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November Program

November 18, 2014

7:00 PM	Millie's Minutes	Millie Starr
7:10 PM	Ancestor's Night	Bev. Johnson

It's Dues Renewal Time!

A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings:

I begin this message with a couple of pieces of very good news. The first is that Toni and I returned from Germany and Ireland having experienced one of the very best foreign travel and genealogical research experiences one could ask for. Second is that the 2014 DNA Seminar was a success.

On our Germany leg of the trip on September 15th we completed the Memorial Plaque Dedication to the crew of the WWII B-24 "Pugnacious Princess Pat" who went down on November 26, 1944 at Altwarmbüchen, Germany. This had resulted in the loss of lives of six of the crew and capture of four. Among those six lost was my uncle 1st Lt. Harry N. Alexander. We were greeted and hosted by the German people of this Hannover area community most graciously. They gave us a historical tour of the area and assisted in a most appropriate dedication of our plaque to the crew and the citizens of the community who cared for the surviving crewmen.

Then began the Northern Ireland leg of the trip on September 17th. "Phew" might best express this trip of discovery. It began the morning of the 18th when Toni and I drove from our B & B to the Dan Winter Cottage at The Diamond. We arrived to find one of only three remaining thatch roofers in all of Ireland re-thatching the roof of the cottage. Shortly Hilda Winter arrived and after introductions and "tea" I asked her where Ballyhagan was located. Ballyhagan is key to my family genealogy connections to Ireland. Hilda said to follow her and she stepped outside of the cottage and pointed westerly across the meadow on the opposite side of the road. See that ridge right there (indicating the uphill area beyond the meadow), that is Ballyhagan. Nearly all of the people associated with my 5th great grandfather in Pennsylvania had lived on the lands immediately west of the Dan Winter Cottage. One of the men of the Winter family had married a Ruddock and she had lived at the Dan Winter Cottage. The hill to the south of and behind the cottage was known as Ruddock's Hill. At one time area was known as Ruddock's Grange because of the number of Ruddock families living in the immediate area. I was in the "home" of my first Ruddick immigrant ancestor. These pearls of discovery did not stop throughout our visit. My Harrison cousins hosted us magnificently mapping out a full week of genealogical discovery perhaps highlighted by a visit to PRONI where the Ruddock discovery continued. We departed with wonderful memories and new found family. I will be forever grateful to my young cousin John Harrison (met through yDNA testing) who took time from his employment to escort us to everything "Ruddock" in the County Armagh/Down area and make us feel "home".

Finally this is my last newsletter to you as your society president. I thank all of you for the privilege of having served you for these past two years. I extend a special thank you to the executive committee who made my job as your President much easier. I hope that I have made the pursuit of genealogy just a bit easier and provided a few research tools for some of you during my tenure. Happy Holidays!

Most respectfully,
Lewis M. Ruddick



Au revoir

November Program – Help Please!

By Bev Johnson

Looking for anyone who has presentation material for our ancestor’s night. If you don’t want to have me drone you to sleep and hear my very corny jokes you need to contact me ASAP with you presentation information.

Bev Johnson jbevjohnson1@att.net (209) 526-5009

Early American Cookery

APPLE BUTTER

Ingredients:

- 4lbs. apples,
- ¼ cup water,
- ¼ cup apple cider vinegar,
- ½ cup brown sugar,
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon,
- ½ teaspoon cloves (ground)

Core and quarter unpeeled apples;
Chop (or put in blender) with water and vinegar.
Cook in a saucepan over low heat until the mixture gets thick and turns brown.
Stir occasionally.

This will take 2---3 hours

(1/4 of that time in a microwave oven).

Add sugar and spices and cook for ½ hour more.

Refrigerate, then spread on toast, biscuits or muffins.



GSSC Officer Nominations for 2015

Nominating Committee: Pamela Atherstone - Chair

The proposed nominations for 2015 officers are:

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|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| President | Bev Johnson |
| 1st Vice President | Sharon Hawley Crum |
| 2nd Vice President | Pamela Atherstone |
| Secretary | Marge Scheuber |
| Treasurer | Jay Mirza |
| Director at Large | Cleda Lane (2nd year) |
| Director at Large | Jennifer McDonald |
| Director at Large | Cyndy Bray |
| Director at Large | Dorothy Winke |
| | Director at Large Dale Thompson |

If there is anyone other than those nominated who is interested in serving in one of these positions please contact Pam Atherstone 521-5096

2015 Dues Are Now Payable

Maybelle Allen reminds us that the 2015 Membership dues are now payable. Please go to the GSSC website and download the 2015 Membership renewal form and mail your renewal to GSSC, P. O. Box A, Modesto, CA 95352-3660

2014 Red Poinsettia Fund Raising Event

Pre-Sale: October 13, 2014 to November 18, 2014

The Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County voted to support a repeat of last year’s successful Poinsettia fundraising effort. Orders have been coming in already! **Please support this fundraising effort.** As your treasurer, I can say with confidence, that this activity is vital to the success and vitality of our great organization.



