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September Program

19 Sep 24 7:00 PM David Seymour, Executive Director of the McHenry Museum reporting, "What is Stanislaus County without Tuolumne County?"

Presidents Message

by Vicky Wolff

Hello everyone! We are now back having our normal meeting nights, since being dark in July. It was so good to see everyone at our August meeting! We had a great informative meeting and a wonderful program. Don't forget that November is Installation of officers and Ancestors Night. If you have something to share with our group. We are planning a Spring Seminar for 2025 and that will be on Mexican Heritage with Speaker, Lisa Medina. We have a lot of Hispanic families in our area and we feel we need this Seminar to help them research their families and let them know about our Genealogical Society. We will be publitsizing this Seminar as soon as Lisa has a date for us. We will be doing several events and festivals where we will have a booth to tell people about our organization in Stanislaus County, This will let the community know just who we are and let them know about our meetings and what we are all about, hopefully boosting our membership. We have many new members this year and we need to continue to grow. I hope everyone had a nice summer and now fall will be upon us shortly. Good hunting for your elusive ancestors and I will see you at our September meeting on the 19th.

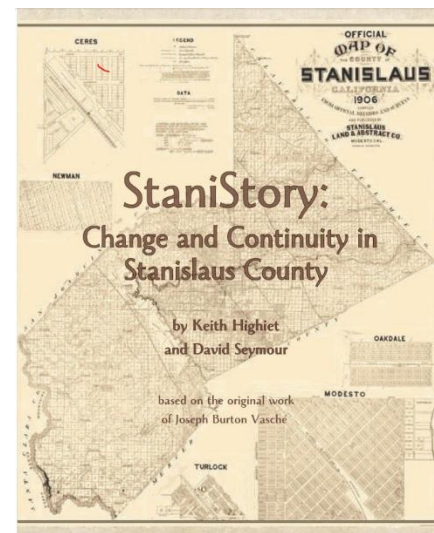
September Program

by Karen Souza

What is Stanislaus County without Tuolumne County? By David Seymour, Executive Director of the McHenry Museum.

David Seymour has worked with the McHenry Museum for the past six years. In 2019, he was elected President of the Board of Directors of the McHenry Museum and Historical Society (MM&HS), and has served as its Executive Director since 2022. He has researched, written, and published 40 articles on local history and teaches history at Modesto Junior College. David co-authored StaniStory: Change and Continuity in Stanislaus County, which can be found online at:

<https://www.mchenrymuseum.org/stanistory>



Photos from our August General Meeting
by Heidi Arno



YES PLEASE, Jackie Niemeyer could still use some help at our Main Library– A great way to assist your genealogical society. Contact her and ask how? Jackie.niemeyer@prodigy.net to track update information go to https://www.stanislauslibrary.org/about_friends_modesto.shtm

GSSC Writing Group

by Joann MacDonald

5 September 2024 at her home. Please contact Joann if you intend to attend. The group has a great deal of experience writing about genealogy and can assist you. New members are always welcome. Never written before, no matter, they are here to assist. (209) 521-2140 or jmastergardner@aol.com

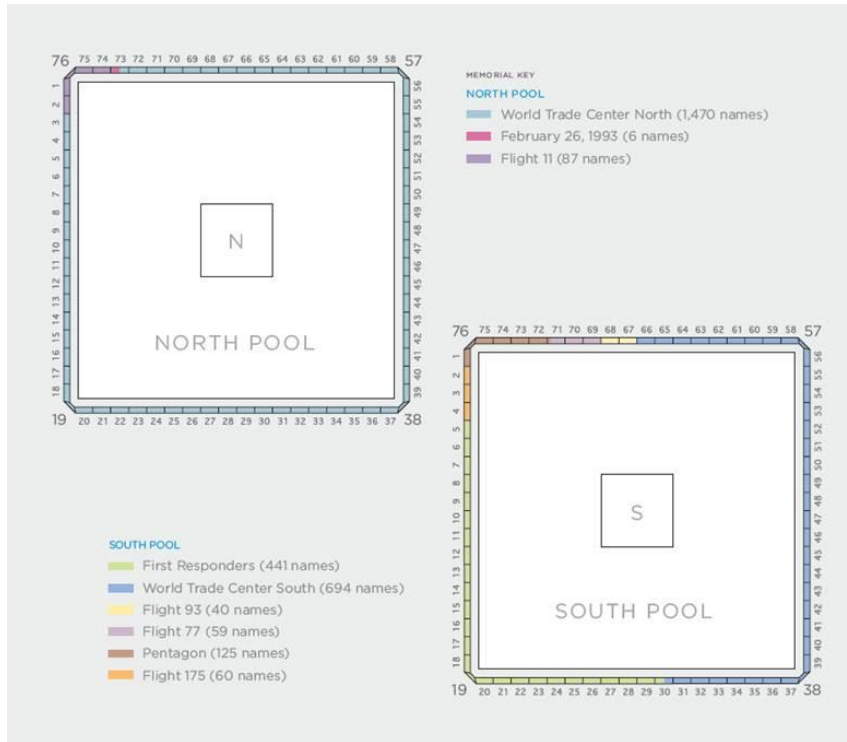
NATIONAL 9//11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM



