

# **Purpose of the Stiles Family of America (SFA)**

The declared intents and purposes of this Association and its members shall be:

- a.) To locate, identify, record, acquire, maintain, restore and protect for the educational use, genealogical study, and enjoyment of the members, their descendants and other properly interested persons, Stiles Family records, papers, heirlooms, landmarks, memorabilia and anything of significance to and illustrative of their lives and times;
- b.) To encourage historical and genealogical research relating to the Stiles Families, and, when possible, record and publish the results thereof;
- c.) To encourage the study of and interest in American History and the role of Stiles in its making, preserve and enrich the blessings of our American Heritage, and, as free citizens worthy of this heritage, bring honor to the name of Stiles;
- d.) To sponsor, promote, and support appropriate activities and receive, acquire, administer, disburse and use funds, real property and other assets as may be desirable, necessary, and lawful to carry out these intents and purposes.

## **Privacy Policy**

This notice provides SFA's policy regarding the nature, purpose, use and sharing of any information collected via this Web site or through our historians. The information you provide will be used only for its intended purpose. We will protect your information consistent with the principles of the Privacy Act, the e-Government act of 2002, the Federal Records Act, and as applicable, the Freedom of Information Act.

Submitting information is strictly voluntary. By doing so, you are giving SFA your permission to use the information for the intended purpose. If you do not want to give SFA permission to use your information, simply do not provide it. However, not providing certain information may result in SFA's inability to provide you with the information or services you desire.

SFA never collects information for commercial marketing. SFA never creates individual profiles or gives your information to any private organization.

### **Automatically Collected Information**

We collect and temporarily store certain technical information about your visit for use in site management and security purposes. This information includes:

1. The Internet domain from which you access our Web site (for example, "xcompany.com" if you use a private Internet access account, or "yourschool.edu" if you connect from an educational domain);

2. The IP address (a unique number for each computer connected to the Internet) from which you access our Web site;
3. The type of browser (e.g., Netscape, Internet Explorer) used to access our site;
4. The operating system (Windows, Unix) used to access our site;
5. The date and time you access our site;
6. The URLs of the pages you visit;
7. Your username, if it was used to log in to the Web site; and
8. If you visited this RFT Web site from another Web site, the URL of the forwarding site.

This information is only used to help us make our site more useful for you. With this data we learn about the number of visitors to our site and the types of technology our visitors use.

No attempts are made to identify individual users or their usage habits. Raw data logs are retained temporarily as required for site management purposes only.

### **Information Collected for Tracking and Customization (Cookies)**

A cookie is a small file that a Web site transfers to your computer to allow it to remember specific information about your session while you are connected. Your computer will only share the information in the cookie with the Web site that provided it, and no other Web site can request it. There are two types of cookies, session and persistent. Session cookies last only as long as your Web browser is open. Once you close your browser, the cookie disappears. Persistent cookies store information on your computer for longer periods of time.

The SFA website is hosted by Geocities – a Yahoo! Company. They have a privacy policy in place as well as information about cookies at:  
<http://info.yahoo.com/privacy/us/yahoo/>

### **Personal Information**

If you choose to provide us with personal information, through such methods as completing a form or sending us an email, we will use that information to respond to your message and to help us get you the information or services you have requested.

Remember that email isn't necessarily secure. You should never send sensitive or personal information like your Social Security number in an email. Use postal mail or secure Web sites instead.

### **Interaction with Children**

The [Children's Online Privacy Protection Act \(COPPA\)](#) governs information gathering online from or about children under the age of 13. Verifiable consent from a child's

parent or guardian is required before collecting, using, or disclosing personal information from a child under the age of 13.

We collect no information about you or your child, other than that detailed in the previous section, when you visit our web site unless you choose to provide information to us.

## **Accessibility Statement**

We continually strive to ensure the pages on this Web site are accessible to individuals with disabilities in accordance with [Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act](#). If you have any difficulty viewing any page with adaptive technology, please contact the webmaster for this site.

Documents on SFA Web sites are presented in many formats. These formats are generally accessible to users using screen reading software. Some files on this Web site may be posted as Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files. Adobe provides their [Acrobat Reader](#) software as a free download.

## **Linking Policy and Disclaimer of Endorsement**

SFA links to many Web sites created and maintained by other public and/or private organizations. SFA provides links to these sites as a service to our users. The presence of a link is not a SFA endorsement of the site.

When users follow a link to an outside Web site, they are leaving SFA and are subject to the privacy and security policies of the owners/sponsors of the outside Web site(s). SFA is not responsible for the information collection practices of non- SFA sites.

## **SFA Database**

The SFA maintains a database of family members off-line. There is no way to access it from the Internet. The database is maintained by the Historians of the SFA. The head of our DNA project has a copy to assist the historians as well as members who are testing their DNA. The President has a backup copy of the database and may use it to assist the historians and chair of the DNA project. Other members of SFA may have access to parts of the database only as it pertains to their research.

The information stored in the database includes the commonly found information for genealogical research. Information that is gathered on currently living people is kept confidential and only given with their explicit permission to other researchers who are looking to make a connection to a living cousin.