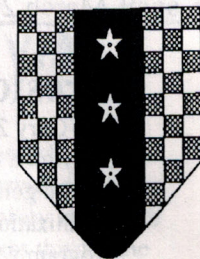




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## NATURALIZATION RECORDS IN SEATTLE

By Karl Kumm

Whenever you read about naturalization records, you begin to wonder if you will ever find the right place to look. You are told that these records may be in any one of several levels of courts. You are told that the "Declaration of Intent" may be filed in one court and the "Petition for Admission to Citizenship" in another. You are told that the indexes only cover short periods of time. Frequently the more comprehensive indexes are incomplete. You get discouraged. But there are a few aids that can help. The Family History library has published a series called "Research Outline" for each state. Check the unit called "Naturalization and Citizenship". Arlene Eakle wrote a unit called "Tracking Immigrant Origins" in *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy* (Salt Lake City: Ancestry Publishing Co., 1984, pp 453-516).

Many naturalization records are found in the National Archives and have been filmed. The Works Progress Administration in the late 1930's took on the onerous task of centralizing, photocopying and indexing all the naturalization records in the United States prior to 1906. The Second World War intervened so that only a few of those projects were completed. If the state you are searching has a completed index you are in luck. For example the project for the New England states, although not complete, was mostly done and the index was filmed. It is available in the NARA facility at Sand Point as "Film Series M1299-Index-New England, 1791-1906. It is complete for Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. Connecticut is also filmed in its incomplete form. The photocopies and the card of the soundex index are in the archives branch, FARC Boston.

If you are looking for naturalization in Western Washington you are equally fortunate. Nine series of films are available at the National Archives-Pacific Northwest Region in Seattle: M 1232-Indexes to Naturalization Records of the U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington, Northern Division (Seattle):1890-1952. 6 rolls. M 1233-Index to Naturalization Records of the King County Territorial and Superior Court: 1864-1889 and 1906-1928. 1 roll. M 1234-Index to Naturalization Records of the Thurston County Territorial and Superior Courts: 1850-1974. 2 rolls. M 1235-Index to Naturalization Records of the Snohomish County Territorial and Superior Courts: 1876-1974. 3 rolls.

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## CLASSES RESUME APRIL 4

The Winter session of the Wednesday a.m. classes will conclude with the session on March 14. There will be a short break at that time, and they will resume at 10 .m. on April 4, beginning with what promises to be an interesting lecture by Carolyn Blount in identifying old photos. This is an area where Carolyn has had much experience, so bring your old family photos and enjoy!

## FAMILY ROOTS FAIR

by Carolyn Blount

The Fiske library is again participating in the March 10, 2001 Crossroads Family Roots Fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fiske members have been making poster boards to reflect their special genealogical interests for display. They include land records, special lines of descent and Washington pioneers. See the display on the back table at the Library, and, if you wish, make one of your own for the Fair. The Fiske copy machine does a fantastic job of enlarging old photos, up to 4 times the original size, all for only 15 cents a copy! The Fair is free and most PNW genealogical and historical groups will be participating. Last year it was an exciting day and many thousands of people came to the fair and learned of the Fiske library, as well as other local resources. Carolyn Blount, Moira Connor and Marge Jodoine are handling the Fiske display table on March 10.

**DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF SEVERAL VOLUNTEERS WHO GIVE MOST GENEROUSLY OF THEIR TIME, THERE IS A SLIGHT POSSIBILITY THAT THE LIBRARY MAY BE CLOSED UNEXPECTEDLY AT SOME TIME DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. WE SUGGEST THAT YOU CALL THERE TO CHECK BEFORE GOING IN. 206-328-2716.**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed. Mar 14.....Last Class Winter Quarter \*

Sat. Mar 10, 10 am to 5 pm . Crossroads Family Roots Fair \*

Wed. Apr 4, 10 am..... First Class Spring Quarter \*

\* See article in this Newsletter.

