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FINDING ANSWERS: WHERE TO LOOK NEXT

One of the most frequently asked questions raised by genealogy researchers is "Where do I look next?" How to find a relevant resource for the next step in your search is an ongoing task. The Fiske Library has just added a new tool on the home page of its website at www.fiskelibrary.org to aid you in answering that question.

Open WorldCat is a new service from the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) in Dublin, Ohio. It is a simple search engine to query WorldCat, the largest union catalog in the world. This is a collective effort of 9,000 institutions with more than 67 million bibliographic records and over 1 billion individual holdings. The records come from over 110 countries around the world.

If you begin with the homepage of the Fiske Library, you will find a small blue box centered in the middle of the page with the legend "Search for an item in libraries near you." If you enter the title of a book, or a subject of interest to your research, or the name of an individual and then click on "Go," you will receive catalog entries from a myriad of sources. Try it by entering Arthur D Fiske and do the search. You receive 76 "hits" and on the left hand column, you see how they are broken down into several categories, by author, by content, by format, language, and year. You can browse through all 76 entries or you can select just those items authored by Arthur D Fiske (there are 28 of them).

Each entry is itself a hot-link to more information about that source. When you click on the underlined title, you find details of the resource, its publisher, and ordinary subject headings. Then there is a line that says "Enter Location Information." You can put in your zip code, your state of residence, your country, or just write "world" and you will receive a list of all libraries that have that book in the region closest to you. If the library is too far away, you can then go to your local library and request access through interlibrary loan.

When you do your search, you can put in a string of words, like Ashley family, and get 634 records, or you can enter the string in quotation marks, "Ashley family" and get only 90 hits that are immediately relevant to your research, and again the left hand column allows you to sort the list into more appropriate groupings. Note that the "format" section list includes books, archival material, journal

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publications and even an internet resource (this latter refers to a digitized book at Brigham Young University, although the link is outdated but you can search in the Family History digital collection at BYU to find the book).

This is a great new service. However, the parent catalog at WorldCat has even more information that can be obtained if you come to the Fiske Library and ask the volunteer to help you with a "FirstSearch" query - then you may even find the table of contents and other details about an individual book. Of course, you could get that same information if you went to an individual library catalog that holds the book of interest to you.

Give us feedback about your success with Open WorldCat…. and happy hunting.

Gary A. Zimmerman

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORDS

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon, based in Portland, now offers an on-line index of the Multnomah County marriage records from 1855 to 1904 at www.gfo.org/multcomar.htm.

Each marriage is entered in the index twice, once under the name of the groom, once under the name of the bride. As you use the database for a given time period, you will find four or five names on the right hand side of the introductory page. These are the top names on each page of the list for that period. Choose a name that is above your desired search name and then scroll down the table to find the one you are seeking. If you find an entry of interest, the Forum will look up the original record and send a photocopy of that entry for a small fee.

The Forum holds the actual marriage certificate record books from 1855 to 1924, except for a few missing records in the early 1920's. With the copy of the certificate you usually get the date and place of the marriage, the name of the bride and groom, names of witnesses, and the officiating minister, priest, rabbi, or justice of the peace.

PACE OF PUBLISHING ON-LINE HISTORICAL RECORDS PICKS UP

More local governments are getting indexes and digitized copies of historical records onto the world-wide web and genealogy benefits from the resulting access.

For example, Madison County, Alabama, opened a new Records Center in the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library under the direction of Probate Judge Tommy Ragland, so that historic county records would be preserved and available to the public. Indexes are being prepared and mounted on the website at www.co.madison.al.us/mcrc/ and include marriage records from 1809-1972, court case files from 1810-1965 (with wills, estates, guardianships and apprentice records), naturalizations, and many more records. The website also has extensive tax lists from the early 1800's, excerpts from 19th C county histories, and various Orphans'' court and chancery records.

