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## May Program

May 19, 2016

7:00 PM Preserve Your Genealogical Documents by Beverly Graham

Bev will be giving us a broader knowledge of how to archive and preserve our documents, photographs, and many other Genealogical finds using a wonderful product, Archival Mist. Come learn how to keep your treasures safe and looking good.

## A Few Words from Your President

Bev Johnson

Excited again. As you read this edition of your Society’s Researcher, 18 of us may likely be in flight May 1 returning home from Salt Lake City after a week researching at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. I will be among this group and I can confidently assure you, there will be stories to be told. Look for recaps of this trip in the June edition of our newsletter, the Researcher. Maybe a time for you to consider joining this trip for 2017? You will never get a better package opportunity for what this week offers in family history research by joining our group. Look for details about our 2017 trip in the August issue of our newsletter.

An aside and a brief personal thought. As some of you may possibly know, on March 13th, my family lost my sister after an extended illness. Abruptly, I had to call on our Society leaders as backup. My sincerest thanks to the leadership of our Society for stepping forward and carrying the ball; a testament to the strength of your Society’s leadership, and I also offer my sincerest thank you to each of you who remembered me and our family.

Back to our Salt Lake Research Trip. As I am again preparing to make the best use of my time at the Family History Library, I recall the advice of the many sources that remind me, in preparing, to “take a look with fresh eyes and an open mind” of my ancestral research. As I’ve reviewed my own family records, I’ve discovered another look with fresh eyes and an open mind was worth it as I’m putting my priorities in place for research in Salt Lake City. Probably not bad advice for all of us.

One last thought. Have you ever been asked, “Why do I do genealogy?” A challenge! I’m putting this question to all of our members to respond using our Blog. Go to [stanislausgenealogyblogspot.com](http://stanislausgenealogyblogspot.com) and share your response. Let’s have some fun with this and who knows where it might take you or us. Check it out and share.

## May Program

By Jennifer McDonald Vice President – Program Chair

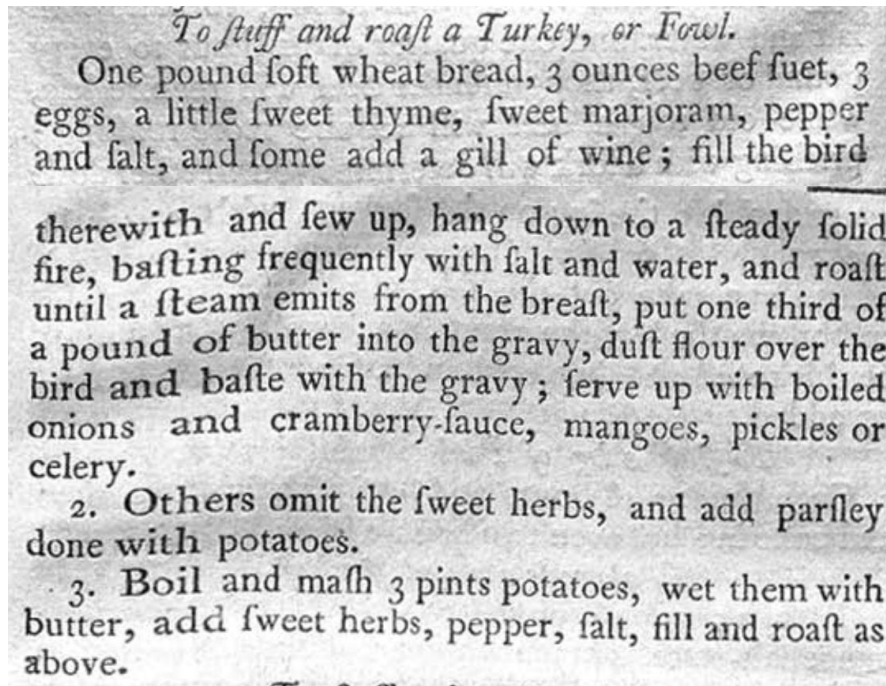
Have you ever asked yourself how to preserve the various Genealogical documents, photographs, and other items we have collected in our research? Or even how and what to save? **Beverly Graham**, a member of GSSC and past President, will be giving us a broader knowledge of how to archive and preserve our documents, photographs, and many other Genealogical finds with a wonderful product, Archival Mist.



## Early American Cookery

A common Spring colonial American food were wild turkeys with which our early colonists were familiar because of their introduction to Europe and England by the Spanish brought there from Mexico.