## President's Message

Gary Zimmerman, president of the Fiske Foundation, is away on a trip. He departed on February 20 for Thailand and will be gone for seven weeks. It seems that the Rotary organization, in which he is very active, has an international program whereby business men participate in an exchange of ideas. So Gary has brushed up on his knowledge of the Thai language, and spent many hours helping members of the "team" to prepare for this unusual trip. Some last-minute complications made it impossible for him to write his usual column for this newsletter. We wish him a wonderful trip, but will be happy to see him return safely on April 8.

In the meantime, I thought it appropriate to continue his comments of the last issue in which he described things one could do in preparation for a trip to Salt Lake City to the LDS library there. Having just returned from a most successful trip there, I would like to suggest some things you can do using their resources in this area. First, you need access to an on-line computer. If you do not have one, those at Fiske library are available. Of course they also have them at the branch library and will help you there. The web-site is [www.familysearch.com](http://www.familysearch.com) and it contains not only the IGI and Ancestry File, but the library catalog. In order to access this, click on the icon on the far right and again on the one for the catalog. You will see 5 searches you may use - place, surname, author, call number, or film/fiche search. There you will be able to find the exact books and films the library has which may benefit your research. These may be ordered from the main library through your local branch. (In some cases they may have the film and may not need to order it.) This library has an unbelievable amount of information and they are most generous in sharing it with all other family history researchers. To my knowledge, not a person of the 26 who journeyed to Salt Lake City in February with the Fiske group came home with no new information. The biggest problem is to get everything done that you want to do without exhausting yourself, and developing sore muscles in your arm, neck, or back from winding and rewinding the films, as much of their information has been filmed. Of course the main subject of conversation among Fiske researchers was about what they had found so far, or what they expected to find the next day.

Betty Kay Anderson, who guides this annual trip, has already made reservations at the hotel for January of next year because of the winter Olympics being held there. However, there is a lot you can do here. There will still be a lot more to do if and when you are able to travel to Salt Lake City. Volunteers at Fiske Library are happy to help you access the web-site so you can get going!

*Mary Stevenson*, Vice President

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## New On The Bookshelf



Fiske Library is again very fortunate to have received many new items to add to the shelves. Among others, we wish to thank Joan Bakeman, Karen Bridgeman, Jane Byers, Karl Kumm, Marion Lavrinec, and Mary Stevenson. We also have received a number of periodicals, surplus at the LDS library at Salt Lake City, which were donated to our library. AND Friends of Fiske Foundation donated some of their funds and the amount was matched by the Fiske board, for the purchase of some books from the used book store in Salt Lake City. Those acquisitions are all included in this list. It is time for you to stop by the library to check these out if you haven't been here lately!

### GENEALOGIES

The Priest family, 2 volumes  
Stanwood Family  
Forerunners-Genealogy of the Strickler Families  
A Branch of the Woodruff Stock  
Peters of New England  
The Rucker family genealogy  
A Pioneer Missionary (Lemuel Wells)  
The Hamiltons of Fabius, N.Y.  
Lasher Genealogy  
Joachim Nagel

### NEW ENGLAND/NEW YORK

Tombstones of the Irish Born (Brooklyn, N.Y.)  
Maine Marriages (C.D.)  
Newtown's History & Historian (Conn.)  
Schenectady, Ancient & Modern (N.Y.)  
Annals of the Town of Mendon, Mass.  
Supplement to the History of Windham, New Hampshire  
Connecticut 1850 Census Index  
Personal Records of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York  
Year Book of the Holland Society of New York  
**Norwalk, Conn.**  
Greenlaw Index of the New England Hist. & Gen. Soc., Vol.2

New York Gen. & Biog. Record  
TAG for October  
Cousin Huntin' (Central N.Y. Gen. Soc.)  
Downeast Ancestry (Maine)  
Rhode Island Gen. Register  
Middleborough Antiquarian (Mass.)  
New Hampshire Gen. Record

