difficult. They also provide ready ears when you want to brag about your successes!

During this past October, the Family History Center upgraded their website and several Fiske patrons have found that their current web browser is no longer able to handle the graphics of the Family Search pages. Be assured that the computers in the Fiske Library are capable of fast access to that website and our new printer makes it easy to get permanent copies of what you see. Come on down to Madison Park and get yourself ready for the 2001 trip to Salt Lake City.

*Gary A. Zimmerman*  
President

## New On The Bookshelf



Once again Fiske Library has been the recipient of many volumes donated by generous friends. Among them are Mary Peters, Ada Evans, Marian Lavrinec, Darlene Hinton, Karl Kumm, Catherine Roberti, Helen Barton, Gary Zimmerman and Mary Stevenson. We thank you all, as you have added SO MUCH to our library!

### WASHINGTON STATE

History of Skagit and Snohomish Counties  
Letters of Catherine and David Blaine

### GENEALOGIES

Hinton and Related Families (3 volumes)  
Coleman and Family Genealogy  
Descendants of Edward Small of New England (Vol. 3)  
By My Strong Hand (Key family)  
Carmack Family Genealogy  
Philip Delano (4 generations)  
Henry Samson (Mayflower families 5 generations)  
Elmer L. Severinghaus 1844-1980  
Family History of William S. Wooton  
Descendants of Thomas Henderson 1756-1994  
Indiana Pioneers & Their Descendants, Daniel Etere and Mary Lindamond

### NEW ENGLAND

Some Famous Privateers of New England  
Roadside History of Vermont  
Barbour Collection of Vital Records of Connecticut;  
Volume 34, Plymouth, Pomfret  
Volume 35, Preston  
Volume 36, Portland, Prospect, Redding, Ridgefield  
Volume 37, Rocky Hill, Roxbury, Salem, Salisbury  
Volume 38, Saybrook, Sharon  
Volume 39, Sherman & Simsbury  
Volume 40, Somers, Southbury, Southington and So. Windsor  
Volume 41, Sterling, Stratford  
Volume 42, Stamford  
Volume 43, Stonington  
New England Family Histories of Connecticut  
Illustrated History of 6 Middlesex Co. Conn towns - "Long Ago, Not Far Away"  
Society of Colonial Wars 1899-1902  
Society of Colonial Wars 1907-1911  
Vital Records of Kittery, Maine to 1892

### OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST

Historic Landmarks of Delaware & Eastern Shore  
Missouri Society of Sons of Revolution  
More Than Petticoats (Remarkable Montana Women)

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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.

## Have You Considered DAR Membership?

You don't have to prove descent from a soldier to qualify for membership in the DAR. There are many other forms of service that justify your admission into the DAR. If you can relate one of your ancestors to one of the following, you might consider an application for membership;

- Signer of the Declaration of Independence
- Military Service
- Civil Service (holding office under authority of the provisional or new state government)
- Patriotic Service (Continental Congress, State Conventions and Assemblies, membership in Committees of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety, committees to care for soldiers' families, etc.)
- Signer of Oath of Fidelity and Support, Oath of Allegiance
- Members of the Boston Tea Party.
- Defenders of forts and frontiers and signers of petitions recognizing the provisional and new state governments.
- Doctors and nurses and others rendering aid to the wounded.
- Ministers who gave patriotic sermons and encouraged patriotic activity.
- Furnishing a substitute for military service.
- Prisoners of war or refugees from occupying forces.
- Prisoners on the British ship "Old Jersey" or other prison ships
- Those who rendered material aid, such as furnishing supplies with or without remuneration, lending money to the Colonies, munitions makers, gunsmiths, etc.

## Assistant Treasurer Appointed

The treasurer of the Fiske Genealogical Society, Ada Evans, will be away in the sunny south for some time during the winter months. At the last meeting of the board Jack Seeley was selected to "fill her shoes" during her absence. Jack is a very personable fellow who is very interested in genealogy, is retired, and lives in the neighborhood. We welcome him to the staff.

## Fiske to Be Present at Crossroads

Eastside Genealogical Society was the sponsor of a fair emphasizing history of the community last spring. Carolyn Blount and Marge Jodoin represented Fiske at that event, and have been invited to do so again. This will be held on March 10, at the Crossroads Mall in east Bellevue. They will have a display of genealogical interest, as well as information available about the library. It is very interesting with lots of local historical information available, and well worth your time, so please put the date on your calendar.