The State of New Jersey first required recording of marriages, at the county level, beginning in 1795. In May, 1848, they began to require filing at the state level. The state has now begun publishing indexes to their marriage records on line at
 www.njarchives.org/links/marriagedb1867.html and the first instalment is now available for searching. It covers the period from May 1848 to 1867, although they are still verifying the completeness of records from several counties for that period. The state had previously published marriage records from 1666-1799 and an index to Supreme Court case files from 1704-1844 at
 http://www.njarchives.org/links/databases.html.

The state is currently working on Civil War Payment Vouchers, 1861-1866, on East Jersey Proprietors Loose Surveys, 1786-1951, and Name-Change Judgments, 1876-1947, and these will be posted as they are completed and checked.

Wells County Public Library, Indiana, now offers an on-line obituary index 1866-2000 for the town of Bluffton and a separate cemetery index for Wells County. The obituary index at
http://genealogy.wellscolibrary.org/obits/ gives specific details on the deceased, their residence and age if given in the article, the location of the obituary on a specific page and column in a specific newspaper, and the responsible funeral home. If there is an indication of a maiden name or previous name that is included in the database. The cemetery index at
http://genealogy.wellscolibrary.org/cemetery/ returns the full name of the deceased, the cemetery used for the burial, the date of death, the name of the funeral home, and offers notes on family relationships when available. Using the two indexes together gives added clues. For example, the cemetery index shows that John R Zimmerman died on 6 May 1911 and was buried in Fairview Cemetery, under the care of the Thomas Funeral Home.

There is a note in the database that reports he was the son of Noah Zimmerman. The same index shows that Noah Zimmerman died on 1 May 1936 at the age of 78 years and was buried from the Barber and Markin Funeral Home. Neither John R nor Noah Zimmerman had stories in the Obituary Index, but there was the notice of the death of an unnamed child of Noah Zimmerman in the 3 November 1904 Evening News. The cemetery index also indicates if the information came from the funeral home records or from the cemetery records.

Zimmerman	infant	St. John (Harrison Twp.)	10-10-1870
Zimmerman	Jessie	Fairview	**-**-1929
Zimmerman	John Jr.	Fairview	03-08-1917
Zimmerman	John R.	Fairview	05-06-1911
Zimmerman	John Sr.	Fairview	**-**-1890
Zimmerman	Joseph	Fairview	**-**-1883
Zimmerman	Martha B.	Elm Grove	03-06-1980
Zimmerman	Mary	Fairview	**-**-1884

FISKE LIBRARY—NEW BOOK & PUBLICATION ACQUISITIONS

New England
- Amenia, (NY) Early History with Impressions
- Cemeteries of E. Montpelier, VT
- Discover Pawling, (NY) the 1995 Guidebook
- The Fine Old Town of Stonington, (CT)
- Mayflower - Ancestors and Descendants of 1850-1916, Wilton, CT
- Papers of the New Haven Colony Hist. Society, Vol 5
- Revolutionary Patriots of Dorchester Co., MA. 1775-1783
- Vital Records of Rowley, MA, Vol. 11

Northwest
- Ancestral Lineages, Second Book
- Clark Co. (WA) History, 1988
- Conover, C. T., Just Cogitating, Seattle newspaper columns 1948, 1949
- A History of Chehalis (WA)
- Illustrated History of North Washington - Stevens, Ferry, Okanagan & Chelan Co.
- Oregon Trail
- Rotary Members Seattle 1938
- Social Register, Seattle & Portland - 1927
- Tales of a Country Doctor - 100 years of Health Care in Lewis Co.
- Washington Resources in Washington State
- Who's Who in Washington State, 1939-40
- Yakima, A Centennial Reflection 1885-1985

South
- Gone to Missouri
- Maryland Oaths of Fidelity

Other States
- Biographical Sketches of Leading Citizens of Berks Co., PA
- Directory of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Address List
- Vital Records of Antrim Co., Michigan (CD.Rom)

Canada
- Canadian Genealogical Resources, Guide to Surrey, BC Library
- Genealogical Research in Nova Scotia
- Vital Statistics from Newspapers (New Brunswick)