The 9/11 Memorial is a tribute of remembrance, honoring the 2,977 people killed in the terror attacks of September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center site, near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon, as well as the six people killed in the World Trade Center bombing on February 26, 1993.

The 9/11 Memorial is located at the site of the former World Trade Center complex and occupies approximately half of the 16-acre site. The Memorial's twin reflecting pools are each nearly an acre in size and feature the largest man-made waterfalls in North America. The names of all the victims are found on the granite edge surrounding the two pools. Names are found about the pond by the structure in which they perished. An index to the name location is found on this site: <https://www.911memorial.org/visit/memorial/names-911-memorial>

These are the nearly 3,000 names as they appear inscribed in bronze on the Memorial. Every name can be located by the panel on which it is inscribed. A panel address is comprised of the letter N or S (N for north pool, S for south pool) followed by a number 1 through 76.



Location

Located at the World Trade Center in New York City, the 9/11 Memorial Museum tells the story of 9/11 through media, narratives, and a collection of monumental and authentic artifacts, presenting visitors with personal stories of loss, recovery, and hope.

<https://www.911memorial.org/>

Editor: My personal connection to 9/11. Michael Gann is one of my Gann cousins. His body was never recovered from the North Tower ruins. He is shown on the index as **Michael Gann N-20**



Sons of Norway Garborg Lodge 6-58
Annual Lutefisk Dinner
October 19, 2024

Come join us for a fun time with amazing Food and Friends at
 Calvary Lutheran Church
 547 Rose Ave, Modesto, CA 95350.

The doors open at 12:00PM and we will begin serving at 12:30PM.

We will enjoy lutefisk, cod, meatballs with gravy, potatoes, lefse,
 and coleslaw for dinner.

And don't forget all of the YUMMY Norwegian desserts!

We will also have available:

- *entertainment
- *crafts for sale
- *RAFFLE baskets (tickets purchased separately)

Dinner Tickets are \$25 and are available by preorder only by
 October 5th, 2024

** If you are unable to stay for dinner or are feeling ill and unable
 to attend, please consider ordering a TO-GO dinner

**Please contact Linda Silva for tickets or questions at
 (209)300-1260

*payment accepted: cash/check/Credit Card

The following page was found at <https://www.americanancestors.org/tools/research-templates> It is intended to assist you as a questions tool for any family gathering where genealogical answers may be found. American Ancestors has several good tools. Give them a look.

Typical Questions for Family History Interview

Where did you live when you were growing up? How did your family come to live there? Were there other family members in the area? Who?

What was your family religion? What church or synagogue, if any, did you attend?

What kinds of family traditions did you have?

- Holidays
- Birthdays
- Family dinners / traditional foods & recipes

What older relatives do you remember, and what do you remember about them?

- Nicknames
- Where they lived
- Any traditions associated with them

What family stories have you heard about

- your parents?
- your grandparents?
- more distant relatives?

What stories have you heard about the European (or other) origins of your family members and their immigration to America?

What is the history of your family surname? In particular, what do you know about changes in spelling and underlying reasons?

Is there a naming tradition in your family? (Example: giving the firstborn son the name of his father or grandfather)

Has your family passed down any special heirlooms, Bibles, photos or other memorabilia, including scrapbooks or newspaper clippings?

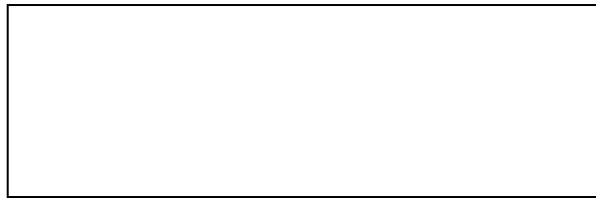
What values do your family find most important? For example, does your family tend to strongly value education, faith, work ethic, patriotism . . . ?

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| Membership Information Dues: | Single membership, \$25.00 per year Family membership, \$35.00 per year |
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| General meeting: | 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month, except July and December at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Telle Center, 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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