You may be surprised to learn that your annual dues make up only 50% of the costs incurred by your organization.

Remember, these beautiful, long lasting, plants make great gifts for friends and family, and are a lovely addition to your own home decor.

You can pre-order your beautiful poinsettia plants for early December pick-up, by completing this form and either mailing the form, or bringing it to the November meeting. If you have any questions please call Sharon Hawley-Crum at 209-838-2118. **Thanks in advance for your support of our organization!**

Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County

Order Form

2014 Red Poinsettia Sale

Name:

Date:

Phone Number:

Email:

Quantity

X \$10.00 each = Total Due

\$

Form of Payment: Cash

Check Number

Make checks payable to: GSSC

Please make a note of “Poinsettia” in the Memo section

Mail to: Sharon Hawley-Crum 16504 Henry Road, Escalon, CA 95320

Cut and paste a copy of this form to a sheet and mail in your order

New additions to the Special Collection Room

by Ellen Reesh

New additions to the Special Collection Room at the Stanislaus County Library purchased by our Society. All are published by the Tuolumne County Genealogical Society in 2013.

Tuolumne County, California - Births 1856-1940.
 Tuolumne County, California - Marriages 1850 -1900
 Tuolumne County, California - Deaths July 1857 - October 1945

Donations to our Special Collections Room that are now on our bookshelves: All can be found in the Rhode Island section:

Rhode Island Vital Records
 Washington Co. Births & Marriages from gravestone Inscriptions 1688 - 1850 Vol. #3
 Washington Co. Births from Probate Records 1685 -1860 Vol. #4
 Washington Co. Marriages from Probate Records 1685 - 1860 Vol. #5
 Washington Co. Births (1760 -1860)from deaths and marriage records A- I
 Washington Co. Births (1760 - 1860 from deaths and marriage records J -Z
 Newport Co. Marriages from Probate Records 1647-1860 Vol. #10
 Births 1590 -1930 Newport Common Burial Ground Inscriptions
 Rhode Island Land Evidences 1648-1696 Vol. #1
 Vital Records of Cranston, Johnston and North Providence, Rhode Island Vol. #2
 Vital Records of Warwick Rhode Island Vol. 1

I want to thank our anonymous donor for the wonderful collection for our New England section.
 Next month I will give you a list of all the new books that the Society has purchased for year 2014.

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FamilySearch Adds More Than 462,000 Thousand Indexed Records and Images to Australia and the United States

The following announcement was written by FamilySearch:

October 24, 2014

FamilySearch has added more than 462,000 thousand Indexed Records and Images to Australia and the United States. Notable collection updates include the 161,880 images from the [Australia, New South Wales, Cemetery, Military, and Church Record Transcripts, 1816-1982, collection](#); the 195,602 images from the [Illinois, Northern District Petitions for Naturalization, 1906-1991, collection](#); and the 57,359 indexed records from the [Oregon, County Marriages, 1851-1975, collection](#). See the table below for the full list of updates. Search these diverse collections and more than 3.5 billion other records for free at FamilySearch.org.

Searchable historic records are made available on FamilySearch.org through the help of thousands of volunteers from around the world. These volunteers transcribe (index) information from digital copies of handwritten records to make them easily searchable online. More volunteers are needed (particularly those who can read foreign languages) to keep pace with the large number of digital images being published online at FamilySearch.org. Learn more about volunteering to help provide free access to the world's historic genealogical records online at FamilySearch.org.

FamilySearch is the largest genealogy organization in the world. FamilySearch is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch and its predecessors have been actively

gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources for free at FamilySearch.org or through more than 4,600 family history centers in 132 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Collection	Indexed Records	Digital Images	Comments
Australia, New South Wales, Cemetery, Military, and Church Record Transcripts, 1816-1982	0	161,880	New browsable image collection.
US, Illinois, Northern District Petitions for Naturalization, 1906-1991	0	195,602	Added images to an existing collection.
US, Oregon, County Marriages, 1851-1975	57,359	0	Added indexed records to an existing collection.
US, Oregon, Deschute County Records, 1871-1985	0	47,204	Added images to an existing collection.

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University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth receives \$500,000 to support Portuguese-American Archives

A \$500,000 bequest from Otilia Ferreira will be used to create a fund for scholarships and Luso-American research at UMass Dartmouth. Ferreira announced the gift at the five-year anniversary of the Ferreira Mendes Portuguese-American Archives on October 9, according to a university news release.

In 2005, Ferreira made the lead gift to help create the archives which is now the largest collection of historical material documenting the experience of Portuguese immigrants in the United States. The holdings include genealogical records, newspapers, books, recordings, family photographs, scrapbooks and correspondence that document social history.

Details may be found in an article by Auditi Guha in the SouthCoastToday web site at <http://www.southcoasttoday.com/article/20141020/NEWS/141029955/101206>.