## New Year's Open House

Since the holidays are such a busy time for everyone, the Fiske Library Board decided this year to have a New Year's Open House which could be held a little later in the season. You will note the invitation on the cover of your newsletter. The date will be January 10, and the time 12:30 (after the first Wednesday class session). So, if you are a class member, bring your lunch and join your friends for a cookie and some punch. If you are not attending the class that day, come anyway, and enjoy a friendly chat.

## Attention Genealogy Groups

During the past few weeks several groups have visited Fiske Library, some from long distances, and have enjoyed researching here. These groups are always welcome during regular open hours of the library. However, it is much more productive if a group can be scheduled on Friday, as the library is available exclusively for them at that time and volunteers are able to give them more individual help. Consider this as a wonderful winter-time activity for your genealogical society and give us a call to schedule a time for you.

## Chance Meeting at Fiske Library Leads To Honors for Revolutionary War Soldier

Don Howard is a frequent user of the Fiske Library collection. He comes in quietly and goes about his work, drawing upon many of the resources on our shelves. Some months back, he was in the midst of his research when two women came into the library and it became obvious that at least one of them was new to the Seattle area.

It turned out that the woman, Peggy Power Gifford, was from Ballston Lake, New York, but she previously had lived in Stamford, Connecticut. As Don and Peggy struck up a conversation about their respective genealogical research, Don noted that he was a direct descendant of a Revolutionary War veteran who had actually taken part in the Boston Tea Party. That ancestor, Theophilus Howard, is buried in Stamford Cemetery.

Don told Peggy that the grave gave no indication that Theophilus was a veteran. Peggy had previously worked to get Veterans Administration markers for other veterans and she offered to do some of the legwork and submit an application for a proper marker on Theophilus Howard's grave. The application requires appropriate genealogical evidence to relate a specific grave to a specific individual with certifiable military connections. Peggy Gifford had prior experience in her DAR activities and soon was able to find evidence of Theophilus Howard's details in DAR records submitted by another descendant. A book documenting graves in Delaware County, Connecticut, located the Howard burial.

This summer a marker was placed on Theophilus' grave. That chance meeting in Seattle, with the coincidental presence of Don Howard in the library when Peggy Gifford came to check out the collection, has led to formal, public recognition of Theophilus Howard over 160 years after his death.

Theophilus Howard had been born in Bridgewater, Massachusetts on 5 May 1758. He enlisted twice during the Revolutionary War. In 1775 he spent six months as a private in Cambridge, during the British occupation of Boston. That is when he participated in the Boston Tea Party. In May 1776, he enlisted again and, as a corporal, was stationed at Williamsburg, Massachusetts, as a gunner and a bombardier. Then he was transferred to Naddles Island, off the coast of Massachusetts. A further transfer to Rhode Island was scheduled, but Theophilus hired a "substitute" to finish out his enlistment term. Howard married Bathsheba Keith in 1778. They had property in Grantham, MA. then Marlboro, MA, Westminster VT and then moved to New York sometime between 1800 and 1810. Theophilus died in 1838, the father of 12 children, several of whom are buried next to him and his wife.

And now you see why Don Howard is so friendly to strangers who come to work in the library. Sometimes, really nice things happen to you!

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Ada decided to have a look herself. Up to this time Ada had been a very busy wife, raising a family of 3 and working for many years. Her job was teaching knitting, and writing patterns (no less) for persons who wanted to knit sweaters, coats, or dresses. She pursued this at several different locations until about 1984, when she stopped working and then had more time for family history! So she began going to Arthur Fiske's class, and she says it took her some time to learn to call him by that name, as he was known as Donald as a child on Whidby Island. She became interested in pursuing both her family and that of her husband Vic. Ada also became active in the classes and in the volunteer program at the library, having had charge of getting people to help, and doing a great deal of volunteering herself. She is also presently serving as the treasurer for the organization. Ada's husband passed away recently and she has now made plans to spend some of her time with family members in Arizona. We will miss her energetic contribution while she is away several weeks this winter.