### PENNSYLVANIA/NEW JERSEY

History of the Abington Presbyterian Church, Pa.  
Pioneers of Mifflin Co., Pennsylvania  
History of the Presbyterian Church in Trenton, N.J.  
Transactions of the Moravian Historical Society (Pa.)  
History of the Presbyterian Church in Fleming, N.J.  
Annals of Luzerne Co., Pa.  
Historical Discourse (1st Dutch Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N.J.)  
Pioneers of Old Northfield, N.J.  
Index of Pennsylvania Ancestors  
First Presbyterian Congregation, Mendham, N.J.  
History of Hillside, N.J. and Vicinity

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## EASTERN SEABOARD TRIP PLAN

Betty Kay Anderson has been finalizing plans for a trip to the East Coast in the fall of 2002. It is not too early to begin your plans and research to be a part of this great trip, as many people have ancestors in this area. At the present time the agenda includes some wonderful research sources which you may find quite interesting and helpful. Presently the plan is to fly into New Jersey and stay at New Brunswick 5 nights. From there Amtrak will be taken into New York City where you may research the New York Public Library, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, Holland Society, Huguenot Society, or New York Historical Society Library. The New Jersey opportunities include Rutgers University, the New Jersey State Archives, and the New Jersey State Library. The group will then journey into Philadelphia where the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Genealogical Society are located, as well as Quaker research at Swarthmore, Haverford, or Bryn Mawr. In Harrisburg the State Library of Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania State Archives will be included. There will also be a short time for sightseeing on that week-end.

From Pennsylvania the trip goes to Washington, D.C. via Gettysburg. While there they may avail themselves to the National Genealogical Society Library in Arlington, the DAR library, Library of Congress, and National Archives in D.C. One day will be set aside for a tour to Williamsburg and Richmond, Va. before a return for more Washington research and the flight back to Seattle.

Presently the date set for departure is Sept. 28, and return October 12, so it promises to be a busy and productive two weeks.

This newsletter will be bringing you more information as the time nears for the trip. In the meantime, if you have questions or suggestions, please contact Betty Kay Anderson,

[bettykay@hctc.com](mailto:bettykay@hctc.com), or her home at 10111 E. State Route 106, Union, Wa. 98592.

## VOLUNTEERS - VOLUNTEERS - VOLUNTEERS

By Marian Lane

The Library is always needing volunteers to assist one hour or longer on the days the library is open. Experience is not a prerequisite, as you learn as you go along. A person is always there who is knowledgeable, so there is little concern that if a question is asked there would be help available. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn first-hand about what the library contains, practice on the computers, and do your own genealogy, as well as provide assistance for small jobs such as putting books back on shelves, filing papers in various books, etc. Many of the patrons are "old-timers" to the library and require little or no assistance. Times of special needs include afternoons before 6 p.m. before working volunteers are able to be there on Wednesday and Thursday. And Saturdays volunteers are also urgently needed at this time. Won't you please consider it and give it a try - you will not regret it. Anyone interested, please contact Mary Stevenson.

## THIS NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

If you have given us your e-mail address (which we requested), and the last newsletter did not arrive, do not despair! We have had a problem with our ability to operate this system just now so were unable to process this for the issue in December. Hopefully, it will be up and running soon, so please have patience with us!

## ALOHA; MAUI, ANYONE?

Save the date, Friday, June 1 at 7 p.m. at the Blounts for the Friends of Fiske Silent Auction. Exciting items have already been promised, including the use of the Anderson's Maui condo for one week, or, nearer to home, the Peter's Lopez Island cabin for a week. Also offered are 4 hours of research at the Federal Archives, fuchsia baskets and antique kitchen tools.

Offer an item for the auction, invite your friends, and bring a snack or dessert to the evening. The auction is being chaired by Betty Kay Anderson, and the Blounts are hosting the party at their 1905 Capital Hill home at 2026 Tenth Avenue East, at Tenth East and East Boston Street, just north of St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. Profits benefit the Friends of the Fiske Foundation library.

