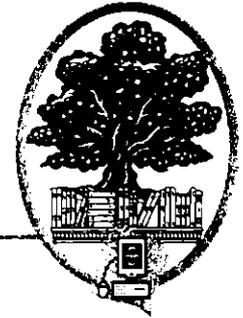


# FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Friends' of the Fiske Foundation have made several recent grants to acquire additional materials or to purchase on-line subscriptions to expand the access of our library patrons to other repositories of quality resources.

If you are using a portion of our library collection and feel that we are deficient in certain holdings, why not talk to us about how we might acquire those missing books or CD-ROM's?

Perhaps you would be willing to match some of our purchase dollars to make them go further. Perhaps you would be willing to buy the book for your own use and then donate it to the library when you have finished with it.

Summer time is a more relaxed pace at the Library, but our hours stay the same. Come into the Library and make good use of

At midyear, we find the library's collection continues to grow by leaps and bounds. New gifts keep coming in and they seem to have a way of filling out the gaps in our coverage of key areas.

The Friends are organizing a book sale this summer for the disposal of non-genealogical materials. The proceeds will give this group even more resources for future collection enhancements.

I urge all of our readers to consider their own collection of resource materials. If

It also has been a brisk spring for the sale of duplicate books and other used

## COLONIAL CONNECTICUT RECORDS (CCR) ONLINE

The staff at the University of Connecticut Libraries, along with support from the Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center and Connecticut State Library, has created a digital collection of public records of the Colony of Connecticut.

Available since April 2001, and known as the Colonial Connecticut Records (CCR), these records were created by digitizing microfilm copies of *The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, from April 1636 to October 1776* transcribed and published, (in accordance with a resolution of the General assembly). Hartford: Brown & Parsons. 1850-1890. 15 vols.

Currently, it is possible to access scanned images of all fifteen volumes a variety of ways, including:

- browsing an alphabetical subject index,
- searching by date,
- searching by volume and page number.

By selecting Colonial Pathways, the CCR database can also be accessed by type of material such as Charters, Laws, Letters and Inventories.

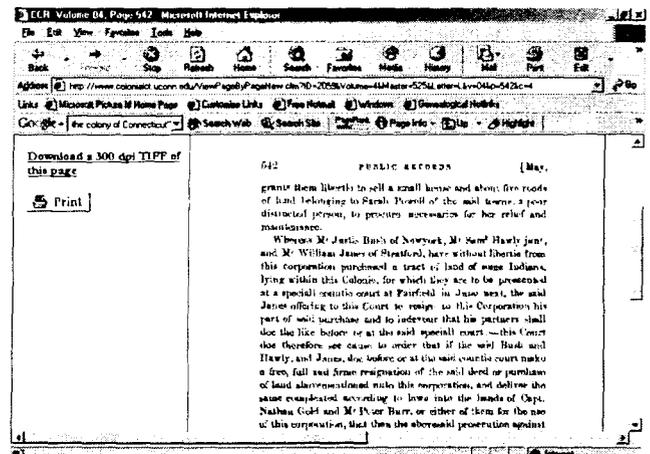
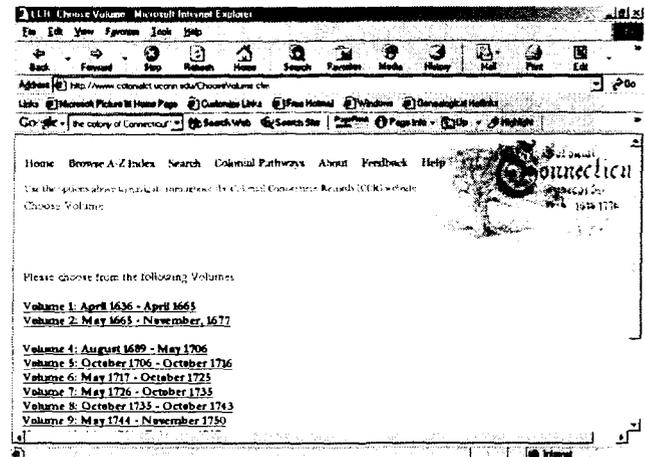
Inconsistent spelling so typical in books and publications of this period has prevented a full text and keyword search.

