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New Source Guides From NSDAR at Fiske

Fiske Library is committed to collecting the NSDAR Source Guides as they are published. These three are the latest additions to the library: *North Carolina in the American Revolution: a Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians*, *South Carolina in the American Revolution: a Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians*, and *Connecticut in the American Revolution: a Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians*.

The books are produced by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

From the NSDAR website: "Each book contains detailed information on the availability of manuscript and archival material that exists for the state for the period of the Revolutionary War along with listings of historical and genealogical studies that have been published and which supplement the original sources. All are the most extensive gathering of such information ever published, and researchers will find it an essential resource with which to identify materials and studies located in many scattered libraries and archives. Each book contains a table of contents, text pages, map pages, and an index to the text."

Following the pattern of the previous Guides by Eric Grundset for NSDAR, these books contain chapters to aid the genealogist in developing research strategies for each state. Since NSDAR now requires that a patriot's residence to proven, there are suggestions for establishing residence and examples of proof of residence.

Chapter Two covers major research centers in NC, SC, and CT and ones outside of those states. Chapter Three covers Geographical Factors Affecting Researching *each state*. For example, the Tar River in NC lists two articles and four book references. Chapter Four: Pre-Revolutionary Events: Did you

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know that NC has a Party of its own in 1774? Or that there was a boundary dispute between NC & SC? CT seems to have had boundary disputes with every state surrounding it.

Chapter Five lists *General Histories* for NC & TN, SC & CT. There are even books and articles about animals during that period. The Plott Hound is the state dog of NC. Have you ever wondered how horses played an important part in the Revolutionary Era? Perhaps you want to know more about social life; there are more than a dozen references for that.

Chapter Six: General Revolutionary War Sources discusses lineage societies, National Archives of UK, political information. Government of NC, SC, and CT is the subject for Chapter Seven. Chapter Eight covers Finances & Taxation. My favorite topic, Land Records, is covered in Chapter Nine. NC land grants were also in Tennessee. The CT Western Reserve in OH has four pages of articles and books covering this subject.

Chapter Ten: Military Records even lists information on individual regiments and battles. Chapter Eleven covers Spies and Espionage. Chapter Twelve covers Naval and Maritime Records. CT had a prototype submarine called The Turtle. NC's coastline is one of the most treacherous in the US and stories of privateers and rebels abound. Chapter Thirteen covers prisons and POWs. Chapter Fourteen covers Records & Sources Relating to Veterans of the American Revolution. Chapter Fifteen discusses regions, counties, and other governmental divisions. Chapter Sixteen covers distinctive groups such as Nation American and African groups. The last two chapters cover lineage societies and prominent citizens.

We have had other books along this line for some time. They are: *Forgotten patriots: African American and American Indian patriots in the Revolutionary War: a guide to service, sources and studies* and *America's Women in the Revolutionary Era : A History through Bibliography*.

"The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution [NSDAR] founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children. As one of the most inclusive genealogical societies in the country, DAR boasts 165,000 members in 3,000 chapters across the United States and internationally. Any woman 18 years or older- regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background-who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership." For more information consult their website at <https://www.dar.org>.

~ Contributed by Mary Peters

Remodeled Restroom at Fiske Library

The bathroom in the Fiske Library has been remodeled, thanks to a generous grant from the Colonial Dames who also utilize space in Pioneer Hall. The work has now been completed and the new basin and cabinet have hot water provided by an on-demand hot water heater. The project also includes a new toilet and sealing of the original embossed ceiling tiles where they meet the walls. The room has been repainted, floor to ceiling. These new amenities, all completed within budget, are much appreciated by Library patrons, so a big thank you to the Colonial Dames.



New Volunteers



Ken Peterson has been attending classes at the Fiske since his retirement from the software industry in 2015. His first and enduring love is music, and he has sung over five decades with the Compline Choir on Sunday nights at St. Mark's Cathedral in

Seattle and was inspired to write a book about it - *Prayer as Night Falls: Experiencing Compline* (Brewster, MA: Paraclete Press, 2013).

Ken has been interested in genealogy for about twelve years, but the ideas gained from the wonderful array of Fiske presenters has inspired him to redo his family history organization. His top projects are transcribing and researching 140 letters written by a 2nd-great-grandfather during the Civil War, and using DNA to discover the identity of one of his wife's great-grandmothers. He would like to help out at the Fiske where needed; perhaps his background in software might be of assistance in troubleshooting media issues.

