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Education this Fall

The Fall education schedule at the Fiske Library will have several classes for genealogists who plan to use DNA in their research. The first class will give you an overview of the whole topic. It will discuss the world of DNA from an introduction level and explore some of the whys and hows you will encounter as you open the DNA door for your genetic genealogy journey. This is your class so bring lots of questions. Karen Sipe has taught many classes at the Fiske. Karin Borgerson, who has been the Education Director at Seattle Genealogical Society and chaired their DNA Interest group, will teach two classes. Come learn about the latest in DNA testing and the tools provided by the testing companies to interpret your results. A second will show us the newest tools that are useful in unlocking DNA. Jill Morelli will go in depth into a case study that uncovers Molly’s father.

While online research is extremely important to the genealogist, one expert at the national archive suggested that more than 98% of the records NARA holds are not online. How do we find where all that unmined gold lies hidden? There are finding aides. Fiske has volunteers who are creating finding aides for our records. Of the five major online resources, two are important to us in Seattle— ARCHIVEGRID and Archive West—ORBUS Cascade Alliance. The other three are Online Archive of California, TARO— Texas Archive Online and ROMA— Rocky Mountain Online Archive. Karl Kumm will introduce you to these resources. And then you can join us at the MOHAI library to begin mining.

The MOHAI library is located at 5933 6th Avenue South in Georgetown. There will be four research slots available to our class at 10 a.m. on Wednesday 3rd of October 2018. You will need to register with the archivist Anna Elam. Her phone number is 206-324-1126, extension 102. Her e-mail is anna.elam@mohai.org . You may fill out the MOHAI research request form. After the four earlybirds are registered later researchers may make an appointment for a research session on alternate dates.

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There will also be classes on Irish Records, Federal Land Records and research in Western New York. For over twenty years Gary Zimmerman has been giving lectures at the Fiske. He will offer a class on research in Western New York. He emphasizes that historic events generate records valuable to our genealogical research. Janet O'Connor Camarata will lead a class on the Federal Land Survey Systems. She will give us an overview of the land survey systems used within the U.S., including metes and bounds. Learn basic terminology, understand platting property descriptions, general research strategies and how to use land records to unravel your ancestors' land history. Steven W. Morrison will share his techniques for stone wall jumping in Ireland. Irish research has the capacity to frustrate genealogists. He will note the top ten roadblocks and show us how to walk around or go through them.

Contributed by Karl Kumm

The Fall schedule is posted on page eight. Please join us on Wednesdays!

Grays Harbor Genealogical Society Update

On Saturday morning, June 9, 2018, a fire destroyed the Aberdeen Armory which housed the Aberdeen Museum of History, the Grays Harbor Genealogical Society Research Library and a social services organization. While some artifacts from the Museum were saved, the GHGS Research Library was a total loss. Assistance in providing funds, supplies and research materials have been generously offered by many organizations and supporters. The Society is currently being hosted by the library in Hoquiam [see below] while they work to find a permanent home.

The Fiske Genealogical Foundation Board agreed to offer GHGS whatever they wanted from our surplus book list. As it turned out, we did not have much of what they needed. Before the fire GHGS had culled their library of all but those books dealing with the local area--indeed, the Fiske library benefitted from that redistribution. But we were able to send them a mint condition copy of the 2-volume Lewis County Centennial History and a book on early schools in Washington State.

Beyond books, the most serious losses were approximately 22,000 copies of area obituaries, 200 binders of funeral home records dating from 1907 to 2015, unpublished local history and responses to queries. Research volunteer Bonnie Johannes reports:

Since 2011 I have done most of the researches for GHGS. Fortunately, I've kept a log (short notes of each request along with post or e-mail addresses). It will not surprise me that I've done 350-400 from likely every state in the union and several from Europe. We did lose all the copies of those researches in the fire along with all others that were done previously. It was a packed 4-drawer steel cabinet. I am in the process of contacting as many of these past clients as possible to have them copy the documents that were sent them and return to us. We will be digitizing all from now forward.

If you have research, obituaries or family histories from the Grays Harbor area, please contact Bonnie via info@graysharborgenealogy.com. Grays Harbor Genealogical Society meetings are currently held at the Hoquiam Timberland Regional Library meeting room at 420 7th Street, Hoquiam, Washington. Visitors are always welcome. The GHGS website is at <http://www.graysharborgenealogy.com/index.php>

An Unexpected Visitor

Contributed by Eldon Davis

Saturday August 11, 2018 was my Library volunteer day. Usually on my day attendance is light, but by 11 AM two people arrived to do research. Then near noon, a group of six people came in.