For those wishing to capture information in hardcopy, it is possible to either print each page, or to download TIFFs (at 300 dpi) of each page image.

Sample screen prints of the site are shown at right.

This is an invaluable source of information for anyone interested in New England history during the colonial period.

Moir E. Connor



Access the Colonial Connecticut Records (CCR):  
<http://www.colonialct.uconn.edu/About.cfm>

## PLEASE HELP REDUCE COSTS

You can help the Fiske Library reduce our high postage costs! Please sign-up to receive an e-mail notification when the newsletter is available for on-line viewing. It's easy, just two steps:

1. Go to the Fiske Library home page and sign-up (near bottom of page) for email notification.
2. Phone or email the Library and ask to be placed on the "email only" list.

When our quarterly newsletter is posted to the Fiske web site, you will receive an email notifying you. Just click on the link and you'll be taken to the current version of the newsletter!

## RECENT FINDS AT THE FISKE LIBRARY ORIGINAL PUTNAM COUNTY, (POSSIBLY ILLINOIS), PROBATE ACCOUNTS

While doing research at the library, Marge Jodoin found an original notebook listing probate accounts for Putnam County, IL from 1831 to 1837.

Each entry is identified by the full date of probate, and lists other individuals mentioned in the record.

There were only two clues to determine where the notebook was from:

1. property is at Twp 32, North of baseline, Range No. 1, West of the 3rd Meridian,
2. an election was held in a house in U.G. on 5 February 1837.

Limited as these clues are, Gary Zimmerman was able to reference geographical resource material at the Fiske library to determine that the location is, in all likelihood, Putnam, Illinois.

The following forty-six names are listed in alphabetical order to aid researchers. In the book, the entries are in chronological order, except for a few entries that were added on the bottom of previously completed pages.

Name	Date of Entry
M. Batter	1836
Gideon Berkley	1835
John P. Black	1837
Daniel Bland	1831
David Boyle	1836
L.B. Brewster	1837
Lyman D. Bewster	1835
John Bull	1836
John D. Caton, of Chicago	1835
N. Chamberlain	1836
Mordecai Cox	1834
Robert Crow	1834
James Dever	1835
John Dever	1835
James Durry	1835

James Fletcher	1836
F. Garrison	1837
Frederick Gise	1837
Daniel Gunn	1833
James Henthorn	1836
Jonathan Ireland	1835
Elias Isaac	1833
William Kerr	1835
Fra. Ladd	1834
John Leeper	1835
Samuel Mannon	1835
William D. Neely	1836
Samuel Patterson	1837
James Reynolds	1831
John Robinson	1836
Lion Shugart	1834
Joseph W. Smith	1837
William Stewart	1834
John Ware	1836
Naomi Ware	1835
Ralph Ware	1835
Timothy Ware	1837
William Warhab	1835
William Webb	1836
Washington Webb	1835
B.F. Whitney	1836
Thornton Wilson	1835
Joseh W. Wrexford/ Rexford	1833

The book is stored with other rare books in the glass case, so ask the volunteer on duty if you wish to check it for further information.

Carolyn Blount

## EASTERN SEABOARD TOUR, SEPT. 21ST TO OCT. 5TH, 2002

The Fiske Eastern Seaboard Tour is scheduled for September 21-October 5, 2002 to New York City; New Brunswick, New Jersey; and Philadelphia, Lancaster, Harrisburg and Berks County, Pennsylvania.



The final six nights will be in Washington, DC where researchers may visit the DAR Library, the Library of Congress, the National Archives, and the National Genealogical Society.

