



Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County

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We will be back to regular meetings and programs as soon as the Corona Virus pandemic is over!

ZOOM Meeting 2-18-21 7:00 PM
and
ZOOM Meeting 3-18-21 7:00 PM

Presidents Message

by Beverly Graham

I’m a the teacher!!

Prior to this pandemic and on-line school, my job was picking up from school and staying with them for a hour. Easy-peezy!! But, not any more. I now find myself having to be the teacher, the principal, and the hall monitor!! They are now home all day, all on different computers! I think I need a raise!!!

I do have to admit this gives me a chance to be the teacher on some days! No math, though. That new math of drawing boxes and circles is out of my scope.

I am the history teacher on a lot of days. I find even though they are getting history, it doesn’t seem to be as in depth and concentrated as when I was in school. So...I tell them more details about whatever they are learning. I bring in my ancestors and old memories. They think it’s pretty intriguing that I can tell them about their ancestors and the lives they lived. They are fascinated with these people.

Only one problem was when my six-year-old grandson decided to tell his teacher that it was ME who came across the country in a covered wagon. I even have the old doll that rode in the wagon.

I then had to explain it wasn’t me! It was my great-great grandma.

Current Covid-19 information for Stanislaus County

Total cases

54,484

Deaths

905

Covid-19 Shots now Available for those 65 or older

The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America

Submitted by Vicky Wolff

March is Women's History Month and I would like to feature "The National Society of Colonial Dames of America." The National Society of Colonial Dames of America (NSCDA) was founded in 1891 by a group of Philadelphia women, dedicated to Colonial History, Historic preservation and patriotism. Maryland followed the State of Pennsylvania and became the second State Society. By 1894, ancestral State Societies had been established in all of the original thirteen states, for a total of forty four Corporate Societies bound together by the Covenant of 1908 which requires that each member coming into the society have an ancestor from one of the original thirteen colonies.

The National Society takes pride in the historic houses and rooms, which are furnished and maintained throughout the United States by the individual State Societies. Notable projects throughout the years include the reconstruction of the original church at Jamestown, Virginia, the construction of the Spanish American War monument at Arlington Cemetery, the building of the granite canopy over Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts, operating rooms and provisions for hospital ships during World War I, work with the UUSA during World 'War II, help for patients during the Vietnamese Conflict, and the publication of many historical books.

The activities of the NSCDA also include research, preservation and publications such as Ancestor Bibliography Register, Ancestor Profiles (short biographies), Colonial and Pioneer History Videos, Decorative Arts Sampler Survey, Historic Trips, Inventor of American Painting and Sculpture, Oral History, Plaques and Historic Markers and other publications.

The headquarters of NSCDA is located in Dumbarton House, 2715 Q Street, Washington, DC.

Membership in the National Society of The Colonial Dames of America is by invitation, with a prerequisite of direct descent from an ancestor who served and resided in an American Colony prior to 1750 and who served his country in some official capacity before July 4, 1776. Satisfactory proof of this service and direct lineage are required.

The motto of the NSCDA is "Virtutes Majorum Filiae Conservant." Which means "Daughters Conserve the Virtues of their Elders."

"Captain James Davis Chapter of Colonial Dames of the 17th Century is located locally in Modesto. Contact information is Dr. Christine Hollister 209-869-1307 and E-mail is chmclimans@sbcglobal.net

NOTICE !

We will have a General Meeting on February 18th and it will Be a ZOOM Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Please contact Maybelle Allen 523-0593 and/or Roxie Ferrari 495-8001 for ZOOM Meeting instructions.

These instructions are very important if you have not used ZOOM.

ALSO

If you have not renewed your 2021 GSSC Membership this will be your last Researcher issue.