England
- County of Avon, England's West Country Brochure
- Gloucester (Eng.) Your Archives Forever
- Rochester (Eng.) Sweeps, May Festival, 1989
- Outstanding Churches in the Yorkshire Dales (Eng.)
- National Genealogical Directory, 1985 (Eng.)
- English Record Offices, How to Find Them
- Quaker Tapestry 1998, 1991 (England)

Ireland
- County Laois (Ireland) map, brochure
- Tullamore Co., Irish Midlands Research Form Brochure
- Mayo (Ireland) North Family History Research Center Brochure
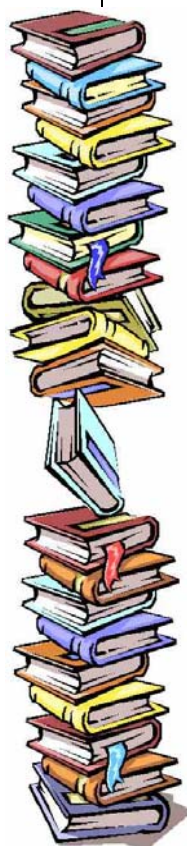
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Scotland

- Scots Kith and Kin

Genealogies

- Bailey, Beatrice, Blount Family Heritage Book
- The Life and Ancestry of John Thistlethwaite Baynes, Yorkshire
- Blount-Picken Genealogy
- Cornelius Bowman, Founding Father, Ancestor & Descendants, NJ
- The National Registry of Living Fixes
- Andrew P. Harter and Margaret Conderman: Descendants & Ancestors
- The Hart Dynasty of Saybrook, CT
- Mary Coffin Starbuck and the early history of Nantucket
- Genealogy of the Trueblood Family
- The Wards and the Knapps, Seattle
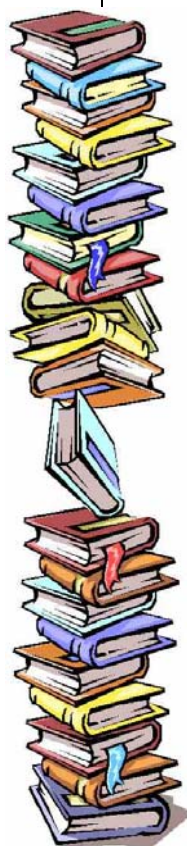- Genealogy of Yetter families

General

- A Guide to Research: Genealogical Library
- Concise Genealogical Dictionary
- Discovering your Immigrant and Ethnic Ancestors
- Getting Started: Beginning your Genealogical Research in the National Archives
- Just the Beginning, Tracing the Family Tree
- My Backyard History Book
- My History is America's History
- The Family Tree Detective
- The Next Step, Resource Saving How to Do Reference Guide
- Tracing your Roots by Computer

- Where to Write for Vital Records

Acquisitions for the past few months have been given by

- Carolyn Blount,
- LDS library in Salt Lake City,
- Judith Mitchell,
- Mary Ann Nickell Estate,
- Rachel Purpel,
- Dorothy Sprague,
- Howard Todd, and
- Gary Zimmerman.

Mary Ann Nickell's bequest is still being processed and is not included on this list. It consists of many Maryland and Kentucky books, as well as genealogies of many of her families. This list will be printed in a future newsletter.

We thank all of you for the continued growth of Fiske Library.

Mary Stevenson, Librarian

FALL 2006 CLASSES

All classes will be held from
10:00 am to 12 Noon in the Library at 1644 43rd Avenue E. in Seattle (in the Madison Park neighborhood).

Tuition is $5 per class or $30 per quarter. An annual library membership with educational privileges is $75.
All sessions are led by Gary A. Zimmerman, unless otherwise indicated.