Cost will be \$1,530 double occupancy, \$ 2,280 single occupancy, including air transportation, ground transportation, and rooms for the full two weeks.

See the Fiske Web page [www.fiskelibrary.org](http://www.fiskelibrary.org): or telephone 206-328-2716 or 360 275-2831 for details.

## SIDEWALK BOOK SALE—JULY 13, 2002

### Donations Wanted!

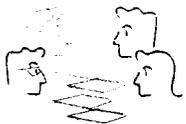
The Friends of the Fiske Library will hold a book sale on **Saturday, July 13, 2002 from 10 am to 3 pm** on the sidewalk on 43rd, directly in front of Pioneer Hall and the Library, and opposite the park. The sale will feature historical, but non-genealogical, books from the Fiske Collection, as well as a wide variety of books donated by members.



Here's an opportunity to clean out your book shelves *and* support the library! Bring your books to the library before July 10th and during our operating hours. Along with the books, please leave a note with your name, and instructions that your books are for the book sale.

Then come to the sidewalk sale on July 13<sup>th</sup> and enjoy browsing through the books. Chances are you'll find that elusive book you can't live without!

If you have any questions, please call Mary Peters at 206-784-8403.



The next **Friends of the Fiske Genealogical Foundation** meeting will be held **October 9, 2002** at 12:15 pm at the Fiske Library.

### FISKE LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION



Monday	10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Wednesday	Noon to 8:00 pm
Thursday	3:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Friday	Reserved for research groups (greater than 8 persons) from outside the greater Seattle Area. Contact the Library to make reservations.
Saturday	10:00 am to 3:00 pm
2nd Sunday of Each Month	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

## SUMMER BOOK REVIEW

*Mr. Vessey of England: Being the Incidents and Reminiscences of Travel in a Twelve Weeks' Tour through the United States and Canada in the Year 1859* by John Henry Vessey, ed. Brian Waters, 1956.

*No one thinks of taking a cab in New York. Their fares are so exceedingly high, and you have to put up with an amount of incivility from the driver unequalled in any city in Europe.*

Such are the pithy observations of a visitor to our shores in the year 1859.



John Henry Vessey was an Englishman and a yeoman farmer, aged 31 and a bachelor when he journeyed to America. He was heir to the manor of Halton Holgate near Spilsby in Lincolnshire. Vessey's diary is particularly revealing because he was not writing for publication. These are his private travel notes, candid and mundane. That's what makes them especially valuable for the genealogist. He describes his journey in detail—money changing, ticket-purchasing, ship life, traveling the rails, the river boats, hotel life. He remarks honestly on the people he meets and those merely observed. He travels through New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington D.C., Memphis, across the South, up the Mississippi, across the Illinois prairies to Denver, Chicago, Detroit, Niagara Falls, Quebec and back to New York.

He was personally interested in seeing the institution of slavery and plantation life first-hand, and in the economics of cotton-growing. While his observations there will seem naive, his reflections on the controversies surrounding slavery are illuminating of minds at the time. There is considerable commentary on the agricultural details.

His visits with hometown friends who had emigrated are revealing; has their lot been bettered? While particular individuals, families and farms are mentioned throughout the work, this isn't really a book in which to find your ancestors. It provides valuable background, an opportunity to visualize the environment in which our ancestors lived. It is a wonderful first-hand account of life experienced moment-to-moment in 1859. The introductions provide context and discussion of how Vessey compares to Trollope and Dickens as a diarist and observer.

*Mr. Vessey of England* is being donated to the Fiske collection by yours truly and should be on the shelf shortly. I hope you will enjoy it as much as I did.

Marge Jodoin

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## Even Genealogists Make Mistakes With Key Dates!



In our article on Edith Johnson, March 2002, we incorrectly noted that Arthur Fiske died in 1994. The correct date of Arthur's death is June 14, 1996. Our sincere apologies.

Moira E. Connor, Editor

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## SUMMER FUN!

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### FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP

Wednesday Seminar Series  
(10 sessions) \$30.