Vital Records Information By State

State	Birth Records	Marriage Records	Death Records
Alabama	1908	1936	1908
Alaska	1913	1913	1913
Arizona	1909	1909	1909
Arkansas	1914	1917	1914
California	1905	1905	1905
Colorado	1907	1907	1907
Connecticut	1897	1897	1897
Delaware*	1861	1847	1881
District of Columbia	1874	1811	1874
Florida	1899	1927	1899
Georgia	1919	1952	1919
Hawaii	1842	1842	1859
Idaho	1911	1947	1911
Illinois	1916	1962	1916
Indiana	1907	1958	1899
Iowa	1880	1880	1880
Kansas	1911	1913	1911
Kentucky	1911	1958	1911
Louisiana*	1914	none	1914
Maine	1892	1892	1892
Maryland	1898	1950	1898
Massachusetts	1841	1841	1841
Michigan	1867	1867	1867
Minnesota	1900	1958	1908
Mississippi	1912	1926	1912
Missouri	1910	1881	1910
Montana	1907	1943	1907
Nebraska	1905	1909	1905
Nevada	1911	1968	1911
New Hampshire	1901	1901	1901
New Jersey	1848	1848	1848
New Mexico	1920	1920	1920
New York	1880	1880	1880
North Carolina	1913	1962	1913
North Dakota	1907	1925	1907
Ohio	1908	1949	1908
Oklahoma	1908	1908	1908
Oregon	1903	1906	1903
Pennsylvania	1906	1885	1906
Rhode Island	1853	1853	1853
South Carolina	1915	1950	1915
South Dakota	1905	1905	1905
Tennessee*	1908	1945	1908
Texas	1903	1966	1903
Utah	1905	1887	1905
Vermont	1955	1955	1955
Virginia	1912	1912	1912
Washington	1907	1968	1907
West Virginia	1917	1964	1917
Wisconsin	1907	1907	1907
Wyoming	1909	1941	1909

Take note of the years statewide vital record-keeping officially began in each US state-that's when counties started to report it to state offices. Some counties or towns kept stats earlier, and some were slow to comply with state laws, so check with your ancestors' local government for record availability. *Delaware's statewide birth and death records stop in **1863** and resume in **1881**. All Louisiana birth records are kept in parish clerk offices. Tennessee has no statewide birth or death records for **1913**.

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY!

Submitted by Vicky Wolff

Saint Patrick's Day and its symbols are, in part the story of the Irish and the land many of them left behind to come to the United States. For when they came, they brought with them their patron saint. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17th the day of Patrick's death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick' Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.



Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped, but did return to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people.

In the centuries following Patrick's death on March 17, 461, the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well known legend of St. Patrick is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

The first St. Patrick's Day Parade took place not in Ireland but in America. The first Parade was held on March 17, 1601 in a Spanish colony in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. The Spanish Colony's Irish vicar Ricardo Artur organized this parade. Today, people of all backgrounds celebrate St. Patrick' Day. Popular St. Patrick's Day recipes include Irish soda bread, corned beef and cabbage and champ. In the U.S. people often wear green on St. Patrick's Day.

We do have an "Irish Cultural Society of Stanislaus County" in Modesto, for those interested in Irish culture, traditions and pageantry, see David or Vicky Wolff (209-529-9430) for more information.

German Study Group

By Fran Jackson

Hi everyone, It was good to see you last night. Several questions came up that I have used and researched that can benefit us all.

1. Zoom. Zoom has good resources and support help you learn to use Zoom conferencing calls or meetings. Zoom was set up to handle video conferencing (conferencing can be used both publicly and privately), web conferencing , and webinars.Free,but requires

your name,email and a password. Once you have that established, you can save it. Zoom is part of Google and may need to set up a google account. Features of zoom include meeting chat - video how to set up and use, test meeting, video tutorials....like getting started, scheduling meetings, support center , plus instructions on how to contact support, downloads for windows, and free sign up for both zoom and zoom instructional tutorials. I like this as I can pick and choose the date and time to view them.

2. Time Zone Converter - Time difference Calculator . [www.timeanddate.com/ worldclock / converter.html?iso=202](http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/converter.html?iso=202). Provides time zone conversions taking in account Day Light Saving Time (DST), local time zone and accepts present, past, or future dates.

3. Time Zone Abbreviations- World Wide List. Time Zones names, codes, and abbreviations for Standard Daylight Time (DST) around the world. This Time Zone Abbreviation list columns the pertinent informationAbbreviation, Time zone name, location, and . offset. Very useful.