CARLDINE VAN ALLEN. If you come to the library on a Saturday, you will often find Carlidine here and if you come on the second Sunday afternoon of each month when the Pioneer Museum is open, you will also find her here. Carlidine VanAllen has been working full time at the Veterans Hospital in Seattle for the past 9 years and very willingly gives some of her extra time working at Fiske Library. We appreciate her generosity in doing so. She has had an interesting life, spending about 6 years on active duty and 18 years in the Army reserves. While stationed in France she entered a writing contest and won second prize. Therefore, her entry was printed and many soldiers began to correspond with Carlidine. Among them was a soldier stationed in Germany, who wrote a long letter to her daily, eventually proposing marriage. She says these letters continued for about six months before they met and married. Carlidine is presently a widow and has raised three sons. She is also a Daughter of the Pioneers, her great-great grandparents coming from Ohio to Eastern Washington in 1888. She has a great interest in family history, has taken several trips with Fiske friends, and spends much of her spare time in Fiske library, either volunteering or researching.

**Please Volunteer**

Due to the extended absence of two of our generous volunteers, we will be needing more people in order to keep the library open our present hours. We would, therefore, much appreciate your thoughtful consideration of help in the coverage of these hours. Recently a first-time user of the library asked what one needed to do to become a volunteer, as, she said, you learn so much more about a library when you volunteer. Of course, she was correct in that, and, of course, she was informed that you really didn't have to have a lot of experience or training, as someone is always working with you at Fiske library. In fact, it can even be a "fun" thing to do and you may even find something to help YOU with YOUR search. Please call the library with an offer to help.

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- Yankee of the Prairie (Kansas)  
Cemetery Records of Township of Whitehall, Wash. Co., N.Y.  
Vital Records Index of Western Europe (C.D.)  
Sullivan Expedition of 1779 - Regimental Rosters  
Cemetery Records of Fort Ann, Wash. Co., N.Y.  
The Black West (History)  
Historical Atlas of the American South  
The Colony of South Carolina  
Clinton Co., Missouri births & deaths, 1883-1888  
Clinton Co., Missouri Marriage bonds 1908-1910  
Bedford Co., Va. Marriage bonds, 1800-1853  
The Center - Guide to Gen. Research in National Capital Remnants of War 1861-1865, Bedford Co., Va., Civil War records  
Bedford Co., Va., Birth Records, 1856-1866 - Vol. 2  
Bedford Co., Va. Rev. War Pensions  
Bedford Co., Va. Death Records 1853-1860 & 1868-1880  
Virginia Vital Records (C.D.)  
History of Franklin Co., Ohio  
Directory of Illinois Museums  
Newspapers in the Ill. State Historical Library  
History of Wilson Co., Tenn.  
Tales of Versailles, Indiana  
A Backward Glance at the Old Union, Johnson Co., Ill.  
Sideline Stones of Guernsey Co., Ohio  
Biography & History of Guernsey Co., Ohio  
Index to Prerogative Wills of Ireland 1536-1810  
(The following books were purchased on the Mid-west trip)  
Whiteside Co., Il. 1890 Tax Lists  
Mid-South Bible Records, Vol II  
Marriage bonds 1822-1845 Hickman Co., Ky.  
Biographical & Historical Memoirs of Northeast AR  
Manual for use of Clerks of townships in Il.  
History of Halifax Co., Va.  
Everly Chapel Church Records 1887-1928 Macoupin Co., Il.  
Chance Baptist Church, Macoupin Co., Il.  
Divernon Il Methodist Church, Sangamon Co., Il.  
Tax Lists of Jackson Purchase, 1822, 1823, 1824, Ky.  
Index of Service Men in Franklin Co., Il. Wars 1832-1898  
Buffalo Hart Pres. Church Sangamon Co., Il.  
1840, 1841, 1842 Morgan Co., Il. Tax Lists  
Il. Gen. Society 1981 Surname Index  
Cemeteries, Saline Co., Il., Vol. 8  
Chatham United Pres. Church, Sangamon Co.  
Menard Co. Il. births, 1827-1885  
Rev. War period 1736-1787-Bibliography, Morgan Co.  
Trinity Church, Jacksonville, Ill.  
Cemeteries Saline Col, Il., Harrisburg, Vol. V  
Cemeteries Williamson Co., Il. Vol. 1  
Marriages & Related Notes, Hamilton Co., Il. 1821-1854  
Lower Il. Valley Book of White Hall  
Archives of Pioneers of Tazewell Co., Va.  
Indiana Source books, 5, 6, 7, & 8  
Index to 1875 Atlas of Washington Co., Ohio
- PERIODICALS**  
The American Genealogist, July 2000  
New York Genealogical & Biographical, July 2000  
Journal of Illinois History, Spring & Summer