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Annual Library Membership  
plus Full Year Seminar Series  
(30 sessions) \$75.

## JACK SEELEY RETIRING AS ASSISTANT TREASURER

The Fiske Library is seeking a new Assistant Treasurer for the winter months while Treasurer, Ada Evans is in Arizona.

Jack Seeley has been serving as Assistant Treasurer during the past two years, but hopes to travel more himself in the next few years.

Jack grew up Madison Park and still lives in the neighborhood. He spent his K-8 years at McGilvra and went to Garfield High School. After two years at Stanford then two years at the University of Washing-

ton, he earned a BA in Business. During his career Jack worked for both Unigard Insurance and for Boeing. He is now retired. Jack became interested in genealogy when an aunt gave him material that she had collected. Over the years Jack augmented and refined this material. His Family Tree Maker program now contains 6,000 names, including his deceased wife's Patricelli side.

One of Jack's main joys in doing genealogical research has been in using his collected material to

prepare books for his Seeley and Hankins cousins, and for his wife's Patricelli and Recchia cousins.

Jack's father was fifth cousin of FDR, though he never knew it. He also shares relatives with Benedict Arnold. Jack is currently working on a Mayflower connection to Elder Brewster; he has all the names, but not the documentation.

In addition to genealogy, his interests include tennis, hiking, skiing photography and bird watching.

He is former president of the Madison Park Community Council, and is now VP of the Garfield Golden Grads. He has recently completed 20 years as a Boy Scout volunteer.

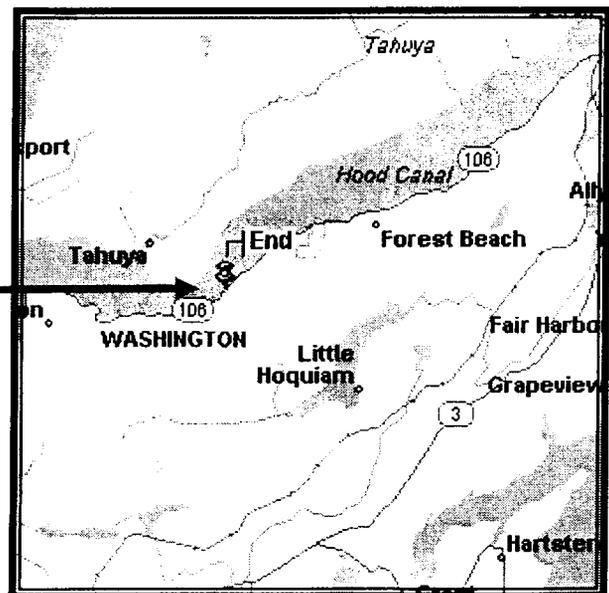
By Carolyn Blount



## ANNUAL FISKE PICNIC—JULY 27, 2002

Betty Kay Anderson is again hosting the summer Fiske Library picnic. This annual event will be held at Betty Kay's home on the banks of Hood Canal, on July 27, 2002. All Library members are invited; bring your favorite potluck dish and your sunscreen to the feast. The address is:

East 10111 State Route 106, Union, WA 98592



Maps Courtesy of Expedia.com

## FISKE LIBRARY—NEW BOOK, PUBLICATION AND CD ACQUISITIONS

### Georgia

- Georgia Genealogical Magazine

### Illinois

- Illinois State Gen. Society Quarterly

### Indiana

- Ripley Co., Ind. Marriage Records 1841-1850

### Kentucky

- Bluegrass Roots

### Minnesota

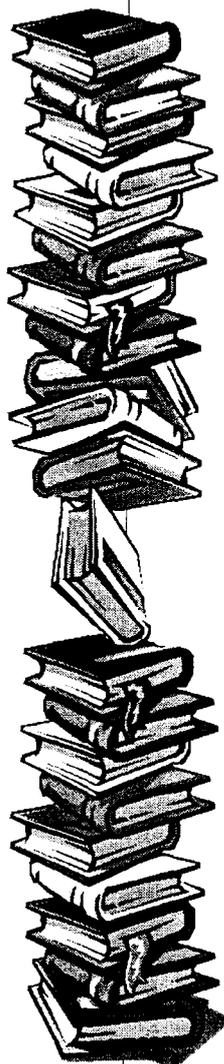
- Minnesota Genealogist

### Missouri

- Missouri Historical Review

### New England and New York

- 250th Anniversary of the Settlement of Stratford, Ct.
- American Colonists who have Royal Connections
- Census of the Colony (R.I. & Providence) 1774
- Genealogical Guide to Early Settlers of America
- Genealogies of Families of Early Settlers of Watertown, Waltham, & Weston, Mass.
- History of Hillsdale, Columbia Co., N.Y.
- Mass. Wills
- New York Gen. & Biog. Reg. & Newsletter
- New York Gen. & Biographical Record
- Niagara's News & Notes
- Refugees of 1776 from Long Island to Connecticut
- Reminiscences of Worcester Suffolk Co.,
- Stafford, Tolland, Suffield, Thompson
- The Maine Genealogist
- Vital Records of Connecticut by Barbour for towns of Torrington, Voluntown, Wallingford, Warren, Washington, Waterford, Watertown, Westbrook, Waterbury



### Ohio

- Historical Narratives of Williams County, Ohio
- Ohio Co., W. Va. Court Index, Vol. 9
- St. Jacobus Evangelical church, Marion, Ohio

### Ontario

- The Ontario Register

### Pacific Northwest

- A History of Whidbey's Island
- Kittitas County Historical Photo Album
- Life & Times in Seattle
- We Sought the Wilderness

### Pennsylvania

- Abstracts of Chester Co., (Pa.) Land Records
- Cumberland Co., Pa. Marriages
- Images of our Past (Somerset Co. Pa.)
- Laurel Messenger
- Somerset County Outline

### Virginia

- Northern Virginia Genealogy
- Lancaster Co., Va. Order Book Abstracts
- Loudoun Co., Va. Marriage bonds
- Prince William Co., Va. Deed Abstracts
- Virginia Cartographers & Their Maps

### Washington

- American Genealogy Research at the DAR in Washington D.C.

### Miscellaneous:

- American & British Genealogy & Heraldry
- Ancestor Index of National Society of Colonial Dames
- Coats of Arms from Hobbies Magazine
- Confederate Census, Vol. 1
- Finding your Roots
- German Family Research made Simple
- Hoosier Journal of Ancestry

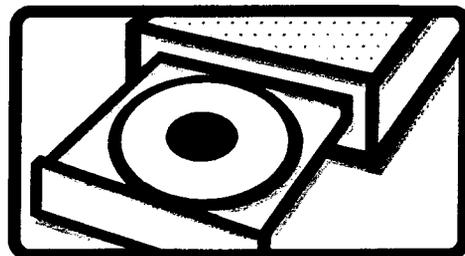
## CONTINUED...NEW BOOK, PUBLICATION AND CD ACQUISITIONS

- Of Swedish Ways
- Roots of the Rich and Famous
- Understanding Roots III
- Visitations of Suffolk (England)

### Genealogies

- Family History and Name Origin of Bacon
- Beresford of Beresford
- Some Ancestors & Descendants of Edward Bill and Oliver Bill
- History of the Bowles family
- Brace Lineage
- Peter Brown (Mayflower 4 generations)
- Book of Bruce (King Robert of Scotland)
- Robert Bruce of Scotland
- The Carews of Beddington
- Ancestry of Jeremy Clarke of Rhode Island
- Cooley Genealogy
- Thomas Cooper of Springfield and some allied families
- The Cox Family in America
- Descendants of Robert Day
- The Dodge Family
- The Dudley Family
- Dungan Genealogy
- The Goodrich Family of America
- Ancestry & Descendants of William Hills and Joseph Hills
- One Thousand Years of Hubbard History
- Jennings of Virginia
- The Jennings of Haddonfield
- Hans Hanson Kastellet
- English Ancestry of Reinold and Mathew Marvin
- History of the Morgan Family
- This Promiscuous Breed: The Old World Ancestors of William Marsh Rice
- Richardson & Ellsworth
- The Robertses of Northern New England
- Thomas Rogers, Pilgrim
- Supplement of Ralph Smith Family
- Ralph Smyth of Hingham & Eastham, Mass.

