

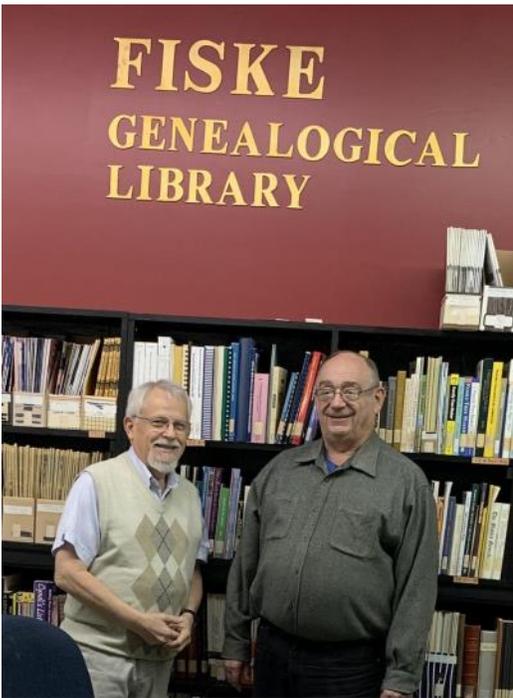
# FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION

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## Fiske Library Changes Leadership



*Gary Zimmerman & David Brazier*

Gary Zimmerman’s contribution of 20 years as president of the Fiske Genealogical Library was celebrated on Wednesday, September 26 following his class on Western New York research with a sumptuous pot-luck lunch.

Thirty five students attended, celebrating his leadership over these many years as the Library more than doubled its holdings and achieved financial stability. Gary was also involved in the wider genealogical community where he taught classes and lectured at most of the genealogical societies in the Puget Sound region.

Gary followed Muriel Winterscheid who served as president from June 1997 to October 1998, and she had taken over from Arthur Fiske, founder of the Fiske Genealogical Library.

David Brazier has assumed the office of President with the unanimous approval of the Board.

Larry Pike will serve as Vice President, with Carolyn Blount continuing as Secretary, Ann Owens as Treasurer, Karl Kumm as Director of Education, and Mary Peters.

*Contributed by Carolyn Blount, Secretary*

# Complete Archive of Ellis Island Records— Now Online for Free

A trio of new collections representing the complete archive of Ellis Island passenger records is now available on the free genealogy website, [FamilySearch](#). Search these to discover your immigrant ancestors during 3 distinct time periods:

[New York Passenger Lists \(Castle Garden\) 1820-1891](#)

[New York Passenger Arrival Lists \(Ellis Island\) 1892-1924](#)

[New York, New York Passenger and Crew Lists 1925-1957](#)

Originally preserved on microfilm, 9.3 million images of historical New York passenger records spanning 130 years were digitized and indexed in a massive effort by 165,590 online FamilySearch volunteers. The result is a free searchable online database containing 63.7 million names, including immigrants, crew, and other passengers traveling to and from the United States through the nation's largest port of entry.

Read the FamilySearch Blog for a complete explanation of the new collections and how to access them.

<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/archive-ellis-island-records/>

## Documentary “USCIS and the Legacy of Ellis Island”

The USCIS History Office and Library has created a 30-minute documentary, “USCIS and the Legacy of Ellis Island,” which is available on [YouTube](#). From 1892 to 1954, the federal immigration service and its employees processed more than 12 million immigrants at the Ellis Island Immigration Station in New York Harbor. This film tells the immigration story from the perspective of those who worked there and highlights the historical connections between USCIS and this iconic historic site.

The documentary presents oral histories of former employees, historical artifacts, photos, and documents to introduce viewers to America's busiest historic immigration station and the federal employees who worked there. Interviews with USCIS historians and National Park Service Rangers provide context for understanding Ellis Island's role in American immigration history. The film's focus on Immigration Service employees allows their contributions to the American immigration experience to be better understood.

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## Class Offerings in the Winter Trimester

The Winter classes at Fiske will go in greater depth into DNA, Scandinavia records, land records and New England migration. We will start off with a class by Winona I. Laird on "Preparing a Research Note Book."

Janet O'Connor Camarata will continue our examination of land records. Deeds are legal public documents transferring ownership of property from one person to another and are recorded in deed books. Repositories for Deeds may contain a variety of documents including indentures, bills of sale, mortgages, leases, liens, quitclaim deeds and more. A second class, a workshop, will focus on extracting and summarizing information from deeds and their related documents.