Thank you to our other new volunteers:

Wednesday volunteers: Linda Blais, Lorri Ericson, and Sharon Storbo.

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 and SOUTHERN STATES

Gouverneur, a history, 1805-1890 (Gouverneur, New York) [F129.G68 P37 1976]

The Čech (Bohemian) community of New York with introductory remarks on the Čechoslovaks in the United States [F128.9.B67 C3 1921]

History of Washington County, Mississippi [F347.W35 K427]

MIDWEST

World's Fair Memorial of the Czechoslovak Group (Czechs and Slovaks) (at the Chicago World's Fair 1933) [E184.B67 C93 1933]

Research in Ohio (National Genealogical Society Publication) [F490 .G13 2008]

Research in Indiana (NGS publication) [F525 .N43 no. 103]

Indiana – One hundred years of American development 5 volumes with biographical sketches [F526 .R75 1931]

Portrait and biographical record of Madison and Hamilton counties, Indiana [F532.M2 P67 1973]

Research in Illinois (NGS publication) [F540 .N43 no. 77]

The settlement of Illinois 1778-1830 [F545 .B75 1970, 1908]

Kalona / the first century 1879-1979 (Iowa) [F629.K25 K35 1979]

History of Czechs in the state of South Dakota [F660.B67 D8813 1980]

The Czechs in Oklahoma [F705.B67 B52 1980]

AMERICAN WEST

The Conquest / Washington's story [E78.W3 F75 2003 PAWA]

EUROPEAN RESOURCES

The Wordsworth Handbook of Kings and Queens [CS27 .M673 1994]

The Hearth Tax and other later Stuart tax lists and the Association Oath Rolls [CS415 .H4 1985x]

Recent Library Acquisitions

1816 Revision List: Colony of Lustdorf,
Grossliebental District, Kherson Gubernia
[DK508.95.C567 A13 2013]

Friedenstahl Bessarabia 1859 census
[DK508.95.M975 F75 2004]

Handbook of Czechoslovak genealogical research
[E184.B67 S35 1985]

Scandinavian Genealogical Helper (periodical)
[E184.S18 S234]

Norske gaardnavne Vol 10 Stavander Amt
(Norwegian farm names) [PD2695 .R9]

PUBLISHED FAMILY GENEALOGIES

Batchelder, Batcheller Genealogy [CS71.B38
1992]

Gunderson, Groth, Everson, Erickson and Fossay:
ancestors and descendants in Norway and America
1560-1994 [CS71.G9588 1995]

Erick and Sara Gunderson Family – ancestors and
descendants 1700-1975 [CS71.G97 1975]

Ancestors of Margery Ruth Howe from
immigration to the present times 1630-2002
Volume 1 [CS71.H855 2002]

History of the Sorkness-Wold families of Søler,
Norway and America [CS71.S6878 1985]

REFERENCE RESOURCES

Forensic genealogy [CS14 .F589 2005]

How to find naturalization records [CS68 .A47 2004]

U.S. Ports of Arrival and their records [CS68 .A47
2006]

Genealogical research for Czech and Slovak
Americans [CS524 .M54 1978]

Cherokee Roots vol. 2 Western Cherokee Rolls
[E99.C5 B53 1992]

Czechs in America 1633-1977 a chronology and fact
book [E184.B67 C99 1978]

In the News

The Genealogical Research Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania which has occupied an old church on Main Street in Peckville for the last 20 years has closed its doors due to a lack of volunteers. The non-profit had a vast collection of historical and genealogical documents. Many of the digital records have been sent to the Scranton Public Library and will eventually be available for people to view. But there are still thousands of documents that were never digitized. For more information see <http://wnep.com/2017/11/30/genealogical-research-society-shut-down/>

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. Each of these titles may be located through the WorldCat catalog, available from the home page of the Fiske Library website.

Rosie Bodien Estate	Martha Richards
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Judith Gunderson	Swedish Finn Historical Society
Karl Kumm	William Ward
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Virginia Lindsey	Gary Zimmerman
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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.