- The Spencer's of Althorp
- The Wisner's of America
- Wisner Family Background & Charts



### New CD Research Aids:

- Family Tree Maker™ CD #273, Passenger and Immigration Lists of New York 1820-1850
- Family Tree Maker™ CD #350, Book of Emigrants 1607-1776

### Our Special Thanks to Those Who Recently Contributed Books and Publications:

Helen Barton  
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 Melvin Brown  
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 Spence Chamberlain  
 Katharine Joane Dewitt family  
 Arleen Emery  
 Edith Johnson  
 Billie Day Jones  
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 Dorothy Sprague  
 Mary Stevenson  
 Gini Wisner

Also, thanks to Moira Connor for donating the new FTM CDs and a great new visual aid—an LCD projector for use during our education seminars.

Mary Stevenson

## GENEALOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY ONLINE

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Most library systems in the Puget Sound area have recently added a new service to their on-line databases. It is called Genealogy and Local History OnLine. A work in progress, new data will be added monthly until project completion, estimated in 2003.

The collection offers materials related to all 50 states and Canada as well as Great Britain, Ireland and many other countries of immigration to North America. More than 7,000,000 pages of information will be accessible to read, download, and/or print for personal use.

You can search for people, places and/or publications. Materials that will be included in the database include:

- most of the Genealogies in the Library of Congress,
- many primary sources, such as local records and census databases,
- many genealogical society publications.

Examples are; the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record from 1870 to 1977, the 138 published volumes of the Colonial Records of Pennsylvania, and the entire nine series of the Pennsylvania Archives.

Many of the publications included in this series have not been reprinted since their original publication in the mid-1800's.

If you have a current library card from a participating library system, you can access this collection in any of the branch libraries, or from you own home computer . Seattle Public Library, King County Regional Library, Sno-Isle Regional Library and Timberland Regional Library systems all make this available from your desktop. Your web browser needs to "accept cookies" and you get best results if you have JavaScript enabled. \*

The Genealogy and History OnLine program returns a list of publications that match your search. You can look at either a description of the publication, with a listing of the table of contents, or you can go directly to images of the entire publication. You can move directly to the "hits" that match your search query, so it is easy to find quickly the only three pages that contain the name you seek in a book of over 700 pages. You see the images in .pdf format and they can be easily printed or saved to your desktop.

This service originally started with University Microfilms in Michigan, then became known as ProQuest and is now transforming to a Heritage Quest product. It was made available some years ago on microfiche, but the newly digitized version with at-home access is going to get a lot of use by genealogists and historians. The first couple of searches by patrons at the Fiske library proved to be easy and very successful.

\* If you are a resident of King County, it is easy to get either a Seattle Public Library or a King County Regional Library card – and both libraries define their service area as the entire county, so you can have either or both system cards if you want. There are four small communities who opted out of this kind of library access agreement.

*"...you can access this collection in any of the branch libraries or from you own home computer "*

## ADDITIONAL LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DURING THE SUMMER



During the summer months we have a real need to augment our regular library volunteers.

If each Library member could regularly volunteer just one day per month, it would be a tremendous help in distributing the workload.

The Library is staffed during the following hours. Specific days and times where additional volunteers are most needed are indicated with an asterisk.