4. Explore family search.org /wiki/en/Family-History- Library-classes-and webinars #Lists-of-Online Classes and -webinars-in -the -Learning- Center. Short Cut : Family History Library/classes-and-webinars -online classes/learning center@Family Search.org

They print a 3 month Calendar .

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Three examples : March 2, (Tue): 10:00 am - MST Navigate, Add , Edit, and Standardize, and Print on FamilySearch Tree (Beginner);

March 4, (Tues): 10:00 am -MST Research in Canada :An Introduction (Beginner)

March 9, (Tue),10:00 am - MST The Research Process, Research help, and Searching Records on Family Search (Beginner)

March 17, (Wed): 9:00 am- MST ST. Patrick's Day Research Seminar Key Note Speaker (Beginner).

This is an all day seminar breaking from 12:00 -1:00 PM for lunch and winds up at 4:00pm MST.(It will be 8:00 am- 3 pm PST).

Note: The classes are in 1 /2 hour increments and you can sign up what you want to attend.

The Family History Library Classes are offered in other languages,such as Chinese and Spanish.

Check them out. Free.

5. Root Tech 2021 - February 25 - 27 2020. "Roots Tech Connects." - Registration.

Has Video Archive-----Virtual event 2021, US-----London 2021 = me

Sign up soon as has cut off date in Mid February...

Roots 2021 Tech.org/?lang=eng

6. " Researching Together World Wide : Weltweit Gemeinsam Forschen"

Saturday, July 17 - Saturday, July 27,2021

Sponsored by the Internal German Genealogy Conference

7. If you are taking FHL Classes, a lot of important information is on the chat section that attendees type in and you can pull up to the side of your screen. you can save and print later at the end of the class (Classes are about 1 hour).

TO Copy Chat.

Click on chat.....USE CTR - A to high light everything.....Open a new word document or text file and paste.

8. I have a favorite website to get genealogical publications at a very reasonable prices and even on sale. It a small publishing company, family owned, out of Orating ,Washington. It is called "Family Roots Publishing Company" - they have sales, and have discounted, as well as reasonably priced genealogical books and materials.

9. There is another major conference suppose to happen in June 2020 in Sacramento,Ca. I have no information on it yet.I am sure it will be most likely virtual. When I do I will pass it on.

Enjoy



1918 Formal Attire

CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY ANNOUNCES EARLY FINDINGS FROM CULTURAL COLLECTIONS PROTECTION SURVEY

From [Jamie Romas](#)

Findings show significant preservation needs and limited resources among cultural heritage community

[Sacramento, Calif.] Many of California’s archives, galleries, historical societies, libraries, museums and tribal nations lack disaster response plans and long-term protection strategies for the cultural keepsakes in their care, according to early findings from an ongoing, comprehensive survey being conducted by the California State Library and other cultural heritage partners.

The survey is an attempt to measure the preparedness of California’s arts and cultural heritage entities and help prioritize investment in protecting these irreplaceable pieces of California’s unique and diverse story.

Survey registration is open through February 21, and all collecting organizations are encouraged to register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSLSurveyRegistration>.

Hundreds of organizations of varying sizes and areas of focus have completed the survey, helping build a database on the condition and preservation needs of California’s culturally significant collections. Among the emerging trends:

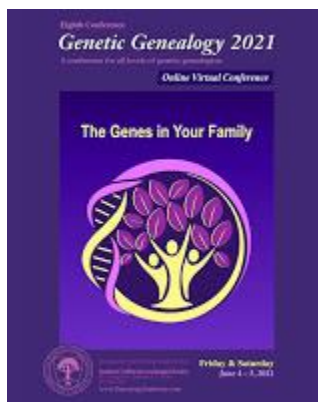
- A commonly voiced worry by respondents is the inability to properly protect the collections in their care. Of the many organizations that are unable to meet these protection needs, the top reason is budget constraints (60%).
- More than 80% of respondents do not have a long-term preservation plan. Almost half have never completed a general condition assessment of their collection.
- Approximately half of respondents do not have a written disaster plan, a significant need given the risks posed by fire, flood and earthquakes and threats from inadequate storage facilities and simple decay over time.
- Three in four of the collections surveyed have not been digitized, a crucial concern for those organizations holding works on paper and other fragile materials.