Amelia Simmons' recipe in American Cookery calls for stuffing the bird with bread stuffing, roasting, and basting it. In what may have set the precedent for the modern Thanksgiving, she instructs the cook to serve the turkey with "cramberry-sauce" and mashed potatoes.



Remember the "f" is an "s" in old script

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### Our old SaveMart Card is now eScrip

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## Our GSSC Blog

<http://stanislausgenealogy.blogspot.com>

Since Thursday, December 27, 2012, you have had a “Blog” which was activated at the members request by Angela Kraft. This is for your use. How do I get there you ask? Click on the link above this article title and you are there. Can’t remember then simply enter genealogy society of stanislaus county blog in to the Google query box and enter. To keep smut and bad stuff out Angela does review all entries before posting them. It is there for your use. You might like to save it to your browser right below our society web link.



## Our Fall Seminar will be October 22, 2016 Mark your calendar!

Specific information will follow in the June Researcher

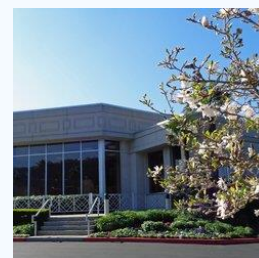


## Family History Center Oakland Trip Another Mark your calendar! Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

You are asked to please review the information found below before our May General Meeting

### Oakland California Family History Center

The Oakland (California) Regional Family History Center is one of the largest and most accessible centers for genealogical research in California, with over 9,000 volumes of books, periodicals, family histories, city and county histories, city directories, plus over 37,000 reels of microfilm and 9,000 microfiche containing millions of local vital records and historical census data from all over the world.



## Unique Resources

The Oakland California Family History Center has several resources of local interest. These resources include the following:

- Alameda County Obituary Card File 1985-2002 - An alphabetical card file containing more than 35,000 obituaries clipped from Alameda County newspapers (95 % from the "Alameda Times Star")

- California Mission Records - Microfilmed copies of original mission records dating from the 1770s to the early 1900s
- Growing Collection of California County Vital Records, Deed and Probate Indexes
- Growing Collection of Church Records from the Azores
- Records of Births, Marriages and Deaths from Tonga - These typescript copies of vital records in Tonga date from the late 1860's to 1942

Their Online Catalog can be reached as follows: Prepare yourself in advance by looking at what they have available for your research.

## ONLINE CATALOG

The **CATALOG** of the Oakland FamilySearch Library is located at [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org)>Search>Catalog

Under “Search these Family History Centers” select **Oakland California FamilySearch Library**

The catalog allows patrons to:

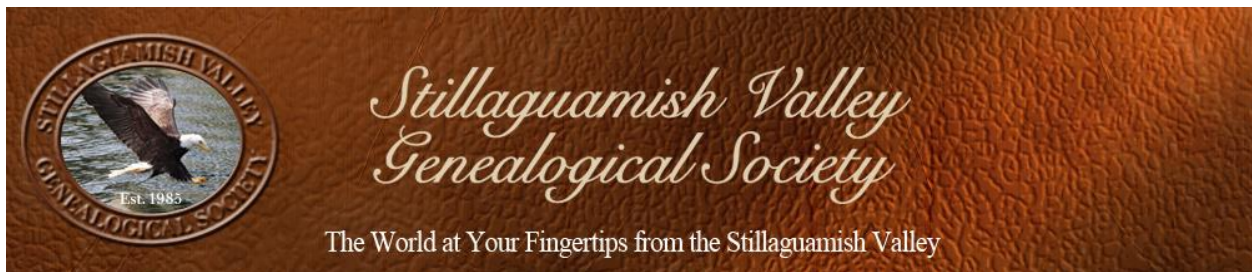
- Search by Places, Surnames, Titles, Authors, Subjects or Keywords
- Broaden a search to other local Family History Centers, to what is available online or to the holdings of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City
- Have a direct link to the growing collection of online resources at FamilySearch.org and elsewhere

**Direct link to the FamilySearch Catalog:** [FamilySearch Catalog](#)

**Link to an Introduction to the FamilySearch Catalog:** [Introduction to the Catalog](#)

The following five stars evaluation of the Family History Center was found on [Yelp](#)

“If you want to know about your ancestry, this is the place to be. So many experts just waiting to help newbies. Sometimes we even find Kings or Saints in our family! How many people can say that? Or for "newer" history, you may find that your ancestor may have had a stay at Andersonville or fought at Gettysburg. Amazing what you can find out about your family. The Family History Center is located on the grounds of the LDS Temple in the Oakland hills, but you don't have to belong to the church. Everybody is welcome. Come check it out. You may never want to leave.”