- \*Monday 10:00 to 3:00pm
- \*Wednesday Noon to 8:00 pm
- Thursday 3:00 to 8:00 pm
- \* Friday research groups
- \*Saturday 10:00 to 3:00 pm
- Second Sunday of each month  
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Advantages of volunteering at the Fiske Library include:

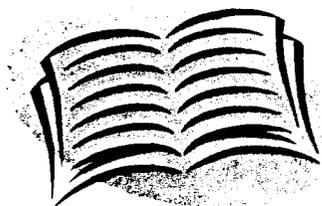
- getting to know the collection;
- learning where various books are shelved;
- learning to use the shelf list;

- learning to use the various Fiske computer records;
- having scheduled time, sometimes free, for personal research;
- making friends from acquaintances, and
- "giving back" for the genealogical finds we have all made using the Fiske collection.

Please call, or email the Library if you can help!

Carolyn Blount

## EXCITING NEW PACIFIC NORTHWEST RECORDS ARE ON THEIR WAY!



The Friends of the Fiske Library have agreed to purchase some wonderful Pacific Northwest historical records for the Fiske Library, including:

- Territorial Census
- Washington State Death Index from 1907-1977,
- Tax Assessment Roster of Washington Territory from 1857, 1860, and 1875.

These are expected to arrive soon, and will be available for research in the Fiske Library.

Sincere thanks to the Friends of Fiske who continue to provide the funds necessary for purchases of this kind.

*"The Friends of the Fiske Library have agreed to purchase some wonderful Pacific Northwest historical records for the Fiske Library..."*

## FISKE—OUT AND ABOUT

The second LDS Family History Expo was held at the Redmond Stake on June 1st. Carolyn Blount and Moira Connor managed the exhibit booth for the Fiske Library and Gary Zimmerman made two presentations on "Research in New England."

On June 6th, Gary spoke to the Mason County Genealogical Society in Shelton on "Upper Midwest Genealogical Research."

Gary will also do a presentation at the Washington State Genealogical Society annual meeting in Port Angeles on June 22nd on "Streamlining Your On-Line Research Skills."

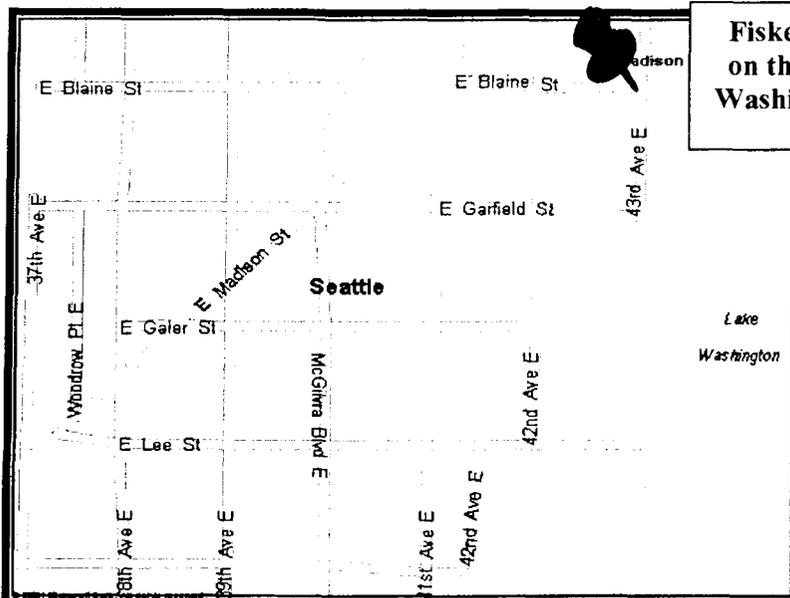


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- Drive east on East Madison Street until you see a Starbuck's Coffee shop to your left, and a one way street sign ahead.
- Ease to your right and follow East Blaine Street to the end of the street.
- The Washington Pioneer Hall faces onto 43rd Ave. East. The Fiske Genealogical Library is located on the lower level of the building.