



# FISKE GENEALOGICAL FOUNDATION

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## Operations During a Pandemic

As you all know, the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic have continued far longer than anyone expected last March. In accordance with Washington State and Seattle requirements, Pioneer Hall and the Fiske Genealogical Library were closed. We had hoped to re-open by the Fall, but it does not seem likely at present.

However, the Board and volunteers have not been idle. Our President, Treasurer and Surplus Books Manager have come in periodically to deal with necessary business. Other volunteers have dropped by as needed to attend to tasks in their areas of responsibility.

The Board has been exploring options for remote learning. David Brazier has been considering the technological challenges. Carolyn Blount attended a virtual meeting of the Regional Genealogical Society Presidents' Group. We hope to have a representative attending these meetings on a regular basis discussing how best to maintain our activities and serve our clients. Ideas have included remote learning formats and lectures.

Our Surplus Books section has been the most active segment of our operation recently. **Sales are up and in the interest of clearing space, our Surplus Books Manager has put the entire collection on sale at half-price.** There are many data-rich sources available, and this would be an excellent time for you to review the list and make purchases.

## Can You Help Identify Folk in this Photo?



*Carolyn Blount has submitted this family portrait for help with identification of all parties.*

Positively identified are my grandmother, **Harriott Scammel Olive**, her siblings and probably her mother. The photo, undated, was taken by Climo's photographers at 85 German Street in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, perhaps at the 14 Sep 1886 marriage of **Mabel Osbone McHenry**(1860), to **William Hamilton Smith** in St. John.

The photo seems likely of descendants of **Thomas McHenry** (1819-1893), Harriott's maternal grandfather who had a total of 20 children with his three wives. **Jerusha Masters** and **Mary Ann Bill** predeceased Thomas. Many of the young people may be children of the third marriage with **Theresa Margaret O'Conner** in 1866. Harriott marked herself with an inconspicuous [\*] at the lower right of her skirt. She is seated on the floor in the front row with long hair. Her brother, **Walter** (1875) is to the right, her sister, **Mabel** (1877), to her left, and their mother, **Isabella Bill McHenry** (1852) is between and behind them. Standing at the back, right, is brother, **Leonard** (1874).

Carolyn Blount and a 3rd cousin in Canada are currently attempting to identify the others in the photo by determining their age in about 1886. If you are familiar with this family, or a descendant of any one of them, your input would be very much appreciated. Contact Carolyn at [cblount@vendor.net](mailto:cblount@vendor.net).

## 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.

### Books Processed this Spring and Summer:

Cemetery records of Thurston County, Washington, 3 volumes (gift of Olympia Genealogical Society F897.T5 J66 1994 (PAWA))

Port Blakely – the community Captain Renton built F899.P82 P75 1990 (PAWA) (gift of Carolyn Blount)

American Ancestors, Vol 20, no. 2 (Sum 2019), no. 3 (Fall 2019), no. 4 (Win 2020), and Vol 21, no. 1 (Spr 2020) F3 .N528

NEHG Register, Vol 174, no. 1 (Win 2020) F1 .N56

Columbia – the Magazine of Northwest History Vol 32, no 3 (Fall 2018); Vol 33, no 2 (Sum 2019); Vol 34, nos. 1,2 (Spr, Summer 2020) F886 .C64

Portage Vol 4, no 1 (Win 1982) F899.S4

## Legacy Family Tree User Group

If interested in participating in Zoom Legacy Family Tree User Group meetings on the third Wednesday of the month starting September 16 from 1-2 pm, **please send a message to [editor@fiskelibrary.org](mailto:editor@fiskelibrary.org) with your email contact information by Sept. 15.**

We will need your email address to send out the Zoom invitation. The questions we cover run the gamut from the beginner to the more advanced - from how to contact Legacy support, to setting relationships, to cleaning up duplicates.

Please also feel free ask questions and raise topics you would like us to go over. ~ *Siri Nelson*

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## Regarding the Closure of NARA

News was released on August 17, 2020 that Washington State Attorney General Ferguson has filed federal Freedom of Information Act lawsuits against three agencies involved in the January decision to close the Federal Archives and Record Center in Seattle, sell the building and move the records stored there to facilities more than 1,000 miles away to Kansas City, Missouri and Riverside, California. A fourth agency who is demanding tens of thousands of dollars to produce the requested records has been warned that if they continue to fail to produce the documents he is prepared to file a lawsuit against them as well.

The lawsuits seek public records Ferguson requested more than six months ago. Not one document was produced to the Attorney General's office, "an egregious violation of the key federal open government law." The agencies involved are the National Archives & Records Administration [NARA], the Office of Management & Budget [OMB] and the General Services Administration [GSA]. The fourth agency, the Public Buildings Reform Board [PBRB] responded in July demanding taxpayers pay more than \$65,000 to properly redact the records requested. As a public officer of the State of Washington, Ferguson has the right to request a waiver of any fees, which he did, but that request was also ignored. These documents involve property decisions and are not related to national security or any other sensitive government information.

Ferguson noted, "The first-hand historical records contained there are essential to the cultural fabric of our communities. The federal government did not seek any local input on its decision and now illegally refuse to provide documents about how the decision was made. The people have a right to know." The Seattle archives contain many records essential to Washington's historical record including the Chinese Exclusion Act, the internment of Japanese Americans, and the the tribal and treaty records of federally recognized tribes throughout the Northwest. Researchers, historians, genealogists and student routinely use these records.