Class	Fall 2006	Session Name	Speaker
1	13 September	What's New at the Fiske?	Gary Zimmerman
2	20 September	PERSI	Betty Kay Anderson
3	27 September	Where to look next?	Panel Discussion
4	4 October	Breaking Down Stone Walls	Gary Zimmerman
5	11 October	State Library– Olympia	Off Site Visit
6	18 October	Geography & History of Maryland– Implications for Genealogical Research	Gary Zimmerman
7	25 October	Genealogy in Maryland	Gary Zimmerman
8	1 November	Preparation for Salt Lake– British Islands & Ireland	Speaker to be announced
9	8 November	Preparation for Salt Lake– How to get most out of online Catalogues	Speaker to be announced
10	15 November	Introduction to Family Tree Maker	Mary Peters

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September Classes

Wednesday, 13 September 2006. "What's New at the Fiske?" Gary Zimmerman will update us on the new resources available at the Fiske. In the three years since he has updated us on the collection, many books and CD's have been added. This presentation will open new research paths for you.

Wednesday, 20 September 2006. "PERSI" Betty Kay Anderson. The Periodical Source Index (PERSI) is the most complete index to periodical articles relevant to genealogy. If you do not know or are not very sophisticated in your knowledge of this tool, you should attend this class. The Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, has the largest collection of periodicals from 1800 to the present that are focused on genealogy and history. This class will show you how to access the catalog on Heritage Quest and what you can find.

Wednesday, 27 September 2006. "Where to look next?" A panel discussion. Have you wondered how professional genealogists organize searches? Which records do they look at first? Many of us have heard that there are four main records to study for American genealogy from 1850 to 1930 – the census, vital records, probate and land. But what do we do from 1930 to 2006. Where does SSDI fit in? Newspapers? We know how important town records are in colonial New England, but what about the colonial south where there seem to be few town records of any significance. How important are land records in southern research? We will hear the answers to these questions from a diverse panel, some professional, some with long experience and others who have taught and advised. You may not get one answer but we will give you a lively discussion. Come get some tips.

Panelists: Gary Zimmerman, educator, professional genealogists, lecturer; Mary Peters, cataloguer at Fiske Library, teacher of introductory genealogy at Fiske, former Education Coordinator at Fiske; Ida

Skarson McCormick, past President of Seattle Genealogical Society, lecturer and student of Arthur Fiske; Betty Kay Anderson, genealogy lecturer, class leader Shelton genealogy classes, genealogy travel coordinator & trip leader; John Wise, genealogy and computer teacher, education coordinator for Eastside Senior Net; MC for panel: Karl Kumm

October Classes

Wednesday, 4 October 2006. "Breaking Down Stone Walls." Gary Zimmerman will help your analyze where you should look next when your previous searches have been fruitless. Come to any September class and fill in a "problem statement" form. Gary Zimmerman will look at your problem and suggest useful approaches. Or you can send him a query and it will be discussed in this class.

Wednesday, 11 October 2006. "Visit to State Library, Olympia." The State Library in Olympia is an important site for sources about your family in Washington. If you have never used it, come join us in our visit. The state reference librarian, Katherine Devine, will introduce us to its records and lead us on a tour.

The Fiske Library will have a van leaving the library at 8:45 with a stop at South Center. If you want to ride in the van, please preregister with Karl Kumm online at k.kumm@comcast.net or sign up at the Fiske Library Desk. If you want to go and plan your own transportation, join us in Olympia but we would appreciate it if you pre-register. The State Library Web address is http://www.secstate.wa.gov/library/ Their catalog of books and newspapers is online. They have a strong collection of directories for Washington State. If you plan to borrow books, you will need a library card. The application is online and should be turned in as you arrive. A library card is not necessary for day use. We plan to leave Olympia at 3 p.m.

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Wednesday, 18 October 2006. "Geography and History of Maryland – Implications for Genealogical Research." Gary Zimmerman will review the colonial settlement of Maryland, the Revolutionary War period, westward expansion across and beyond Maryland, the mid-Nineteenth Century, the Civil War years and Nineteenth Century immigration to Maryland. He will also look at government structures and types of records generated in Maryland.

Wednesday, 25 October 2006. "Genealogy in Maryland." Part Two of our classes on Maryland will focus in on the specific archives, repositories, societies and libraries that hold genealogical records in Maryland. Gary Zimmerman.

November Classes

Wednesday, 1 November 2006. "Preparation for Salt Lake – British Isles and Ireland." Lecturer to be announced. The preparations you need to make as you begin to use the Family History Library resources for you research in British Isles and Ireland. We will look at some ways to get around the limitations that exist with destroyed records in Ireland. This is the first of two classes that focus on helping you do research in Salt Lake.