Karen Knudsen will focus our attention on the use of ministerial and census records in Scandinavian research.

There will be two classes on DNA. Karin Borgerson has taught many classes on DNA at Fiske. The class members all requested she do a hands-on workshop on DNA analysis. On March 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a four hour workshop on the analysis of DNA. For those not subscribing to either the yearly or trimester fee, the cost will be \$10. The other class, "From Matches in a List to Family: case Studies in DNA" will be presented by Mary Kozy on February 27th.

Karl Kumm will offer two presentations on migration, the first on New England and the second on New Hampshire.

Gary Zimmerman will offer a class on "Doing Research in St. Louis and elsewhere in the state of Missouri." "I will review the history of the settlement of Missouri, look in detail at the resources in St. Louis, the largest city in the state, review the official repositories in the state, and conclude with a discussion of several genealogical and historical societies with useful resources for research."

In the final class of the tri-mester, we will have a short brainstorming session on the topics you want to learn about next year.

Turn to pp. 8-9 for our schedule of class offerings.

*Contributed by Karl Kumm, Director of Education*

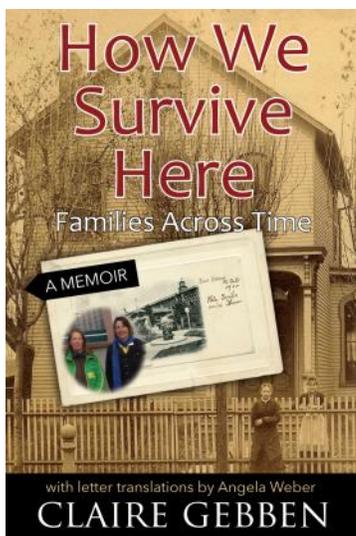
## Reclaim The Records: Update

**Reclaim The Records** is a not-for-profit activist group of genealogists, historians, researchers, and open government advocates. "We identify important genealogical records sets that ought to be in the public domain but which are being wrongly restricted by government archives, libraries, and agencies. **We file Freedom of Information and Open Data requests** to get that public data released back to the public. And if the government doesn't comply, **we take them to court**. Then we digitize everything we win and put it all online for free, without any paywalls or usage restrictions, so that it can never be locked up again. [Learn more](#) about our work and [sign up for our newsletter](#)."

**Latest News: "We won the New York State Marriage Index for 1881-1965! And we're suing for 1966-2017!"**

These records *used to* only be available on scratched up old microfiche sheets at a small number of New York State public libraries, plus the Manhattan branch of the National Archives (NARA). But now we've put these images online at the Internet Archive for everyone to use, free of charge. [All the digital images for 1881-1952 are online right now](#),

## Book Review: How We Survive Here



### Claire Gebben's Journey:

Author Claire Gebben has lectured about weaving history into family narratives at Fiske Library, so some readers may recognize her name. Her new book, *How We Survive Here: Families Across Time*, provides an excellent example of what she teaches, how to accumulate stories about your ancestors while studying their genealogy.

*How We Survive Here* is a memoir that explores Ms. Gebben's journey to find family connections, both here and abroad, in the present and in the past, as she studied her German ancestors who emigrated from the Palatinate region of Germany to Cleveland.

German immigrants first arrived in that region in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century; their numbers grew in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, after Ohio became a state. By the mid-1890's they were the largest group arriving in Cleveland each year. Germans fled their native country, but preserved many of their cultural traditions and Claire Gebben, who was born and raised in Cleveland, grew up with that heritage.

When she discovered some letters written by her ancestors during their transition to the States, she was enticed to explore them further. Her path of research culminated in an historical novel. *The Last of the Blacksmiths* fictionalizes the emigration of Ms. Gebben's great-great grandfather, Michael Harm, in the historical context of the Civil War and the encroaching Industrial Revolution.

*How We Survive Here: Families Across Time* is an account of Ms. Gebben's journey towards her first book. Although it is a memoir, it also serves as a research guide and a resource for writers. It is not a step-by-step manual on genealogy or research. It is, however, filled with the struggles of one seeker and will, in turn inform other seekers. Most important, it is a book written by an author who wants to find the story beneath the story. It is a book about family, the family we grow up with, the family we take in, the family that tells us stories, the family that saves photos and letters, the family living in the distant countries of our immigrant relatives. By using her gift of story-telling, Ms. Gebben provides a compelling story filled with her adventures and mis-adventures on the way to learning more about her family.