The group consisted of a lady and her husband, one of their sons and his wife, and the latter's two young daughters. I asked them, "What type of research is this group going to do on a relatively nice day?" To my surprise and shock the lady said, "We aren't here to do research, we are here to see the Library my uncle Arthur Fiske started – I am his niece!"

Wow, that was an astounding pronouncement to hear when my Saturdays at Fiske are usually just me, and I sometimes say "Arthur's ghost."

They had just come from the Olympic peninsula visiting another son's family who had recently had a new baby. And now they were in Seattle to do some sightseeing including the famous Fiske Genealogy Library. At that point I should have asked where they lived since they were in Seattle to sightsee. But unfortunately, I didn't as I guess I was overwhelmed with the presence of Arthur's relatives.

I now had the pleasure of showing them around the library begun by Arthur which over the years has had a number of changes. To begin with it seemed very appropriate to take some pictures of them in front of the burgundy colored wall with "The Arthur Fiske Genealogy Library" in gold letters. But before I took the pictures I mentioned that Gary Zimmerman who helped Arthur begin the Library was upstairs at a meeting and would very much like to meet them. So up I went to tell Gary and he said he'd be down in just a few minutes. I took pictures on several different cameras and about that time Gary came down.

When he was greeting the niece it seemed to me like he knew her, but later I found out that was not the case. Gary then went behind the glass book case and brought out the colored pedigree chart for Arthur and his fan chart. Both pieces were very much appreciated by the family and more pictures were taken.

At about that point the niece told us she and others of her generation never called Arthur by that name but instead called him "Donald" which was his middle name. Arthur's father's name was also Arthur, so it just made it easier using a different name within the family. The family also learned that the mother of Arthur was born in Iowa; they had never known that. It turned out the location was just about 200 miles from where the son of the niece now lived.

Gary related how Arthur began his collection in a building on Queen Anne Hill, but eventually got so many

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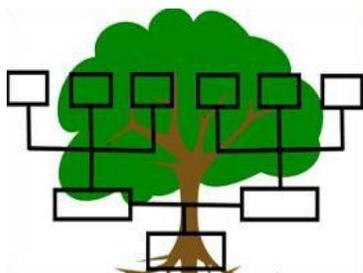
books he needed a larger facility. Someone associated with the Pioneer Association of Washington heard about this and said there was space in their building's basement. This is about the time Gary got involved. So Arthur brought over about 5000 volumes in 1992. Today the Fiske Library has nearly 12,000 volumes.

I proceeded to show the family the major features of the Library and point out several aspects that I had been told regarding Arthur's influence. Originally, all books were arranged alphabetically i.e. by county, state level, county level, then town level within a given geographic area. I noted that Arthur didn't care for the Dewey decimal system; however, I mentioned 10+ years ago we changed a bit and got aligned with the Library of Congress system with a few variations.

I pointed out the extensive collection of card files that Arthur had initiated as a means of cross - referencing surnames found in various books.

The final thing I showed them was a different type of ancestry. This involved a willow tree on the waterfront side of the Library. As I remembered the story (in short form) the ancestor of this tree originally stood near the grave of Napoleon Bonaparte, Emperor of France. A sapling was taken from the tree to the Washington D. C. area. Later on, a sapling from that tree was brought to Seattle. At its first location it turned out to be in the path of the I-5 Freeway. Someone associated with the Pioneer Building suggested a sapling could be planted there. And so it was and still resides. It appeared to me the family enjoyed that story as much as the human type of ancestry. And with that the family was off to see the other sights of Seattle.

And now the sad part of this story. Upon hearing "no research" I thought "OK, we don't have to sign them in." Then thinking Gary knew the niece, I assumed he had her name. For some reason throughout the hour plus they were present their actual names did not come up nor their residence other than the son's family lived in Minnesota. Perhaps through the means of modern social media or maybe looking at the Newsletter mailing list we can track down the name of the unexpected visiting niece of Arthur Fiske.



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Recent Library Acquisitions

Newly acquired books are processed by cataloguing, entering the Fiske Library holding information into WorldCat, and affixing ownership barcodes to bound books (on the back cover and on the title page).

Once they are finally on the shelving in the library, they appear in our "Recent Acquisitions" list in the Newsletter. Library of Congress call numbers [in square brackets below] will quickly lead you to the material on the shelf at the Fiske Library.