## ANYONE YOU KNOW HERE?

Cynthia Littel  
 Mary Bostwick  
 Captain Benjamin Weed  
 Eunice Mead, his wife  
 Edward Weed  
 Benjamin M. Weed  
 Emeline, his wife  
 Catharine Clark  
 James Little  
 Lydia, wife of James Little, Jr.  
 Sarah, wife of Silas Finch  
 Sylvester Ferguson  
 Abby J., wife of Sylvester Ferguson  
 Rachel, wife of Luther Phillips  
 David Miller  
 William Hoyt  
 Anna, wife of William Hoyt  
 Samuel Hoyt  
 Henry Von Brock  
 His wife, Anna L. Von Brock  
 Charles A. Weed  
 Miles H. Weed  
 James A. Davenport  
 Susan A., wife of Caleb S. Jackson  
 Martha A., wife of Henry Scofield

A group of pictures of these tombstones was recently found in a desk drawer at Fiske Library. Some are labeled Bedford, New York, and others are from the cemetery at Stamford, Connecticut. All were taken in 1987. If you connect with any of these people, you are invited to call the library and claim the picture of your family member.

## MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS

She attends classes, teaches classes, plans trips, has been president of the Friends' organization for several years, has a picnic at her home every summer for the Fiske researchers, and makes countless other contributions to the library, even though she lives miles away! Yes, that is BETTY KAY ANDERSON.

How did she get "bitten" by the genealogy "bug"? In 1988 her daughter was graduating from college in the Boston area. She and her mother wished to attend, and while there her mother wanted to rent a car in order to go to a cemetery in New Hampshire where some of her family were buried. Betty Kay was to drive for her. While there they took pictures of tombstones and when at home some time later Betty Kay spent some time studying them to figure out just how they all fitted into the family.

While she was doing this, she received a call from a neighbor, Patt Hansen, who wanted to make some travel arrangements (Betty Kay owned a travel agency at this time.) Patt asked her what she was doing, and when she found out, she asked Betty Kay to come with her to Seattle to a genealogy class, which was held at Fiske Library. This was the fall of 1988 and they shared the ride from Hood Canal to this class for many years.

Later when Arthur Fiske needed a new travel agent to plan genealogy trips, B.K. came forward and offered her services. Since that time she estimates that she has made about 13 trips to Salt Lake City. (No wonder she knows the library so well, and can give such helpful suggestions to researchers who travel with her!) She has also guided trips to Washington, D.C., England, New England, and most recently to the Mid-west. (See article in this newsletter re the trip she is planning now for the fall of 2002.)

Betty Kay and her husband Roy spend part of their time in Maui, where they have a condo, and the rest of their leisure on the shores of Hood Canal, where she still have wonderful memories of childhood times. She has family members in this area, including grandchildren and parents.

And in her "spare" time she has led what she describes as an interest group in genealogy in the Shelton area for over 4 years. Due to her enthusiasm some of the members of this group have developed a great interest in family history and travel to Salt Lake City with her group.

**Everyone at Fiske library appreciates the talents and contributions of Betty Kay Anderson. We just couldn't go anywhere without her!**

BILL EBERLE (it really is G.W.) had a computer display at a Family Fair for Fiske Library some years ago (so many that he can't remember exactly when). This was the first time many genealogists in this area had a look at what a computer could do for their records. His wife, Mary, had been doing genealogy research for about 30 years. He began putting her information into his small computer many years ago and found it much easier to access than her former system of record keeping. Bill now has 3 computers in his home, which are all much different than that original one. He says his very first experiment with programming was to print his service station payroll on a small, long obsolete, computer in 1984.