Wednesday, 8 November 2006. "Preparation for Salt Lake– How to get the most out of On-line catalogs." The presenter will show how on-line catalogues can help you plan your research. You will be introduced to special features and resources within the Family History Library catalog.

Wednesday, 15 November 2006. "Introduction to Family Tree Maker." Mary Peters, who has used this software for years, will introduce you to how to record your data and show you what kinds or reports are generated and how you can share your data with the rest of your family.

Karl Kumm

FISKE LIBRARY HOURS

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

IMMIGRANT ANCESTORS PROJECT

The Center for Family History and Genealogy at Brigham Young University (BYU) is sponsoring a useful new on-line database for learning more about your immigrant ancestors. Emigration registers in their native country are being located, copied and sent to BYU and then parceled out to volunteer extractors who will summarize the information for insertion into the database. This information often is not found in the arrival registers and naturalization documents in the destination countries.

As extraction information is completed and checked for accuracy it is added to the searchable database for immediate use. You may go to the project website at http://immigrants.byu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx and learn more about the specific sources used in the project and to search for ancestors from the areas already surveyed.

Country of origin information is being gathered in Germany, France, Spain, Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales), Ireland, Portugal and Italy.

Because volunteers are being recruited all over the world to do the extraction of relevant information, the project web site has developed useful tools for training the volunteers. You can also access these materials as .pdf files.

There are helpful hints for reading old records. There are bibliography lists of resources about the emigration from the various project countries. There are very detailed lists of place names for the small villages and towns in 19th Century France and Italy. There are sample pictures of the various records being extracted, with detailed notes of how to read them. There is a rich selection of website links to resources about emigration topics. For example, there is a link to http://www.geopatronyme.com/ where you enter a French surname and receive back a table which shows which departments in France had births of that surname between 1891 and 1915, ranked in order of the

number of individuals in each area. When you select a specific department, you get a refined list that rancks each community by the number of births of that surname. Try the surname "Genthon."

The BYU material is offered in multiple languages to match the needs of the volunteers in the project countries. The resource materials accessible from the web site vary with which specific language you use when reading the website. At the very bottom of each page is a footer which allows you to change the language in which the page is read. Explore this site and return as more data is added to the database. It is a worthwhile new resource.

To give the database a test run, select "Search for Ancestors" from the toolbar at the top of any page. Enter the last name SCHMID and hit search. You get several responses to this surname with a brief set of facts of about that person. If you then click on one of the names, you get details and additional notes about the record that cites that person.

Select Anton Schmid and expand the entry. You now get detailed facts about his vital information, followed by data on his residence, birth, his emigration from Reisting, Bavaria, to Vienna, Austria in October 1838.

The notes tell you that he was a tailor and a "cottager's son."

Finally, there is a detailed description of the source from which this information came (from the Bavarian state archive in Landshut, in this case). If you click on the light blue "view sample documents" in the lower right corner of the page you see exactly what the Landshut emigration records look like. The actual files in this series

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may be up to 20 pages in length for each emigrant. If you find these photos too small to read in your browser, download them to your desktop and then open individual pictures in your picture viewer software, which allows you to magnify them to a readable size.

If you click on the "request this record," insert your name and e-mail address, and wait patiently for a few moments. You will receive a word file, in this case written in German, requesting the cost details for receiving the specific record. Your letter includes your e-mail address and the repository will send you cost information by e-mail and upon receipt of the payment you can get the entire file on that emigrant.

This is a work in progress. The database is small but growing. The website however has lots of useful information for anyone seeking emigrant information from the project countries.

Gary Zimmerman

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS—BACKGROUND FOR INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH

The librarians at the Library of Congress maintain a great resource for genealogists trying to understand a foreign country and the repositories in that country that can support your own research efforts. It is called the Global Gateway to World Culture and Resources and is found at http://international.loc.gov/intldl/intldlhome.html.