If the LC number is followed by PAWA, the book must be retrieved from other library collections within the building. Ask a volunteer for assistance.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC

New York genealogical research [F118 .S33 1995]

Beverwijck – a Dutch village on the American frontier 1652-1664 [F129.A357 V46 2003]

SOUTHERN STATES

History of Tazewell County and Southwest Virginia 1748-1920 [F232.T2 P39 1989]

Georgia genealogical workbook [F285 .B75 1987]

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATES

Arkansas Searcy county marriages v.1 1881-1895 [F417.S3 L33 1984]

St. Louis (MO) family history research guide [F474.S253 F54 2008]

Indiana land entries vol. 1 Cincinnati District 1801-1840 [F525 .W33 1977]

1896 reminiscences of Adams, Jay, and Randolph counties, Indiana [F532.A2 L9 1979]

Early marriages of Randolph County, Indiana Vols 1-2-3 [F532.R3 S69]

Marriage records of Pike County, Illinois Vol 1 (1827-1845) [F547.P6 K44]

St. Clair County, Illinois research and resources: a genealogist's guide [F547.S2 W35 1998]

Land in her own name – women as homesteaders in North Dakota [F636 .L56 1996]

AMERICAN WEST

Seven trails west [F591 .P425 2000]

Jews of the Pacific Coast – reinventing community on America's edge [F596.3.J5 K34 2009]

History of Neosho County (Kansas) [F687.N4 G7 1949 vol 1]

Marriage records of Yamhill County, Oregon 1844-1862 [F882.Y2 S755 1950z]

A history of the Puget Sound country, vols 2,3,4 [F897.P9 1903] (PAWA)

AMERICAN FAMILY GENEALOGIES

The Abbott family [CS71.A12 1972]

Recent Library Acquisitions

Richard Curtis, Master Mariner [CS71.C87 1955]

The family of David French [CS71.F876 1982]

They turned their faces west – a narrative history and genealogy [CS71.J7 1961b]

The Plumlee Family [CS71.P7346 1979]

Thomas Sanford of Weybridge, Vermont [CS71.S223 1987]

FOREIGN RESOURCES

Mariages de la Paroisse de St-Michel de Bellechasse (1693-1974) [CS88.S319 T87 1975]

The censuses 1841-1881 (England) [CS415 .M376 1985]

Wills from 1858, third edition (England) [CS415 .M383 1985]

Wills before 1858 (England) [CS415 .M386 1985]

Illegitimacy (England) [CS434 .M321x 1985]

St. Catherine's House: the general register office [CS436.L7 M32x 1985]

The Fiske family papers [CS439.F538 1902]

REFERENCE RESOURCES

Westward expansion: a history of the Western frontier 2nd Edition [E179.5 .B63 1960]

Register of qualified Huguenot ancestors of the National Huguenot Society 5th edition [E184.H9 N372 2012]

Who was who in the American Revolution [E206 .P87 1993]

Battlefield atlas of the American revolution [E230 .S96 1986]

The pension lists of 1792-1795 [E255.C589 1991]

User's guide to the official records of the American Civil War [E464 .A35 1993]

Civil War genealogy [E494 .S35 1996]

Tracing your Civil War ancestor, fourth edition [CD3047 .G76 1995]

Nicknames past and present (4th edition expanded) [CS2377 .R664 2002]

The United States in old maps and prints [G1200 E76x 1990]

The genealogist's guide to researching tax records [HJ2362 .G46 2007]

English-Swedish / Swedish-English dictionary [PD5640 .P48 1993]

Pensioners of Revolutionary War struck off the list (with an added index by states) [UB373 .P35 1985]

Education

Classes sponsored by the Fiske Genealogical Foundation are open to all. Most classes are held in the street-level room of Pioneer Hall, located in Seattle's Madison Park neighborhood. Tuition for all classes is \$5 individually or \$35 for 10 sessions. Annual passes to the Fiske Library are \$50, and can be enhanced to \$85/year, which includes all three quarters of Wednesday classes (30 classes), plus full use of the library and a subscription to the quarterly newsletter.

Please call the Fiske Genealogical Library at 206-328-2716 or visit <https://fiskelibrary.org> for further information.

Ongoing Educational Opportunities

Brick Walls Workshop

Offered the second Thursday of every month from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
at the National Archive (NARA)
6125 Sand Point Way NE
Panel: Charliann Beck, Karen Sipe
Public transport: #74 Bus

Legacy 9 User Group

If you are interested in joining others who use the Legacy 9 genealogy program, please consider joining our group the second Wednesdays of the month from 1 to 3 pm starting September 12th. We meet in the Pioneer Hall room where the classes are taught.