Mary Eberle discovered several years ago that she connected with royal ancestry, so Bill became interested in

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Minutes of the Council of Safety of New Jersey  
New Jersey Historical Collections  
History & Records of the Methodist Church in Mendham, N.J.  
Atlas of Lycoming Co., Pa.  
National Gazetteer of the USA, New Jersey  
Western Pa. Gen. Society  
St Clair's Bedford Co., Pa.  
Historical Society of Schuylkill Co., Pa.  
Proceedings & Addresses of Pa. German Society

### OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST

Abstracts of Georgia Colonial Book J  
Baltimore Co., Md. Deed Records  
The First Hundred Years (Cobb Co., Ga.)  
Abstracts of Early East Texas Newspapers  
Transactions of the Huguenot Society of So. Carolina  
The National Gazetteer of the USA Delaware  
Colonial Records of the State of Georgia, v. 27  
Abstracts of Bedford Co. Va. Will Book  
Virginia Revolutionary Pension Applications, v. 11  
Surry County Cemetery Survey v.7, No. Carolina  
Ohio Area Key  
Michigan Heritage  
Cabarrus Co. North Carolina, Early Land Entries  
The Colorado Genealogist  
Illinois 1850 Mortality Schedule  
Abstracts of Brevard Co. Will Book, v.1, (Fla.)  
Tales of Mighty Mountrail, vol. 1, (No. Dakota)  
Missouri 1860 St. Louis  
Genealogical Sources, Dupage Co., Ill.  
Ironwood, Michigan, the Growing Years, 1885-1925  
Chesapeake Cousins Upper Shore (Maryland)  
Index of County Court Order Books, Ohio Co., W. Va., V.6  
Fifty Years in Oregon by Geer  
Indiana Genealogist  
Journal of Illinois State Historical Soc.  
Piedmont Lineages (Va. & No. Car.)

### GENERAL HELPS

Searching for Cyber-Roots  
Roots of the Rich & Famous  
Genealogy on the Internet  
The Sounder  
Hessian Notebook  
Newspapers on microform  
UMI Guide to Family & Local Histories  
Lineage books for Ancient & Honorable Artillery Co.  
Guide to Naturalization Records of the U.S.  
Historical Atlas of Eastern Europe  
Absolutely Family (Writing a family newsletter)  
Hidden Half of the Family (Women)  
Cyndis List - 40,000 sites on the Internet  
SAR Patriot Index (C.D.)  
Pedigree Resource File (Discs 6-10 & 11-15)  
Ancestry Reference Library (C.D.)

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M 1237-Index to Naturalization Records for the U.S. District Court, western District of Washington. Southern Division.) (Tacoma): 1890-1953. 2 rolls. M 1238-Index to Naturalization Records of the Pierce County Territorial and Superior Courts: 1853-1923. 2 rolls.

These indexes were filmed by the National Archives in Seattle and have descriptive pamphlets that support them. The Genealogical Society of Utah filmed the actual records, which are still in storage at Sand Point. These films are in the following series: M 1541-Naturalization Records for the U.S. District Courts for Eastern District of Washington: 1890-1972.

M 1542-Naturalization Records for the U.S. District Courts for Western District of Washington, 1890-1957. 153 rolls. M 1543-Naturalization for the Territorial and Superior Courts of King, Pierce, Thurston, and Snohomish Counties, 1850-1974.

New York City was a major port for immigrants. Many stayed and got naturalized in the many courts within the five counties that now make up the city. The WPA completed the photocopying and indexing of these records. The negative photocopies are presently located in the NARA site at 201 Varick Street, New York. The index has more than 90 per cent of the information from the original records. Those original books were left at the varied courts in the city. Many are gathered at the Municipal Archive at 31 Chamber Street. The following films are not available in the Seattle area except by a special order at a Family History Center: M 1164-Index of Naturalization Petitions of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, 1865-1957. 142 rolls. M 1674-Index (Soundex) to Naturalization Petitions Filed in Federal, State, and Local Courts in New York, New York, including New York, Kings, Queens, and Richmond Counties, 1792-1906. 294 rolls. M 1675-Alphabetical Index to Declarations of Intention of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, 111 rolls. M 1676-Alphabetical Index to Petitions for Naturalization of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, 1824-1941. 102 rolls.

If you are looking for naturalization records from Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Montana and Oregon, you will find some valuable films at Sand Point. If your ancestor landed in New Orleans, check 7RA130 Naturalization Petitions for the Circuit Court, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1838-1861. 2 rolls.