Ms. Gebben's next book will draw on her Scottish ancestry and she is off on another trail of research, leading from Mercer Island to Scotland and along the path of the McIntosh family. She has already ridden a bicycle along the path taken by those Highlander ancestors, from Washington, D.C., to Pittsburgh. You can learn more about Ms. Gebben and her books at <http://clairegebben.com>.

You can treat yourself to a copy of *How We Survive Here: Families Across Time* at:

<http://coffeetownpress.com/2018/11/how-we-survive-here-families-across-time-by-claire-gebben/>

Contributed by Michele Genthon. Michele is not a genealogist, but appreciates the stories behind our heritage and has lectured on how to discover them at Fiske. She lives and writes in Bellevue, Washington. Her blog on First Women can be found at <https://thefirstwomanto.com>.

## 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.

### New England

History of the Nineteenth Regiment of Maine Volunteer Infantry 1862-1865 [E511.5 19th]

Nauset on Cape Cod – a history of Eastham [F74.E2 L6 1968]

Index to the 1800 Federal census of Fairfield and Hartford counties, state of Connecticut [F93 .V65]

### Middle Atlantic States

Quaker Marriage Certificates, New Garden Monthly Meeting, Chester County, Pennsylvania 1704-1799 [F157.C4 B36 1990]

Two hundred years in Cumberland County (PA) [F157.C8 H17 1951]

History and genealogy of Carlisle, Cumberland County (PA) 1751-1835 [F159.C3 S33x 1987]

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Milton, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, parish registers 1818-1909 [F159.55 .T75 1971]

French forts in Pennsylvania: baptisms and burials, 1753-1756 [F160.F8 F74 1991]

Providence, ye lost towne at Severn in Mary Land [F187.A6 M76 1976]

### Atlantic South

Personal property tax lists for the year 1787 for Loudon County, Virginia [F232.L8 S342 1986x]

Personal property tax lists for the year 1787 for Prince William County, Virginia [F232.P86 S38 1987]

Personal property tax lists for the year 1787 for Rockingham County, Virginia [F232.R7 Y36 1987]

### Midwest

The German Texans [F395.G3 L5 1996]

Tennessee Tidbits 1778-1914 vol 1 [F435.F57 1986]

Putnam County Ohio cemetery inscriptions Vol. 6 Ottawa Township [F497 .P96 P885 1988 v.6]

Michigan's German heritage: John Andrew Russell's history of the German influence in the making of Michigan [F575.G3 R8 1994]

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How to trace your Minnesota ancestors [F605 .P66 1985]

Ethnic heritage in North Dakota [F645.A1 E85 1983]

Cemetery headstones of Rose Hill and St Michael's (Nebraska) [F672.B6 C46 1992]

North East Boone county cemeteries (Nebraska) (Petersburg – Raeville – Loretto – Rural) [F672.B6 N67 1993]

## American West

Washington State place names [F889 .P47 1971 (PAWA)]

History of Tolt/Carnation – a town remembered [F899.C37 H57 1997 (PAWA)]

HistoryLink's Seattle and King County timeline [F899.S457 C76 2001 (PAWA)]

Gold Creeks and Ghost Towns of Northeastern Washington (covering Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille and Kittitas counties) [F891 B37 1988 (PAWA)]

The look of old time Washington [F892 .M28 1971 (PAWA)]

Women in Pacific Northwest history – an anthology [HQ1438.A19 W65 1988 (PAWA)]

Juggernaut: the Whitman Massacre Trial 1850 [KF223.@46 L36 1993 (PAWA)]

## American family genealogies

Bell Family Records [CS71.B452 1929a]

George Poore (1723-1810) and descendants v.1 [CS71.P823 1982]

## Canada

200 Family Trees: from France to Canada to U.S.A. [CS69 .L32] Vol 1: 1590-1979, Vol 2: 1587-1980

Guide to Quebec's vital records – revised edition [CS88.Q4 G43 1989]

Guide to Quebec Catholic parishes and published parish marriage records CS88.Q4 W45 1993