“What’s critical is getting even more input from more arts and cultural heritage institutions,” said Greg Lucas, California State Librarian. We can’t create smart strategies to properly address needs unless we understand what those needs are.”

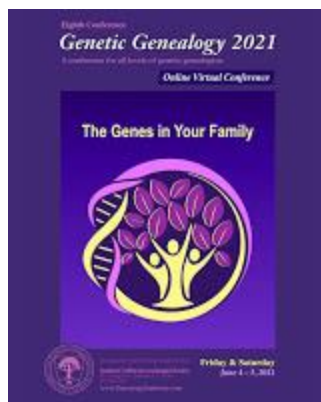
The survey results will culminate in a final report to help educate both decisionmakers and the cultural heritage community on how to protect and preserve the state’s local and tribal history and art.

End of Press Release

About the State Library: Founded in 1850, the California State Library has an extensive collection of documents from and about the state’s rich history, ranging from books, maps, miners’ diaries, newspapers, and periodicals to photographs, paintings and posters. The State Library also holds federal and state publications, is home to the Bernard E. Witkin State Law Library and the Braille and Talking Book Library, and serves as the lead state agency for library-related services throughout California. [State Library website](#)



<http://www.scsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html>



GENETIC GENEALOGY 2021 - FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 4 & 5

DNA testing is an increasingly popular tool for genealogists. Learn the difference between autosomal DNA, mtDNA and Y-DNA and which tool is useful for what type of investigation. There will be presentations from AncestryDNA, Family Tree DNA, Living DNA and MyHeritage DNA. The keynoter will be blogger Roberta Estes, MBA. Other notables presenting include Maurice J. Gleeson, MD of Genetic Genealogy Ireland, Leah La Perle Larkin, PhD, creator of WATO, and DNA authors Emily Aulicino, MEd, and Richard Hill, MBA.

- World-class DNA Conference
- Get in on the Latest Discoveries
- Learn from up to 20 renowned Genetic Genealogy experts
- STANDARD Registration includes 6 LIVE lectures on June 4 & 5 and 10 recorded lectures of your choice

STANDARD Registration - Select 10 recorded lectures from 20 choices. Members: \$150 Non-members \$170

PLUS Registration - All 20 lectures are yours to view. Members: \$200 Non-members \$230

All Registration packages include the Friday and Saturday LIVE lectures.

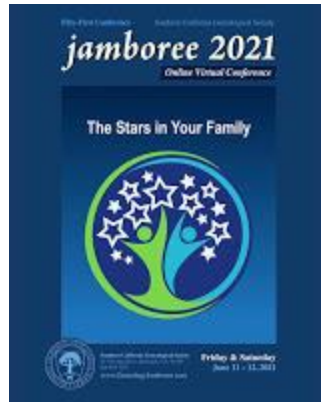
Prices increase \$20 April 27, 2021.

Complete descriptions of the conferences are at the Jamboree website:

<https://genealogyjamboree.com>.

<http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html>

New Virtual Conferences!



GENEALOGY JAMBOREE 2021 - FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 11 & 12

The 51st Genealogy Jamboree brings you nationally known speakers keeping you in touch with the latest developments in the field of genealogy. From coast to coast, from North to South, from our neighbors - Canada and Mexico - and from the Old World, our speakers can help you find your ancestors' lives and stories. You'll be able to learn from many tried and true speakers and get surprising insights from speakers that are new to Jamboree.