You can find a list of films held by the National Archives in its publication under Record Group 21, pp. 2-5 and 68. You can also check their web site at [www.nara.gov](http://www.nara.gov) or

[www.nara.gov/regional/seattle.html](http://www.nara.gov/regional/seattle.html). The most helpful book on the evolution of the laws concerning naturalization has been written by John J. Newman. "American Naturalization Processes and Procedures 1790-1985" (Indianapolis: Family History Section, Indiana Historical Society, 1985).

Did you know that the WPA project in Minnesota never got the index cards on film but they did send them to the Minnesota Historical Society? The Research Outline: Minnesota tells you all about that file. So don't forget that series when you search for naturalization.

(Karl will be holding a class with further information on this subject at the library on May 16 at 10 a.m. - See attached spring class schedule.

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book of 1200 pages of royal descents, a copy of which he has donated to the library for your use. This volume easily goes back to the year 900 and beyond!

Bill is presently supervisor of the computer lab at Shoreline Community College, where he has been employed for about 15 years. Since his wife Mary has been ill recently, his hours have been limited to only about 3 hours per day, as he spends much of his time caring for her needs. However, during his free time he has been very active in the printing of this newsletter. For the past 5 years he has set up each issue on his home computer and printed out a master copy which is then processed and mailed to some 900 people on our mailing list.

We owe a vote of thanks to the Eberles and their contributions to our library. If Bill wasn't doing it, you just might not get your newsletter!

## CHUCKLES ALONG THE WAY!

Recently Betty Kay Anderson recalled some amusing things which had happened on trips she had planned and guided during the past few years. When going to Salt Lake City Arthur Fiske always took an extra suitcase (empty) so he could fill it with books to bring back to his library. As the group was ready to depart for the airport for their return one year, Arthur's suitcase, heavy with books, broke apart in the lobby of the hotel. The employees there were able to help him tie it together so it arrived safely in Seattle, but, of course, the suitcase could no longer do the job. The next Wednesday class members brought extra suitcases to replace the worn-out model, and the old one was able to retire permanently.

On Sunday afternoons in Salt Lake City Betty Kay used to keep her hotel room door open in case anyone wanted to stop by for help of any sort. One of those afternoons, she was much surprised when a drunken Indian wandered in "for a consultation".

Again in Salt Lake City, when returning to the hotel from the library Betty Kay noticed that the lobby was very quiet. Then she saw the entire staff hiding behind the large fish bowl. It seems that a man had come in waving a gun around and she had not seen him. He was upset about a strike happening next to the hotel. It was alarming, but all ended well.

And then there was the time in New England which was her most embarrassing event. One of the group had asked to go back to her room to get something just before the vans were departing for the day. She was told that it was O.K., but when she returned to the area the vans were gone, so she just wandered up and down the street, hoping to get sight of someone or something familiar. It was some time before Betty Kay, who was driving one of the vans, realized that someone was missing, turned around, and found the lost group member still standing on the street corner.

Yes, these trips can have their exciting moments!

## GLEANINGS FROM SALT LAKE CITY

By Marian Lane

The Fiske annual trek to the Mormon Library in Salt Lake City from February 1 through the 10th, was again a successful event for the 27 people who participated. The Best Western Hotel, directly behind the library, was our home during the duration of our stay, and was very convenient. The beautiful historic Temple Square with its dusting of snow is always an impressive sight, and in the distance snow-covered mountains surrounded the city. Arriving late Thursday afternoon, some members, losing no time, immediately started their research. With the library open from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on most days, hardly a moment was wasted. Our tour leader, Betty Kay Anderson, gave an excellent tour of the library to the first-timers in the group, as well as others who wished to refamiliarize themselves.

The library has a new system in the copy room, now utilizing a copy card. However, if the card was not immediately removed after copying, and remained in the machine, it was easily forgotten and lost. Unfortunately a few of our group were such victims.