## Midwest Trip Enjoyed by All

Thirteen avid genealogists and tourers departed on September 28 for a two-week tour to the Mid-West. They flew to Cincinnati, Ohio where they picked up a large van and a car; they immediately drove to Mansfield, Ohio, where a full day of research was scheduled for the following day at the Ohio Genealogy Society Library. A few of the non-researchers took the car and toured, among other fun things, an Amish settlement. The next stop on the itinerary was Ft. Wayne, Indiana where the researchers were offered three full days of research at the Allen County Library, one of the top genealogical libraries in the country. The most outstanding part of their collection is their periodicals for which they developed the PERSI index.

After Ft. Wayne, the next stop was Chicago. This was a real surprise to the researchers, who were generally disappointed in the holdings and use ability of the Newberry Library. However, everyone was most impressed with the city of Chicago itself- the Field Museum, the Art Institute, and the entire downtown area were favorites. The group found some fabulous restaurants, the range of which included the famous Berghoff's in Chicago and numerous trips to the Steak and Shake chain of restaurants.

Following Chicago, they drove south to Springfield, Ohio where everyone enjoyed all of the Abraham Lincoln sites as well as the Illinois Historical Society Library. The next stop was Indianapolis; this occurred over a week-end, which sort of pre-empted the research, but did permit a wonderful Sunday checking out many of the covered bridges in Western Indiana as well as a most impressive memorial to Ernie Pyle. After Indianapolis, they headed East for the final stop at Louisville, Kentucky. There are three fine research facilities within a few blocks of each other (Filson Club, Louisville Free Public Library, and the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Library) which were enjoyed by the researchers. A wonderful dinner was truly enjoyed when our "Fiskies" took a dinner cruise on the Ohio River that covered 24 miles, had some live (but noisy) music, and enjoyed great food once again.

Home came everyone on October 12. The weather during the entire trip was perfect - the only rain was on the day that the group drove south from Chicago. Everyone so enjoyed their trip that they were already planning the next trip for the Fall of 2002. (See another article in this newsletter).

## Fall Trip 2002

Our Tour Leader, Betty Kay Anderson, is already working on her plans for a trip to the Eastern Seaboard in the Fall of 2002. The trip will especially feature Pennsylvania, but plans are in the works for visits to Washington, D.C., Gettysburg, Williamsburg, Va., and maybe even New Jersey. Betty Kay really likes input from potential tour members, so that she can be sure to include all of the appropriate counties and libraries into the itinerary. Her telephone number is 360-898-2537, e-mail is bettykay@hctc.com, and address is 10111 E. State Route 106, Union, WA. 98592 - for those who want to make suggestions which might enhance an already exciting trip. There will be regular updates in future newsletters about this trip.

## News From The Friends

The first meeting of the new year will be held on Wednesday, January 17, following the class at 12:00 noon. All people who have an interest in Fiske library are cordially invited to attend. Nothing else is necessary - just an interest in the library. Please come and participate in the activities as they are planning a spring event which you will be interested in.

Friends of Fiske Foundation have also launched a new project which should be of great interest to all genealogists. This is the printing of personal stationary showing your ancestry chart for four generations. You can get 50 sheets printed on very attractive paper and 50 matching envelopes for only \$15.00, a very reasonable price. All you need to do is fill out one of the informational forms which are at the library and submit it to Mary Stevenson, who will then assemble your project. This can be a very interesting and attractive means to correspond with family members or others who are interested in your family history. Samples are available at the library.

## All Aboard for Salt Lake City!

Our annual trip to Salt Lake City is scheduled for February 1-10. This offers nine full days of research at the world-famous Family History Library. There are already 23 people signed up to take the trip. While there have never been any limits to the number who can go, we never know when Delta Airlines will run out of seats. SO, it would be a good idea for anyone who is interested to either pick up a brochure (flyer) at the Fiske Library, or call Hood Canal Travel at 360-275-2831. Final payments for the trip are due from everyone on December 15, and there will be a pre-trip seminar at the Fiske Library on Wednesday, January 24 at 1:00 p.m. Probably the greatest incentive to travel in one of our groups is that we have help available for the first-time researcher or anyone who might be the least bit intimidated about using the LDS facilities. (See also the President's column in this newsletter for further pre-trip preparation.)