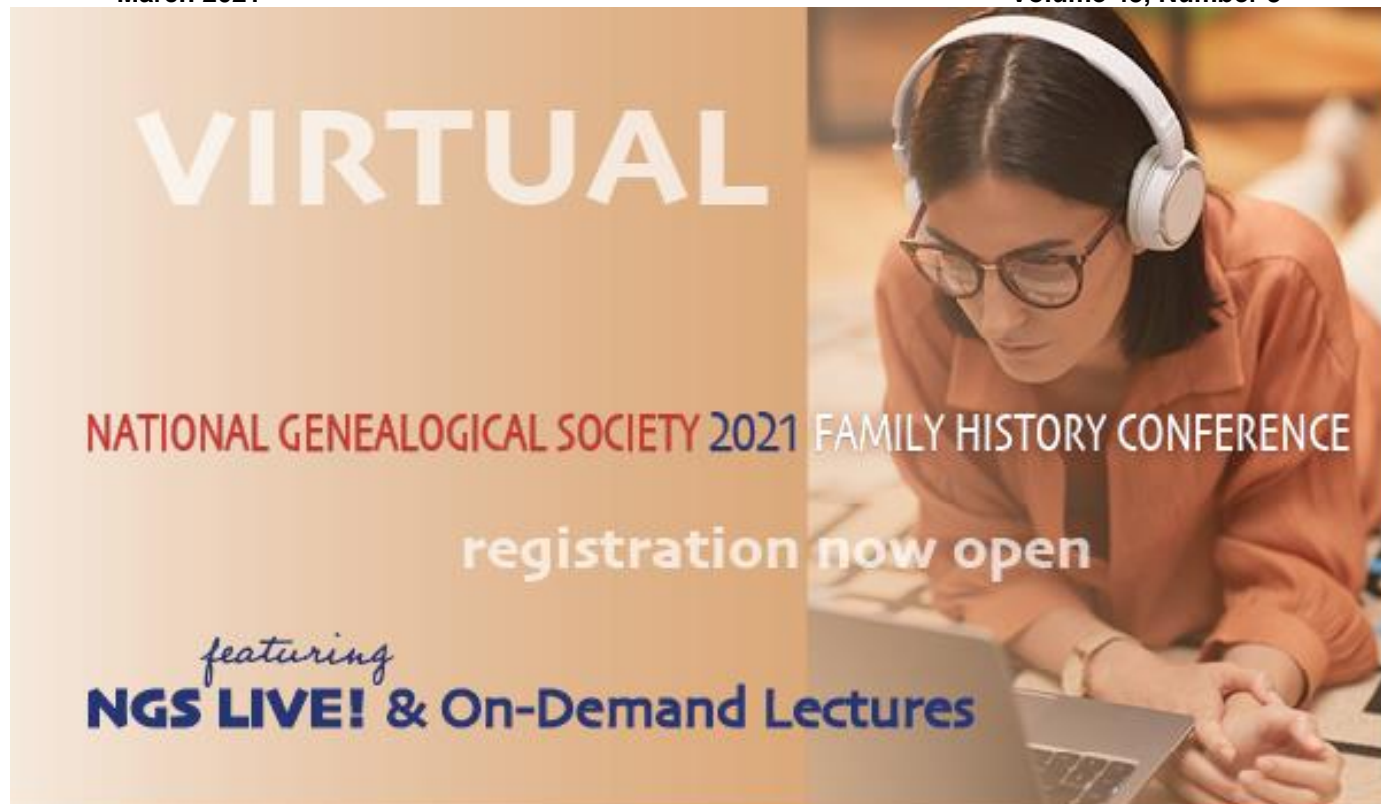
- World-class Genealogy Conference
- Learn from 51 speakers from the USA, Canada, Ireland, Israel and the UK
- STANDARD Registration includes 6 LIVE lectures June 11 & 12 and 20 recorded lectures of your choice Add PLUS Registration to access all 50 recorded lectures

STANDARD Registration - Select 20 recorded lectures from 50 choices. Members: \$135 Non-members \$155

PLUS Registration - All 50 lectures are yours to view. Members: \$215 Non-members \$245

All Registration packages receive the Friday and Saturday LIVE lectures.

Prices increase \$20 April 27, 2021.



Did You Hear? Conference Registration is Open

<https://mailchi.mp/ngsgenealogy/registrationisopen?e=0cc20dd14d>

A Journalist Approach to the Genealogical Society

By Millie Starr

Who what when why and how

I could liken this introduction to the old tales that your grandparents told about walking 5 miles through the snow to school after milking the cow and slopping the hogs. And it is so far from the newer image of research that perhaps we need to talk a little.