French-Canadian genealogical research [E184.F85 D85 1995]

Parish and town guide to the province of Quebec [F1051.5 .P37 1994]

Old Quebec – the fortress of New France [F1054.5.Q3 P37 1992]

## European Resources

Debrett's family historian / a guide to tracing your ancestry [CS414 .C87 1981]

Guide to Surrey genealogy and records [CS415.S8 G85 1997]

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Ireland – a genealogical guide for North Americans  
[CS483 .B48 1995]

Our people, as told by survivors of Russian labor camps  
[D810.N3 S65 1987]

How the Scots invented the modern world [DA772 .H53  
2001b]

Glückstal Colonies Births and Marriages 1833-1900 2nd  
Edition [DK509.95 H55 E47 1997]

Glückstal Colonies Deaths 1833-1900 [DK509.95 .H57  
G591 1998]

Index to French surnames, seine inferieure departement,  
Normandie 1546-1810 [CS2699.S45 C65 1986]

## Reference

Guide to the North Dakota State Archives [CD3434 .G73  
1985]

Handbook for genealogical correspondence – revised  
edition [CS16 .C3 1974]

Searching American military records [CS42.7 .C373  
1991]

Searching American probate records [CS42.7 .C374  
1993]

Across the Atlantic and beyond: the migration of German  
and Swiss immigrants to America [E184.G3 H23 1993]

The famine ships – Irish exodus to America [E184.I6

L39 1997]

Scandinavians in America 986-1970 – a chronology and  
fact book [E184.S18 F87]

Civil War draft records – an index to the 38th  
Congressional Districts of 1863 [E494 .M67 1997a]

Twentieth Century Peerless Atlas and Pictorial Gazetteer  
of all lands [G1019 .T9 1901 (PAWA)]

Every name index to the 1900 Plat Book of Rice County,  
Minnesota [G1428.R6 D2 1991]

German-Americana: a bibliography [Z1361.G37 T64  
1975a]



**Genealogical Forum of  
Oregon is offering a new  
Mexican Ancestry Special  
Interest Group.**

For those of you who live near Portland, OR, you may be interested in this new Hispanic research group focused on ancestors from Mexico and the American Southwest. You do not need to be a GFO member to participate. Details are available at <https://gfo.org/learn/special-interest-groups/mexican-ancestry.html>.

The Facilitator is Vincent Ramirez. For questions or comments, please email Vince at [sw@gfo.org](mailto:sw@gfo.org).

Meetings: The group will meet the 2nd Friday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose area at the back of the library. Please check the GFO calendar for updates and more information.

GFO is located in Portland, Oregon. Details of location and other offerings are available on their website. <https://gfo.org/who-we-are/visit-us/>



## WINTER 2019 EDUCATION

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

2019	Topic	Instructor	Location
<b>Wednesday January 9</b>	Preparing a Research Note Book	Winona I. Laird	Pioneer Hall 1642 43rd Ave. East Seattle, WA 98112
<b>Wednesday January 16</b>	New England Migration: 1700-1850	Karl Kumm	Pioneer Hall
<b>Wednesday January 23</b>	Scandinavia: Emphasis on Ministerial Records	Karen Knudsen	Pioneer Hall
<b>Wednesday January 30</b>	Understanding Deeds and Their Related Documents	Janet O'Connor Camarata	Pioneer Hall
<b>Wednesday February 6</b>	NO CLASS		
<b>Wednesday February 13</b>	Extracting Genealogical Information from deeds and their related documents	Janet O'Connor Camarata	Pioneer Hall
<b>Wednesday February 20</b>	Spreadsheet 101: Excel-lence in Genealogy.	Mary Roddy	Pioneer Hall
<b>Wednesday February 27</b>	From Matches to a List to Family: Case Studies in DNA	Mary Kozy	Pioneer Hall
<b>Wednesday March 6</b>	NO CLASS		
<b>Wednesday March 13</b>	Preparing for a Road Trip! Repositories in Missouri	Gary Zimmerman	Pioneer Hall
<b>Wednesday March 20 10 AM—Noon &amp; 1 PM—3 PM</b>	DNA Workshop [\$10 fee for non- subscribers.]	Karin Borgerson	Fiske Library [Lower level]
<b>Wednesday March 27</b>	Brainstorming for Next <u>Year's Classes</u> New Hampshire Research— Emphasis on Land Records	Karl Kumm	Pioneer Hall

## 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 p.m. We meet in the Pioneer Hall room where the classes are taught.

