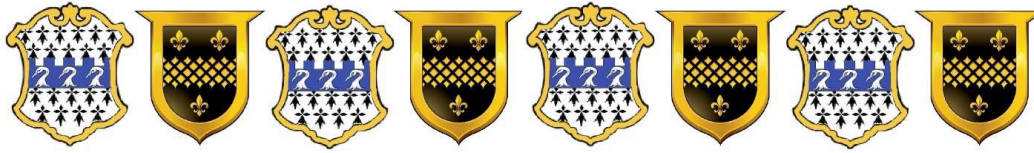


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Does the SFA have your up-to-date address, email address, phone numbers, etc? Please contact Richard Darlington at [sfatreasurer2@gmail.com](mailto:sfatreasurer2@gmail.com) or 6108 Gate Post Rd. Charlotte, NC 28211.

## 2021 Annual Meeting and Conference!

The 85th Annual Meeting of the Stiles Family of America and Affiliated Families, Inc., will be held **Saturday, July 10th, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. EST (10:00 CST, 8:00 PST)** via Zoom conference call, to receive and act upon reports of officers and committees, to elect officers and members of the Board Of Governors and to transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

*Sheila D Stiles*

*Robin Oppenheimer*

(Signed) Sheila D Stiles, President

(Attest) Robin Oppenheimer, Secretary

### Afternoon schedule includes Special Presentation: Maureen Taylor, The Photo Detective

### “Discovering Genealogical Clues in 19th Century Photographs”

Also, new this year: “Tell Your Stiles Story!” - organized by Robin Oppenheimer and Sheila Stiles. See inside for a call for 5-minute Stiles stories that you will share during the afternoon session!

**Registration is free for those with active memberships (dues paid through December, 2021). If you are not yet a member, registration is \$15, which includes your first year of membership, through 2022.**

To participate in the virtual annual meeting and conference, individuals must pre-register with Richard Darlington, Treasurer. A pre-registration form is included later in this issue.

Please see the schedule for the conference inside this issue! Please consider supporting our various funds - Scholarship Fund, Documents and Preservation Fund, DNA Fund, or general support of our activities such as the virtual annual meeting and conference!



*Hope to “See You” in July!*

# 2021 Stiles Family of America Annual Meeting & Conference Saturday, July 10, 2021

## Online Schedule

9:30 -11 AM Check-in and meet-n-greet –  
bring your own coffee!

11:00 AM EST **Annual Meeting of SFA**

Lunch break

1:30 Special presentation via video –  
Maureen Taylor, The Photo Detective

2:45 “Tell Your Stiles Story!” Contact:  
Sheila Stiles and Robin Oppenheimer

4:00 SFA future activities and gatherings  
– join us for a wrap-up discussion of what’s  
ahead for the SFA!

## Tell Your Stiles Story!

This year’s Stiles Family of America (SFA) Virtual Annual Meeting and Conference will feature a 1 ½-hour curated collection of stories about Stiles families past and present told by YOU, our members. The afternoon Zoom session will present a series of 5-minute (or less) stories that all feature a Stiles family and/or its member(s), including appropriate photos, video clips, or whatever creative means you invent to tell YOUR story. You will be responsible for creating and presenting your story live during the Conference. All submissions could also be published in future SFA newsletters or on the SFA website (presenters will be contacted first to confirm). If your story is accepted for presentation or later publication, and you are not yet a member, your 2021 meeting registration and first 6 months’ membership is free!

What we’re looking for:

Stories that feature a Stiles family or member living in a particular time and place, say, Philadelphia in the early 1800s, or today. How does this Stiles story reflect on, or represent that particular time and place in history or today? How does it define what it is to be a Stiles?

Each story should have a beginning, middle, and end, but not necessarily in that order.

Stories of well-known or historically significant Stiles, or everyday stories about Stiles living in a particular time and place are all encouraged. You or your ancestor don’t have to have a Wikipedia page to be the subject of a Stiles Story.

Stories that are approximately 5 minutes or less in length, giving you time to show photos or tell a yarn that introduces us to a specific time, place, and cast of characters, possibly including yourself.

Stories that answer some or all of the following questions:

1. Why did a Stiles family move from state to state?
2. What was happening during their lives that aided their decisions to stay or leave?
3. Why did a Stiles come to America?
4. Who are we as a family? As a community of families?
5. How does this story help define the historical or contemporary time and/or place that the Stiles live(d) in?
6. How have Stiles made their mark in history?
7. What stories about Stiles’ actions, beliefs or accomplishments (bad or good) have made a difference in YOUR lives?
8. What are the Stiles stories that have been handed down from one generation to the next in your family?

Deadline and other information:

Please submit a short paragraph description (who, what, when, where) of your proposed 5-minute story by midnight, Sunday, June 13, 2021 to [sheiladstiles.sfa@gmail.com](mailto:sheiladstiles.sfa@gmail.com). One submission per person.

If your story is selected, we will contact you via email and help you to develop it. Photos and other visual aids are encouraged, but nothing too complicated for Zoom platform, please.

Keep it simple and just tell a great Stiles Story!

**Stiles Family of America Annual Meeting and Conference  
Saturday, July 10, 2021 via Zoom conference call**

Pre-registration is required in order to receive the Zoom call invitation.

To pre-register, send the following information to Richard Darlington, Treasurer, via email at:

[sfatreasurer2@gmail.com](mailto:sfatreasurer2@gmail.com)

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

To vote in the annual meeting, one must be a current member (dues paid through 12/31/2021 or a Lifetime member). To attend the annual meeting and conference, **registration is free for those with active memberships (dues paid through December, 2021). If you are not yet a member, registration is \$15, which includes your first year of membership, through 2022.** If you are not a member, but would like to join and attend the conference, please contact Richard Darlington for a new member application form. For new members and those who need to renew, you may submit dues payment via PayPal (below) or mail to Richard Darlington (address below). If you pay dues by PayPal, **please email all of the pertinent information to the above email address to ensure that you receive the Zoom link for the conference!**

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL and DONATIONS**  
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Membership is on a calendar year basis, January through December.

Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member and Registration: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Dues **Annual \$ 15.00** \_\_\_\_\_  
Outside Continental USA **\$ 17.00** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Life \$ 300.00** \_\_\_\_\_

Additional contributions are welcomed and can be applied to:

Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Document Preservation Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donations: \_\_\_\_\_

DNA Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Fund\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(\*General fund covers expenses for virtual conference, website, etc.)

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**Dues are due –**

Thanks!!

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**News Items, Birth, Death and**

**Wedding Announcements are always welcomed**

**by Leon Noble Stiles and Thelma Stiles Malecek, Historians**

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This is YOUR newsletter and YOUR NEWS is important.

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*Deadline for Fall Newsletter - 15 October 2021*

**Annual Meeting and Conference:**

**July 10, 2021 - Our Second Virtual Annual Meeting and Conference!**

**July 9-12, 2022 - Kansas City / Independence, MO**