Family Tree DNA is now allowing people that have taken an AncestryDNA™ or 23andMe© (V3) test to transfer their raw data to the Family Finder database for FREE by visiting www.familytreedna.com/AutosomalTransfer! Go to the website and learn how.

Committee Chairs – Prepare your Annual Reports and 2015 Budgets now for Submission in November

**PROPOSED GSSC 2015
Budget**

Gross Income		Planned	Expenses		Planned
Category	Sub-Category	Income	Category	Sub-Category	Expense
Bank Interest	BofA checking interest	1.00	Acquisition Committee		100.00
	<i>BofA cds #1 & #2 interest \$50.00</i>		Administration		
	<i>Advisory only</i>		Expenses	Bank Fees (safe deposit box)	52.00
Donations Received				Copies & supplies	125.00
Available '14 dues \$151	NARA	181.00		Insurance	1500.00
\$544.00 available	Special Collections	0.00		Internet	200.00
				P.O. Box Rental & Postage	220.00
Dues		3000.00		Rent	760.00
Misc. Unrestricted	<i>includes query income</i>	500.00	Donations Made	Contingency	150.00
Hard Copy		200.00		NARA	151.00
Research Trips	Salt Lake City	25.00		Special Collections	0.00
	Sutro/Archives	1000.00		Other Donations	50.00
Fund Raising			Four Generation Charts		35.00
	Books	0.00	Historian		0.00
	Misc Merchandise	0.00	Membership		80.00
	Combined Sales	600.00	Committee		
			Memorial Day		25.00
Seminar		500.00	Committee		
Save Mart/DNA/Other		250.00	Mentor Committee		0.00
Workshops		200.00	Newsletter		
Additional from General Fund		300.00		Printing	100.00
				Supplies	50.00
				Postage	300.00
Total		6757.00	Other Society		
			Memberships	CA Alliance	40.00
				FGS	70.00
				Programs	50.00
				Publicity Committee	0.00
				Queries	10.00
				Refreshments	
				General Meetings	250.00
				Other Events	50.00
			Registrar		25.00
			Research & Publication		0.00
			Research Trips		
				Salt Lake City	
				Sutro/Archives	1000.00
			Sales Expense		50.00
			Seminar	(inc \$40.00 room rent)	500.00
			Social Events		0.00
			Special Collections		0.00
			Room		
			Sunshine Committee		10.00
			Taxes & Filing Fees		
				Sales Tax	100.00
				State Filing Fees	50.00
			Workshop		154.00
				Total Expense	6757.00

Membership Information

- Dues: Single membership, \$20.00 per year Family membership, \$27.50 per year
- Stanislaus Researcher Published 10 times per year by Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County, P. O. Box A, Modesto, CA 95352-3660. **\$5.00 additional for hard copy** otherwise delivered via email. Submit articles for publication to the editor via email: lruddick@ix.netcom.com by the **15th of each month**.
- Address changes: Send address, email and phone number changes to Maybelle Allen at:
 US Mail: Maybelle Allen c/o GSSC, P. O. Box A, Modesto, CA 95352-3660
 Email: gssc@att.net
 Telephone: 209-523-0593 (Maybelle Allen)
- GSSC web page: <http://www.cagenweb.com/lr/stanislaus/gssc.html>.
 The newsletter is posted at this website, along with other interesting society-related items.
- General meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday 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 the Trinity Presbyterian Church at 1600 Carver Rd., Modesto, CA.

2014 Officers		2014 Standing Committee Chairs	
President	Lewis M. Ruddick	Acquisitions	Ellen Reesh
1st Vice President	Bev Johnson	Audit	David Wolff
2nd Vice President	Jeff Wells	Budget	Sharon Hawley-Crum
Secretary	Cyndy Bray	Four Generation Charts	Donna Burleaud
Treasurer	Sharon Hawley-Crum	Historian & Sunshine	Judith Welch
Director at Large	Jay Mirza	Membership	Maybelle Allen
Director at Large	Pamela Atherstone	Memorial Day	Janet Lancaster/Millie Starr
Director at Large	Cleda Lane	Mentor	Janet Lancaster/Marilyn Belleville
Director at Large	Angela Kraft	Newsletter	Lewis M. Ruddick
Director at Large	Linda Oneth	Planning	Lewis Ruddick/Beverly Graham
Past President	Vicky Wolff	Program	Bev Johnson
		Publicity	Ellen Reesh
		Queries	Charlie Tieman
		Refreshments	Jackie Niemeyer
		Registrar	Dorothy Winke
		Research & Publication	Millie Starr
		Research Trips: Sutro/Archives	vacant
		Research Trips: Salt Lake City	Lisa Bruk
		Seminar & Workshop	Jeff Wells
		Special Collections Room	Marilyn Belleville
		Social Media	Angela Kraft
		Greeter	Marge Scheuber

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We have 165 members for 2014



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