Mary Peters

FamilySearch Interest Group

Are you missing some really important information in your family tree? Have you searched the pages of the FamilySearch.com website for new family connections, pictures, stories, sources and maybe even audio recordings of your relatives? Do you know how to access unindexed records on the site? Do you know how to attached suggested records? Have you used the Wiki?

Even if you haven't entered information on the site your family tree is probably already there. Aren't you curious about what other members of your family have entered? A great opportunity for family collaboration and It's free!

For those of you who have already started the FamilySearch adventure come join us to learn about all the different features of the site.

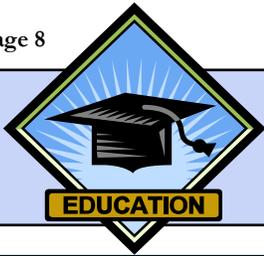
Starting Wednesday October 3rd, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Pioneer Hall [main floor level] and running through June 2019 [except Jan. 2] there will be a meeting the first Wednesday evening of every month to go over the details of this amazing website. Easy to use and yet it can do very complicated things. Come find out what it's all about. Hope to see you there.

There is also a FamilySearch interest group that meets on the first Saturday of each month at Seattle Genealogical Society from 10:15 -12:15, October through June.

Any Questions? contact Lou Daly

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FALL 2018 EDUCATION

All classes are scheduled from 10:00 a.m. until noon unless otherwise noted

2018	Topic	Instructor	Location
Wednesday September 12	Introduction to DNA	Karen Sipe	Pioneer Hall 1642 43rd Ave. East Seattle, WA 98112
Wednesday September 19	Finding Aides for Photos, Digital Images and Manuscripts in Repositories like MOHAI	Karl Kumm	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday September 26	Western New York Research	Gary Zimmerman	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday October 3	MOHAI Library – Northwest Pacific Pictures & Manuscripts	Karl Kumm Leader and Anna Elam, MOHAI Contact 206-324-1126	MOHAI 5933 6 th Ave. South, Georgetown
Wednesday October 10	Fire Insurance Maps: The Google Maps of their Day.	Jill Morelli	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday October 17	What's New in DNA – DNA Testing Companies	Karin Borgeson & Larry Pike	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday October 24	Detours Around– Irish Roadblocks and Stone Walls	Steven W. Morrison	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday October 31	What's New in DNA – Third Party Tools in DNA	Karin Borgeson & Larry Pike	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday November 7	NO CLASS		
Wednesday November 14	Federal Land Survey Systems	Janet O'Connor Camarata	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday November 21	NO CLASS	Thanksgiving	
Wednesday November 28	Finding a Father for Molly Using DNA	Jill Morelli	Pioneer Hall

Maureen Taylor, the nationally known "Photo Detective", is coming to Bellevue on September 15, 2018.



"Finding Family History in Your Picture Mysteries"

Her Three Presentations:

- 10 Easy Steps to Identify & Date Pictures in the Shoeboxes
- Google Images and Beyond
- Genealogical Clues in Family Photos

This event will be held on **September 15, 2018** at the Vasa Park Ballroom, 3560 W Lake Sammamish Road SE, Bellevue, WA 98008. Doors open at 9 am with presentations from 9:30 am to 2 pm.

Private consultations with her are available afterwards at an additional cost. This event is part of the Eastside Genealogical Society's 40th Anniversary celebration.

Non-EGS Members will be charged \$25 admission. For more details about the presentations and lunch, see our website <https://eastsidegenealogicalsociety.com/save-the-date/> (Also, there are links to the digital files for the Color Poster and the Registration Flyer.) Of course, you can register for the event using our website.

"Archives and the Immigrant Experience" — September 22, 2018

South King County Genealogical Society is having an all-day educational seminar, on **22 September 2018**.

"Archives and the Immigrant Experience"

Understanding Archives: What They Are and How to Use Them

- The Library of Congress: An Introduction and Overview
- Lesser-Used Federal Records: Sources of Rich Detail
- Discovering the REAL Stories of Your Immigrant Ancestors
 - 1886 Bavarian family
 - 1893 Irish family
 - 1919 Italian family



The seminar will be held at the **Green River College**, Salish Hall, 12401 SE 320th Street, Auburn, WA. The featured speaker is **John Philip Colletta, Ph.D.** He worked at the Library of Congress and taught programs at the National Archives for twenty-one years. He is a long time faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (University of Georgia) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy.