Mary Peters

## FamilySearch Interest Group

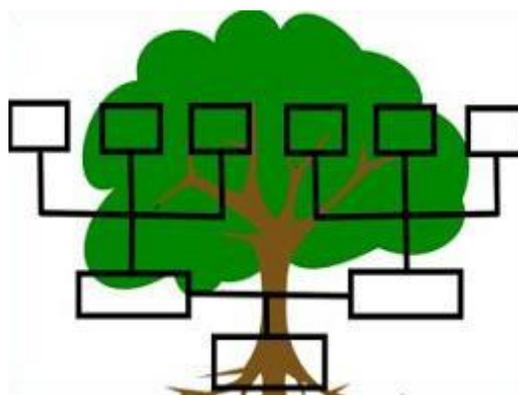
Are you missing some really important information in your family tree? Have you searched the pages of the [FamilySearch.com](http://FamilySearch.com) website for new family connections, pictures, stories, sources and maybe even audio recordings of your relatives? Do you know how to access unindexed records on the site? Do you know how to attach 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.

The first Wednesday of every month October-through June 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Pioneer Hall [main floor level] [except Jan. 2 and Feb 6] there will be a meeting 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.

**Next meeting Wednesday March 6th 2019.**



## 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](mailto: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.

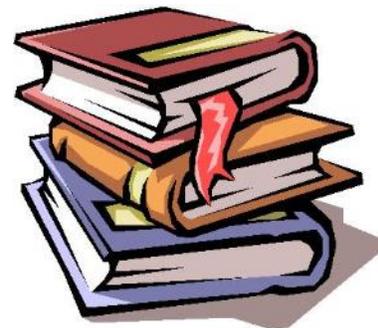
## Thank you to our Patrons

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.

## 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.

Dorothy Amos Estate	Lou Daly
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Eastside Genealogical Society	Laurence A English
Carol Jean Gaffney	Judith K Gunderson
Michele Genthon	Jan Henderson
Lisa Marker	Newport Ward Family History Center
Mary Peters	Daniel E Peterson
Martha A Richards	Sharon Storbo
South Whidbey Genealogical Society	Gary A Zimmerman



## FISKE LIBRARY HOURS

<b>Monday</b>	10:00 am to 3:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:00 noon to 6:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Reserved for research groups (greater than 8 persons) from outside the greater Seattle Area. Contact the Library to make reservations.
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am to 3:00 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	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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 Newsletter—Mail Subscription  
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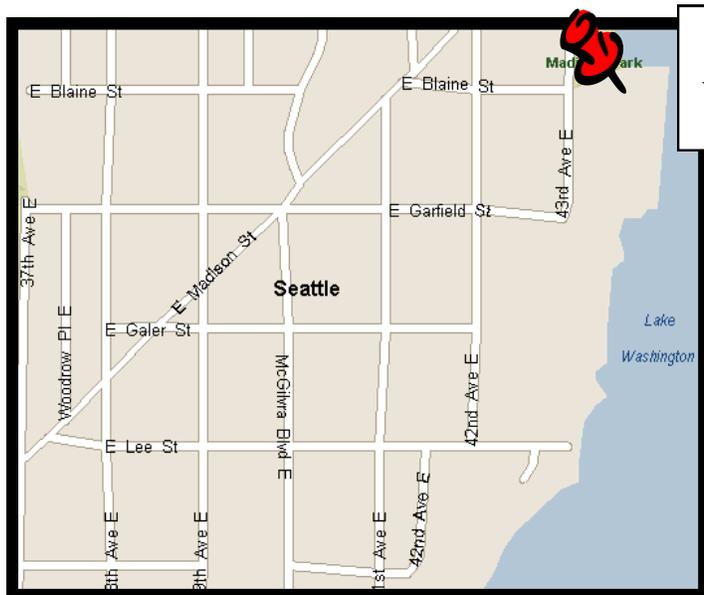


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- Drive east on E Madison Street to the third crosswalk after reduced speed zone of 25mph. The crosswalk has a yellow blinking light. A one-way street sign is on your right.
- Turn right and follow E Blaine Street to the end of the street.
- The Washington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