Despite the walk from the library to the Joseph Smith Library (about 2 blocks), housed in the old Utah Hotel on the 4th floor, many found the collection of Family Ancestral binders of great interest, as well as the family genealogies in the adjoining wing. Perhaps one of the best-known buildings is the Administration Building, behind the Joseph Smith Library building, where there is a wonderful cafeteria utilized by employees. Patrons of the library can obtain passes for daily entry, to enjoy a nourishing, reasonably priced meal at the noon hour, Monday through Friday. Many of the Fiske group were able to use this facility.

The walk from the library is pleasant, as you go through Temple Square, view many statues, fountains, and occasionally a happy bride and bridegroom coming out of the temple and posing for pictures.

George Ott, of the Heritage Counseling Services group, gave a free class the night we arrived on "Getting the Most Out of your U.S. Research in Salt Lake City." There were also two brown bag classes offered at the Crossroads Mall, costing \$5.00 each on Tuesday and Thursday noons. Some of the Fiske group attended both classes, as well as the free classes which the library offers daily to anyone interested.

Sundays are always a pleasant break, as the Library is closed. For those interested in watching a performance of the world-famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir, there is a 9:30 radio broadcast. The Tabernacle has one of the finest pipe organs in the world, and, along with the voices of 325 choir members, it gives an uplift to the soul. After the broadcast, those who wished to attend the scrumptious buffet at the Little America Hotel were transported to and from in the hotel van. No one quibbled about the price, as it is realized you can go from one delicious food table to another, and return for seconds, or thirds - entrees, elaborate deserts, tempting salads, shell fish, a variety of breads, etc. Or you can take a tour up to Park City

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where Olympic plans are being materialized, as did one member of the group. Monday night is Family Night for LDS members, so the library closes at 5 p.m. Most of our group dined at a nearby excellent Chinese restaurant and enjoyed a pleasant relaxing evening.

Mary Stevenson and Betty Kay Anderson made a special trip to Sam Weller's Book Store (a famous used-book place) to purchase genealogical books for the Fiske Library with money donated by the Fiske Friends and the library board. The books are now ready to view.

All in all, most of the group felt the trip successful, and are eagerly looking forward to signing up for the trip in 2002.

## A CHANCE IN TWO OR THREE MILLION

When Jean Roth gave a lecture on the joys of collecting postcards to enhance your genealogy, I thought it would be fun to go to one of the shows. So last summer I gathered a list of places my ancestors had lived and occupations they had and went to the show in Kent.

There must have been several million postcards in the big auditorium and 150 vendors. Some had their postcards neatly arranged by locality, others by subjects, some were in detailed divisions by city within a state. Like a child in a candy store, I began pawing through boxes of cards looking for the right card. To my surprise I found pictures of old courthouses with dates on them so I knew the timing was right. Pictures of train depots, schools, boats, and towns were more than my brain could take. I was especially fond of an old picture of Ballard High School, where my husband's parents attended as did both of us.

I collected two pictures of the Hiram Chittenden Locks (Ballard Locks) from the time when Edna was there as a child and about the 1930's. Another find was of the Bayview Elementary School in Ballard, Wa. In 1908. I checked with the Ballard Historical Society and they did not have a picture of the school.

Just before I left, I found another Ballard Locks picture of a tug with a log tow about 1950. I knew the tug was the Wallace and my father was the only one who made up log tows and brought them outside to the Sound. So I picked it up for 25 cents. When my husband looked at my finds, he asked me if I had read the card with the tug picture. I said, "No, because I was only interested in the picture." He then said he thought I should read it. It was addressed to a Mrs. Lohman at 1275 Northwest Road in Bellingham. "That's my aunt's mother-in-law," I said. As it turns out, the card was written by Henrietta Coral, who was my aunt's sister-in-law, and it mentioned going dancing with Harry and Mary (whom I knew) and going out to dinner the next day with Russ and Beth (my parents).

What a find! - A chance in a million or two or three.

One of the long-time members of Fiske Library is now confined to a nursing home. Mary Ann Nickell can be reached through her daughter at [PatDunbar5@aol.com](mailto:PatDunbar5@aol.com). Those of you who were acquainted with Mary Ann will know that she would enjoy hearing from you.

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**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 pm 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.