For registration and more information on the seminar, go to www.skcg.org. On the left of the home page is a link to the 2018 seminar page. **The late registration fee has been waived**

Newsletter Submissions

Have you discovered a particularly useful resource in your research, or broken through a brick wall? Would you be interested in submitting an article for the newsletter? Articles can be 1-2 pages long and may be subject to gentle editorial comment.

Is there a class you'd like to see offered or is there a research issue on which you are stuck? Your editor would like to feature a semi-regular column with your input.

Our newsletter is published in September, December, April and June. Deadlines are the 20th of the month preceding publication. **Writers—articles are always needed and appreciated!** Please send queries or submissions to editor@fiskelibrary.org.

TIP: If you struggle with online URLs printed in our paper copy of the newsletter, go to our online version where you can just click the URL. If you don't have online access, you can use the library's computer.

Holiday Closures

The Fiske Genealogical Library will be closed on Monday, September 3, 2018 for **Labor Day** and on Thursday, November 22, 2018 for **Thanksgiving**.



Our Appreciation for Book Donations

We appreciate the contributions by the following supporters of the Fiske Library. Since the last newsletter, donations have been catalogued and added to the collections on the shelves. There often is a lag between the date of the actual donation and the completion of the cataloguing, book repair, and placement in the active collection.

Jeff Christiansen	Michele Genthon
Grays Harbor Genealogical Society	Huguenot Society of Washington State
Newport Ward Family History Center (Factoria)	Mary Peters
Steven Quay	Martha Richards
South King County Genealogical Society	Gary A Zimmerman

Thank you to our Patrons

Many thanks to our patrons for the monetary contributions made to the Fiske Library. We depend upon your support in our effort to continually make improvements to the library.

FISKE LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Wednesday	12:00 noon to 6:00 pm
Thursday	1:00 pm to 6:00 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
Sunday	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month.

Be sure to check our website frequently for late-breaking news on schedule changes or other information not in the current newsletter. <https://fiskelibrary.org/>

FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION INFORMATION

The Fiske Genealogical Foundation is a non-profit service organization providing genealogical training and resource materials. Current Board Members are:

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Daily Use Fee \$5.
Annual Library Pass \$50.
Annual Family Pass \$70.
Wednesday Seminar Series
(10 sessions) \$35.
Annual Library Pass
plus Full Year Seminar Series
(30 sessions) \$85
Newsletter—Mail Subscription
\$6 for 4 Issues

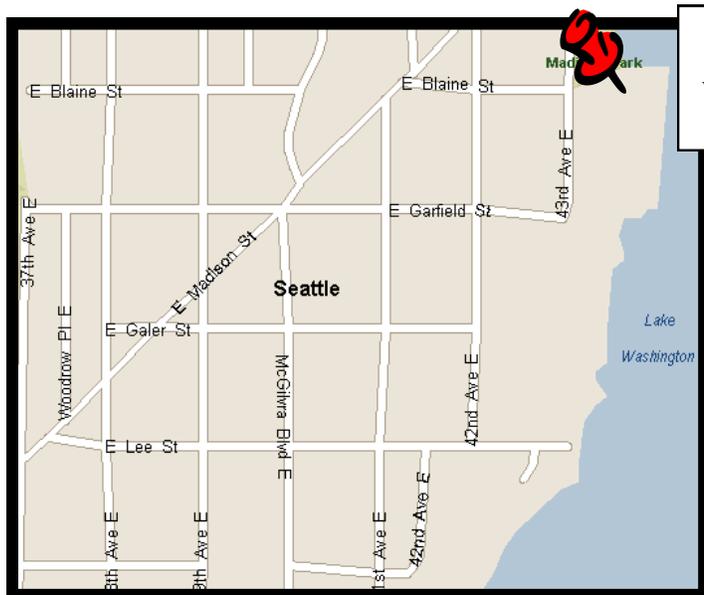


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**Fiske Library is located
on the lower level of the
Washington Pioneer Hall.**

- Drive east on E Madison Street to the third crosswalk after reduced speed zone of 25mph. The crosswalk has a yellow blinking light. A one-way street sign is on your right.
- Turn right and follow E Blaine Street to the end of the street.
- The Washington Pioneer Hall faces onto 43rd Ave. E. The Fiske Genealogical Library is located on the lower level of the building.