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. 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
Instructor: Karen Sipe
Public transport: #74 Bus

Legacy 9 User Group

If you are interested in joining others who use Legacy 9, please join us on the second Wednesdays of the month from 1 to 3 pm. A few of us real beginners want to learn from each other. We will meet in the Pioneer Hall room where the classes are taught.
~ Mary Peters

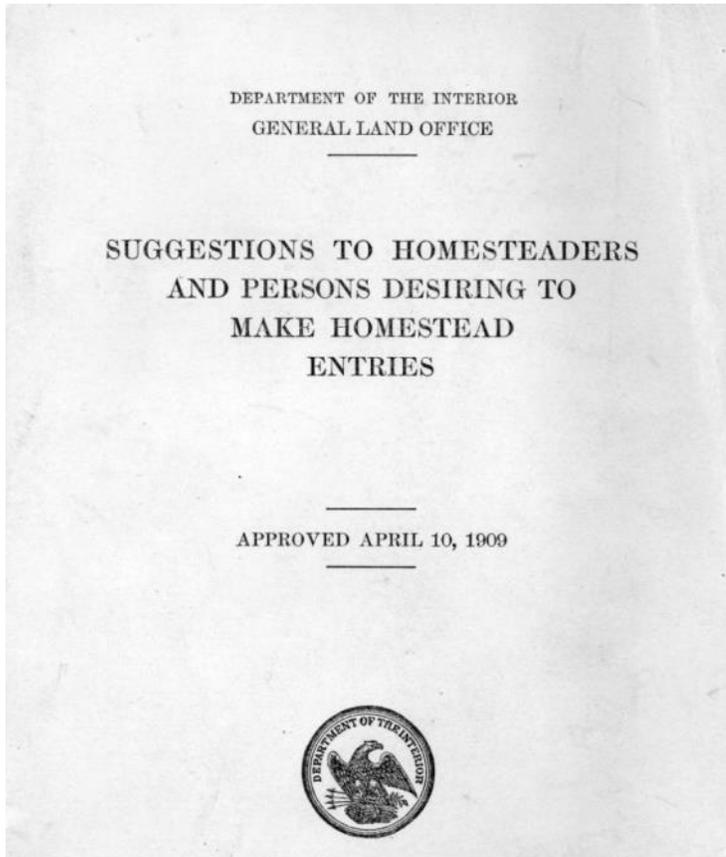


WINTER 2018 EDUCATION

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

2018	Topic	Instructor	Location
Wednesday January 10	Planning Your Genealogical Trip	Mary Peters	Pioneer Hall 1642 43rd Ave. East Seattle, WA 98112
Wednesday January 17	Vital Records: Births, Marriages & Deaths	Winona Laird	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday January 24	Voices from the Past: Researching Old Letters & Diaries	Janet O'Connor Camarata	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday January 31	Problem Solving Panel—Presentation	Karen Sipe, Moderator; Peters, Pike & Kumm	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday February 7	NO CLASS		
Wednesday February 14	Problem Solving Panel—Workshop	Karen Sipe, Moderator; Peters, Pike & Kumm	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday February 21	Angst Free Citation	Jill Morelli	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday February 28	Church Records and How to Find them	Mary Kozy	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday March 7	CLASS MEETS at Puget Sound Archive	Karl Kumm	Washington State Regional Archive, Bellevue College
Wednesday March 14	Where There's a Will	Mary Roddy	Pioneer Hall
Wednesday March 21	Afro-American Genealogy	Horace H. Roxall Jr.	Pioneer Hall

Homesteads



The US Congress, during the Civil War years with the departure of members from the Southern States, adopted the Homestead Law of 1862. This action would provide a method to give land to Union soldiers when they returned from the battlefields. In fact, as soon as January 1, 1863 people could begin filing for their own homestead land. The law, with a few modifications would remain in place from 1863 to 1917, although it was not completely abolished until 1976.

E. Wade Hone estimated about 285 million acres of land were ultimately disbursed by the program, which was equal to about 10% of the entire United States territory. He also suggested that about 783,000 citizens became homesteaders under the program. Nearly 2 million people applied for homesteads, but 60.2% of these “entries” were ultimately canceled before completion of the full set of tasks required by the law to warrant receipt of the land.

The law was very clear: you had to reside on the property, you had to build a structure or structures on the property, and you had to cultivate it actively for five years before you could “claim” your title as the actual owner of the land. The 1862 law limited your land holdings to 160 acres. If you already owned forty acres, you could get only 120 acres more under the homestead law.