Start with the Portals to the World and select a country of interest. Take Ireland for example. You will find a list of relevant topics including Genealogy, History, and Libraries and Archives to name just three of them. The Genealogy section links you to a host of genealogy sites in Ireland, including the National Library of Ireland and the National Archives of Ireland. If you go to the National Archives link you are at the beginning of an excellent discussion of how to do genealogy in Ireland, how to select the best source for specific information, and then goes into detail about each type of record.

Now go back to the History section for Ireland and look at the links offered to a variety of excellent smaller gateways to resources materials. The Libraries and Archives section does a similar job of linking you to top resources in Ireland.

If you have learned all you wanted to know about Ireland it is time to return to the list of other countries and pick another portal. When you are tired of traveling the world, return to the original gateway and select another area to explore. This background research will make your specific family research much more interesting and make improve your success rate in finding relevant records.

MARY STEVENSON, LIBRARIAN, TO RETIRE

Mary Stevenson, Librarian for the Fiske Library for eleven years, announced her retirement at the annual Fiske Library retreat on August 10. Mary, who had been taking classes from Arthur Fiske for a number of years, took over the responsibility of being Librarian when Arthur became ill. Through her efforts, and those of other volunteers, the library has more than doubled from about 5000 books, to nearly 12,000 to-day. Mary has been a regular volunteer at the library almost every Monday and Wednesday, and many Saturdays since for these eleven years!

During Mary's seven trips to Salt Lake City to work in that library, she contacted the person in charge of their surplus several times, originally buying the books, which they formerly sold, and now getting Fiske on the list of libraries to which they give surplus books. Additionally she has bound all these books donated to the Fiske Library by the Family History Library that had been cut from their bindings for photo copying and or scanning, as well as others that needed repair. She has completed a number of other projects for the Library, including organizing and indexing a series articles on Connecticut research. Mary was honored in May 2000 by the Association of King County Historical Organizations (AKCHO) with a Certificate of Recognition for her outstanding volunteer work.

Mary describes her years at the Library: "I have enjoyed being involved in the genealogy field for these many years, having begun lessons with Arthur at his very small Queen Anne apartment in 1977. I have never had any library training nor library job experience, so my work was just a guess on my part about what could, or should, be done to help the library grow and to help the users as they did their research. [3]I have just "been there and done that." Obviously, I have done the best I could. I am very proud of the fact that the library has continued to grow since his passing, and I think he would also be very proud!!! And, although there are many new resources now with the computers available, I hope the library can continue what I felt was a very high level of help and information for researchers."

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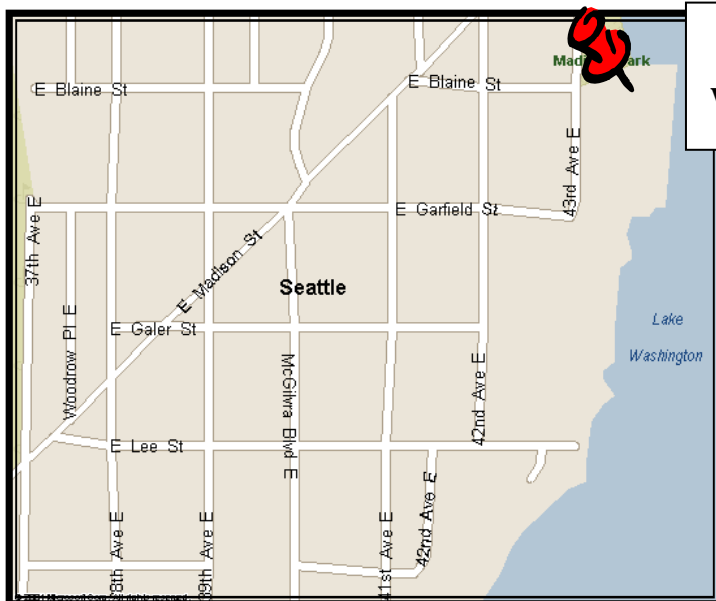
Fiske Library is located
on the lower level of the
Washington Pioneer Hall.

- 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.