The NARA property was built on land confiscated from the Uyeji family, resident in Washington long before WWII but interned during that conflict. The archives contain records of the family farm, including their front door key, as well as records related to the general internment of Japanese-Americans in the 1940s. Ferguson argued that closing the warehouse and transferring the records contradicts the archives' purpose to preserve history and impedes local families' research on their ancestors.

The Seattle archives houses a significant collection of tribal and treaty records including original drafts of tribal treaties and original copies of correspondence from treaty negotiations during the 19th century. Tribal members use federal archive records for many reasons including establishing tribal membership, enforcing tribal rights to fishing and other activities, tracing lineage, and accessing native school records. Removed from the Northwest, many tribal members will be prevented from exercising important rights.

The archives also contain 50,000 case files related to the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which was passed to limit the number of Chinese laborers entering the U.S. Chinese seeking entry to the U.S. had to go through an extensive application process. These case files include identification photos, biographical information, interrogation notes, federal and local court records, as well as personal correspondence and photographs. They have become a critical resource to Chinese-American seeking information about their ancestors. A dedicated group of volunteers had been working to index these files; transfer of the files prevents the completion of this work.

*~ Text based on the News Release from the Washington Attorney General's Office, August 17, 2020*

## 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).

## Education

At the moment the Board is considering various options for classes during this challenging period of the pandemic. Please check our website at <https://fiskelibrary.org> periodically for the latest news.

## A New Search Tool on Google

### Books Ngram Viewer :

<https://books.google.com/ngrams>

It offers the ability to search with a wide range of combination criteria:

- \*Single word or NAME
- \*Several word phrases
- \*Verbs, adjectives etc.
- \*Date ranges
- \*Wild cards
- \*About any language you can think of

The graph displays the find frequency for your search. It provides the title of the book and the page your word of interest is on.

Once you search, look below the graph. Your search criteria will show again with date ranges. Select, click on a date bubble, and you will be given a list of books for your search criteria and the date range selected.

HELP FILE: The question mark -? -in the circle will take you to a huge help file. It allows you chose a single help item or if you hover and scroll down, the option to "View All Options". The file can be printed, 21 pages landscape or 11 pages in Portrait, or simply "Save to .PDF" to avoid using paper.

I searched two of my weird names; each of them brought up results, including genealogies.

~Karen Sipe

We wish to offer our  
Condolences to Karl Kumm  
On the passing of his wife, Judith  
In April 2020.

## News from FamilySearch.org

During the pandemic, the Family History Library located in Salt Lake City is closed but they are offering free online genealogy consultations to assist patrons with their genealogical research. They are continuing to monitor the pandemic and evaluating reopening plans. When applicable, reopening will most likely occur in carefully monitored phases with priority admissions being granted to professional genealogists whose livelihoods rely on access to the Library's records.

FamilySearch's Family History Centers and libraries located throughout the world will consider the direction of their local and government leaders and then make informed decisions about opening their facilities.

The announcement can be found at <https://media.familysearch.org/familysearch-covid-19-updates/>

The website also notes: "Due to contractual obligations, FamilySearch cannot offer expanded access to historical records that are restricted to family history centers and affiliate libraries, despite the temporary closure of these facilities. We apologize for the inconvenience caused by COVID-19 precautionary measures."

"In the meantime, we encourage you to explore the vast record collections that are available on FamilySearch. Millions of new indexed records and images are added weekly. And if you haven't used our new [Explore Historical Images](#) tools, you might be surprised at the potential discoveries you can make in our growing unindexed image collections. We appreciate your patience, loyalty, and support."

There is a wealth of information that continues to be available online at FamilySearch.org for the general public. You may be less familiar with the "unindexed image collections." The fact that these are unindexed makes searching them a little bit more of a challenge but there is a GUIDE.

A 'How To' for searching unindexed records on FamilySearch is available at:

<https://www.familysearch.org/help/helpcenter/article/how-do-i-find-an-image-in-an-unindexed-collection-in-historical-records>

*All Ellis Island passenger records are now available and free to search at FamilySearch.org*

# FISKE LIBRARY HOURS

**Pioneer Hall and the Fiske Genealogical Library are currently closed**  
due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Please check our website for the latest news.  
Email inquiries regarding your research needs may be made to [editor@fiskelibrary.org](mailto:editor@fiskelibrary.org).

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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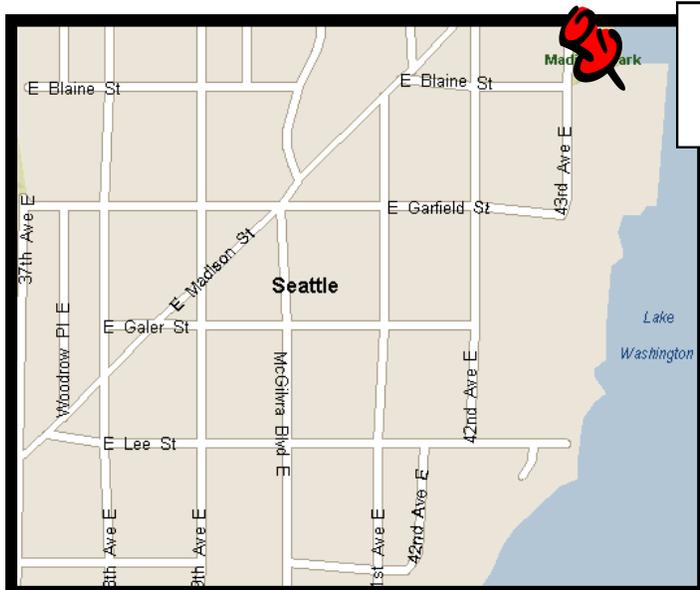
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## HOW TO FIND US!



**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.