In the beginning there were:

NO RECORDS ONLINE in fact NO COMPUTERS,

NO COPY MACHINES

NO PRINTERS

NO SCANNERS

NO DIGITAL CAMERAS- certainly no quick fix at the pharmacy

LDS was doing some microfilming and microfiching but the local FHC were not to be had. In October 1938 the LDS bought their first (1) mf camera.

All data lived where it was created-- If you were lucky and it had not burned, drowned or gotten lost.

Few family histories, few books of local data, even fewer were accurate and even fewer than that had sources.

No classes - few learned skills - no research trips

In 1969 the LDS started their IGI, but in 1968 a small group of fearless family historians gathered together with one goal in mind "HELP"- you help me, & I'll help you to find your ancestors. and so the gen soc was born. We still have a few of those forward thinking researchers who did so much to get us started, with us today. Pansy Willburn the acclaimed mother of the society,

Carlyle Parker, Bette Locke and our own vice president Lowell Beechler. Still researching. In January we lost one of our charter members, Maxine Lewis.

In the beginning they developed logic and interpretative, skills well-seasoned with common sense. They shared books, they carpooled to Sutro and the Archives and they began to think of ways that they could contribute and to pay back for the help that they received. and we grew.

Over the years we have provided services to our members and the genealogical and historical communities in general.

PHOTO SESSIONS

INDEXING AND PUBLISHING OF CENSUS, CEMETERY RECORDS, BURIAL PERMITS,
PROBATES and COUNTY HISTORIES

WE WORKED WITH THE COUNTY AND THE LDS IN THE FILMING OF THE RECORDS FOR STAN CO
WE PURCHASED BOOKS FOR SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND OF COURSE PROVIDED VOLUNTEERS TO
ASSIST RESEARCHERS IN USING THE MANY RESOURCES THAT ARE IN THAT COLLECTION.
WE TOOK RESEARCH TRIPS TO SUTRO AND THE FEDERAL ARCHIVES AND TO THE STATE LIBRARY AND
ARCHIVES

MANY TRIPS TO SALT LAKE CITY-- SORRY I AM SULKING BECAUSE I CANNOT GO AGAIN THIS YEAR

GUIDES AT THE CEMETERIES ON SCENIC DRIVE FOR MEMORIAL DAY

STUDY GROUPS- SPECIAL INTEREST-I AM SURE I AM MISSING MANY THINGS

In the recent past we have added cemetery walks, and ball games and a lot more food.

Last year Janet Lancaster gave us two innovative workshop opportunities- one to Oakland LDS- great trip and a hands-on workshop for computer researching. I was fortunate to be able to attend both.

We want to know what you liked last year? What program do you remember?

ASSESS

Let's assess who we are, where we are in our research, what we want of our society and when and how we plan to research and find answers this year.

MEMBER

SOCIAL

ONLINE RESEARCHER ONLY

LIBRARY AND ARCHIVE

ORGANIZED HAVE YOU SET GOALS FOR THIS YEAR?

MEETING

EDUCATION

ENTERTAINMENT

HANDS-ON PARTICIPATION

SOCIAL - FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP

RESEARCH

HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU SCHEDULE FOR YOUR RESEARCH

REVIEW

TIMELINE

NEW STRATEGY????

HOW DO YOU SHARE YOUR RESEARCH?

WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO IT WHEN YOU ARE GONE?

ARE YOU WRITING? EVEN A BRIEF ONE PAGE SUMMARY OF AN EVENT IN THE LIFE OF AN ANCESTOR IS VALUABLE.

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GSSC web page: <http://stanislausgenealogy.org/>
The newsletter is posted at this website, along with other interesting society-related items.

General meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd **Thursday** of each month, except July and December at the Trinity Presbyterian Church at 1600 Carver Rd., Modesto, CA.

Board meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month Ridgeway's Restaurant, 2401 E Orangeburg Ave, Modesto, CA

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		Research Salt Lake City	Vacant
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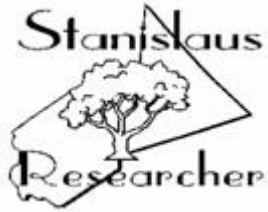
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We have 55 members for 2021

[GSSC website](http://stanislausgenealogy.org/)



Covid-19 IS still with us! But shots are now here!



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