## The Christmas Long Ago

by James Whitcomb Riley

Come, sing a hale Heigh-ho  
 For the Christmas long ago! -  
 When the old log cabin homed us  
 From the night of blinding snow,  
 Where the rarest joy held reign,  
 And the chimney roared amain,  
 With the firelight like a beacon  
 Through the frosty window-pane.

Ah! the revel and the din  
 From without and from within,  
 The blend of distant sleigh-bells  
 With the plinking violin;  
 The muffled shrieks and cries-  
 Then the glowing cheeks and eyes-  
 The driving storm of greetings,  
 Gusts of kisses and surprise.

## LITTLE-USED MATERIALS AT LIBRARY

Long-time students of Arthur Fiske will recall the "map-room" in his old library. Obviously space was scarce, so there were shelves over the bathtub which held the maps. Some of these were most helpful for students who had ancestors in small European towns.

However, these maps and many others are rarely used now in the library, and may be of great help to you, so here is a partial list for you to check. Please note that not all maps are dated. Ask the librarian on duty for their locations.

The Mormon Trail (and others of that era)

Salem Village & vicinity in 1692

Oregon Trail (2 maps)

Shakespeare's Britain

Ancestral Map of Ireland (with families)

Counties in New York

Putney, Vt., (with families)

Kent in 1596

Elizabethtown, N.J. (with families)

Poulsbo, WA. Triangle

Old Seattle (showing buildings)

Whidbey Island, WA.

United States showing land acquisitions

New England and New York (very early)

Original 13 colonies

Ireland - southern

Boston in 1743

Bristol, England

Ireland

Kent, 1612

Lauderdale Co., Miss.

Oglethorpe Co., Ga.

Little Compton, R.I. (with families)

Kentucky about 1790

Snohomish, WA. 1895

Washington & Oregon Territories

Plymouth, 1620

Kentucky (no date)

U.S., early states & territories

Gen. Howe military operations in 1777

North Carolina 1808

12 very early maps of European countries including:

Germany (several)

Hungary and Transylvania

Bavarian

Austrian Empire

Western Russia and nearby countries

Northern Germany

Bohemia, Saxony and neighboring countries

Low Countries

Hungary in 1845

These materials and other little-used resources will be reviewed at the class session on March 14.

## FAMILY LETTERS OF CAROLYN BLOUNT

Carefully preserved and shedding an interesting insight of the times, are some beautifully scripted love letters between Carolyn's great-grandparents, Joseph Harris, 1841-1861, and Mary Gainer, 1844-1920. They were members of the Society of Friends, and settled first between Auburn and Sumner where they raised hops. He was also a carpenter and built a number of early churches in the area. Joseph and Mary and their young family, including Carolyn's grandmother, Clara Jane, came west in the 1870's. Interestingly, Mary Gainer Harris also saved love letters from several other boy friends before Joseph, who proclaim their broken hearts. This one was written in the 2nd month, 14th, 1866.

My Dearest Mary,

It is with much pleasure that I now absent myself from every other project for the purpose of writing to thee.

I arrived here last evening and found Sister Mary nicely, and everything doing well. I had a very pleasant time yesterday with the dear friends as far as Brantford where they safely landed the train stopping only about two minutes. I had but little time which I employed in trying to find William Barker or some other friend that might be there to meet them but could not, there being a great crowd about the station. He might have been there and I not seen him.

Now my Dear Mary, let me turn the tone of my letter and what shall I say? My first thought is that every word may be in accordance with His will whom to know is better than life for I trust that he has found a place in each of our hearts and if it is his will that we should be bound together by the closest ties of relationship that this world can meet, may all work together for his glory and no doubt we shall have happiness indeed.

What more shall I say? May that which is begun between us still go on and prosper. May the Lord add a blessing thereto is the desire of him who still remains thine in Love.

Joseph Harris, Rodgerville, Huron City, Co. West  
P.S. Please write soon and freely. Farewell for the present.

## CHRISTMAS AFTERTHOUGHT

by James Whitcomb Riley

After a thoughtful, almost painful pause,  
Bub signed, "I'm sorry fer old Santy Claus: -  
They wuz no Santy Claus, ner couldn't be,  
When he was a little boy like me."

*Holiday Greetings from all of us at  
the Fiske Library.*

FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION  
Winter Quarter 2001 Classes  
(206)-328-2716

**WINTER SEMINAR SERIES 2001**

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.

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