### The Conference and Speakers

FREE DAY: Wednesday, August 17th - Beginner Genealogy Free Day from 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
Beth Foulk presents three classes for beginning genealogists.

- Introduction to Genealogy
- Secrets of Ten Record Groups
- If I'd Only Known - Beginner Mistakes

Three Day Conference:

Thursday August 18th - Gathering your Family's Story

Friday, August 19th - Tools to Help Tell the Story

Saturday, August 20th - DNA, How is it a Part of Your Family's Story?

For detailed information please visit the [speaker](#) and [classes](#) pages.

Register before April 15th for early bird price:

Full three day conference: Members \$125, non-members \$140

Single day: \$70

After April 15th:

Full three day conference: Members \$150, non-members \$160

Single day: \$80

Registration closes August 10th

At-the-door registration will be available.

Full three-day conference: \$185

Single day: \$95

[Register Now](#)



## Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference 2016

August 31 - September 3, 2016 Springfield, Illinois



# TIME TRAVEL: CENTURIES OF MEMORIES

## [A Conference for the Nation's Genealogists](#)

Join fellow genealogists and family historians Aug. 31—Sep. 3, 2016, at the FGS 2016 National Conference, “Time Travel: Centuries of Memories,” designed to inspire you and enrich your family history.

Hosted by the Federation of Genealogical Societies with local host Illinois State Genealogical Society in Springfield, IL, FGS 2016 brings you sessions with a wide array of offerings from many of the nation's leading family history experts, along with top international speakers from Scotland and Australia. Each day of the conference is full of sessions aimed at strengthening your research skills no matter what your level or area of expertise might be.

**7 Reasons You Should Attend FGS 2016:**

1. Discover new ways to help you solve your genealogy research problems with over [160 expert-led sessions and workshops](#) designed for all skill levels — beginner, intermediate, and advanced.
2. Get a handle on DNA for genealogy with our [DNA track and sessions](#) led by the foremost experts in the field.
3. With leading U.K. and Australia experts in our [British Isles & Commonwealth track](#), finally tackle those overseas ancestral questions you have and expand your family tree.
4. Learn how to unravel your ethnic ancestors' stories with our in-depth [continental European ethnic track](#).
5. Take your family history research further with [tracks](#) covering military resources, religious resources, occupation resources, Midwest regional resources, migration patterns, and more to solve genealogy problems and to put your ancestors into context.
6. Meet society leaders and organizations in the Society Showcase located in the [Exhibit Hall](#) and learn how their organizations can help you with your family history.
7. Meet and have fun with other genealogists

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### Volunteers needed for Memorial Day May 30th

Dale Thompson is looking for a few additional volunteers to help “man” the table to assist visitors seeking the burial site of their ancestor(s). Please contact Dale if you have the time. [dale\\_thompson@msn.com](mailto:dale_thompson@msn.com) or 567-2546

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### Volunteers needed for the Highland Games

We are also looking for volunteers on June 4<sup>th</sup> for the Highland Games at Tuolumne River Regional Park Modesto, California. Our Society maintains an informational booth which receives a high level of attention from the attendees. Please contact Beverly Johnson [jbevjohnson1@att.net](mailto:jbevjohnson1@att.net) or 526-5009 if you can assist.



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### A Research Tip

Submitted by David Wolff

Go to [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

Pull down the menu and click on **Collectibles & Fine art**

Clear search box and type in **genealogy**

This is a tip from Thomas MacEntee's blog. I have gone in several times and found nothing for me but there are always lots of old pictures, maps wood prints and other stuff . All with the name of the family, usually the specific person, in the description. There have been 8 pages of stuff with about 50 objects on each page.

Try it, you'll like it. ☺

## Membership Information

Dues:	Single membership, \$20.00 per year	Family membership, \$27.50 per year
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GSSC web page:	<a href="http://www.cagenweb.com/lr/stanislaus/gssc.html">http://www.cagenweb.com/lr/stanislaus/gssc.html</a> . 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.	

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**We have 144 members for 2016**



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