When fully cultivated, 160 acres could support a normal family of four to six persons, if the land was in the Mississippi Valley where normal weather conditions would provide sufficient water for raising crops. However, as homesteaders began to move further west into the Great Plains, the land became drier and crop yields diminished. With limited access to water, the land would not support a family and an increasing number of farms began to fail and families had to give up their claims.

In 1909, a new Homestead Act was adopted by Congress and increased the allotment of land to 320 acres. This was of particular value to lands being entered in the western plains and the Pacific Northwestern states. The additional acreage allowed farming on a larger scale and families could be sustained successfully.

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The General Land Office in the Department of Interior published a short booklet entitled “Suggestions to Homesteaders and Persons desiring to make Homestead entries” in April 1909. A digital copy can be found at the South Dakota digital archives at the link

<https://sddigitalarchives.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/manuscript/id/420/rec/326>

This offers an excellent description of the many steps required to find available homestead land, how to apply for homesteader status, and then how to ultimately prove your success on the land and make a final claim and submit the necessary paperwork to get title to the land. When all of the paperwork has been submitted, it often took another year or more for the owner to receive the actual title document. The booklet can be downloaded or read on line. After the first fifteen pages of details about the homestead process, there is a lengthy appendix which spells out the legal language of each requirement.

Even if 60% of all started homesteads fail to last through the five years, there are records kept at each step of the way. There is information in every application about the homesteader family and every one who dropped along the way will have details of when and why they are giving up their effort to gain the land.

Further resources may be found at:

E. Wade Hone, “Land and Property Research in the United States,” published by Ancestry, 1997.
[CS49 .H66 1997]

James C. Barsi, “The basic researcher’s guide to Homesteads and other Federal Land Records.” [CS49 .B36 1994]

Robert King, BLM Archivist, “The Homestead Act of 1862 – coming to an end” - a short You-tube video found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ASu-LkkDyqc>

~ Contributed by Gary A Zimmerman



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.

Please send queries or submissions to editor@fiskelibrary.org.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Fiske Library will be closed on December 18th and re-open on Saturday, January 6, 2018.



New Online Delights

The Virginia Newspaper Project has announced digitized copies of Richmond Whig and Commercial Journal, a daily published by John Hampden Pleasants and Josiah Abbot from 1831-1832, are now available on the Virginia Chronicle web site.

<http://www.virginiamemory.com/blogs/fit-to-print/2017/12/08/new-on-virginia-chronicle-richmond-whig-and-commercial-journal/>

Genetic Map of Ireland: An article describing a new study of the genetic history of Ireland may be found at <http://www.newstalk.com/New-study-gives-the-first-genetic-map-of-the-people-of-Ireland> The actual map and study may be found at

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-017-17124-4>



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Year-end: closed on December 18th, re-opening on Saturday, January 6, 2018.

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/>

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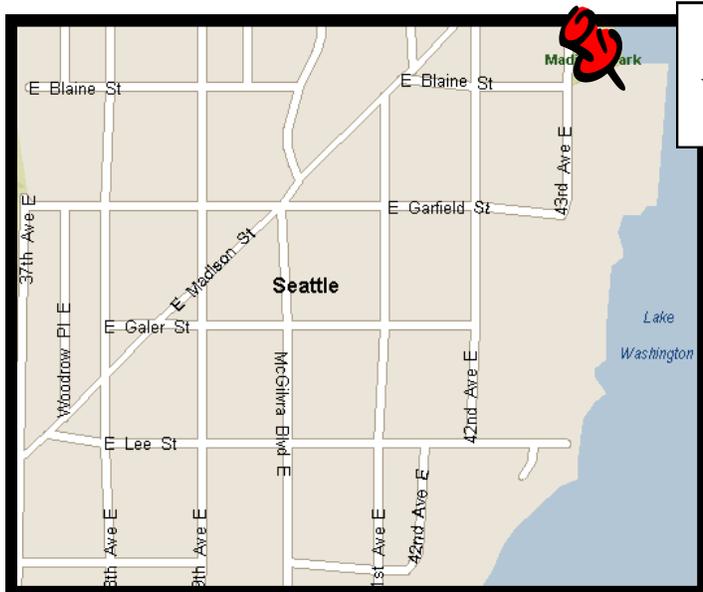


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- Turn right and follow E Blaine Street to the end of the street.
- The Washington Pioneer Hall faces onto 43rd Ave. E. The Fiske Genealogical Library is located on the lower level of the building.