

Veasy William, barber  
Warren C M, painter  
Warren I B, carpenter  
Weinberger J C, vintner  
Willis Joseph, butcher  
Wuth C G, watch maker, and jeweler  
York E M, horticulturist

**St. John, Colusa Co, P O 40 miles n of Colusa**

Bedwell John, carpenter  
Billion Joseph, stock dealer  
Burr J R, blacksmith  
Hamming Jacob, liquor saloon  
Jones Samuel, machinist  
McLanahan & Nelson, stock dealers  
Papst Albert, general merchandise  
Papst C J, postmaster  
White I H, hotel

**St. Lawrenceburgh, El Dorado Co, P O address, Kelsey, 9 miles n of Placerville**

Foster W H, distiller  
Lagerson Fritz, blacksmith  
Lugson George, postmaster, and hotel

**St. Louis, Sierra Co, P O 18 miles n of Downieville**

Brundage Charles, liquor saloon  
Carmichael Alexander, butcher  
Conlan Daniel, postmaster, agent Wells, Fargo & Co, and general merchandise  
Hovey Wilson, livery stable  
Stahl William, blacksmith  
Schwartz Christian, hotel

**St. Louis, Sonoma Co, P O address, Sonoma, 25 miles s e of Santa Rosa**

Vollmer F H, liquor saloon

**Stanfield Ranch, Yuba Co, P O address, Oregon House, 24 miles n e of Marysville**

Smith C, hotel

**Stanislaus, Stanislaus Co, P O**

Adie C A, postmaster

**Stanislaus County. Organized in 1854.**

Bounded north by San Joaquin; northeast by Calaveras and Tuolumne; southeast by Merced; and west by Santa Clara and San Joaquin. Area, 1,350 square miles. Assessed valuation of property for 1874, \$7,426,776. County seat, Modesto. Principal towns: Buena Vista, Ceres, Crow's Landing, Marys Ferry, Knight's Ferry, La Grange, Oakdale, Oranabra, Tuolumne City, Turlock, Salida, and Waterford. Agriculture is the predominant resource, although in the eastern part are mines of gold and copper. The placers were once exceedingly rich, but their great wealth has been exhausted. The county comprises a section of the great valley of the San Joaquin, extending from the foot of the Sierra to the Monte Diablo range, and includes the valley of the Tuolumne and Stanislaus Rivers, having 600,000 acres of arable land of high fertility. The portion east of the San Joaquin River is a rich, sandy loam, very easy of cultivation, and is the favorite wheat region of California. The western portion is of fertile soil, but is subject to drouth to a much greater extent than that portion near the foot-hills of the Sierra Nevada, and cannot be relied upon for cultivation without irrigation. Large canals for irrigating have been proposed, leading far up the San Joaquin, and in the Tulare Lake, and much work has been done, but they have not yet reached this region. Stanislaus, as well as other sections of the great valley, is distinguished for its large farms, there being nine in the county exceeding 10,000 acres in extent. One farm has 39,143 acres; two have 20,000 each; one 18,000; another 17,000; and down to 10,000, while below 3,000 is the exception. Wheat is the great staple, and the product varies with the amount of water received by rains or irrigation. With abundant water, from twenty-five to fifty bushels per acre may be relied upon, but should the season be dry, or any locality be without water, the crop is short or fails altogether. The vast fields of waving grain, as they appear during the months of May, June and July, covering hundreds of square miles in one expanse, unbroken by fence and but slightly by roads, presents a scene of agricultural wealth seldom witnessed in the world. The San Joaquin River runs from south to north through the county; the Stanislaus forms the northern boundary, and the Tuolumne runs through the center from the east to the San Joaquin, all of which are navigable for light draft steamers the greater portion of the year. The San Joaquin Valley branch of the Central Pacific Railroad crosses the county on the eastern side of the valley, and the Oakdale branch of the Stockton and Copperopolis Railroad enters the extreme eastern portion of the county. These different means of transportation afford unusual facilities, and the free rivers prevent any extortion that monopolies might impose. While wheat, at present, is the chief dependence, other grains are grown, and fruit trees, vines and root crops flourish well in every part. The county is generally prosperous, and the rate of taxation is lower than in most sections of the State.

**Officers:** George W. Schell, County Judge; L. C. Branch, Clerk, Recorder, and Auditor ex-officio; John J. Scribner, District Attorney; John Rogers, Sheriff and Tax Collector; George W. Tomba, Treasurer; A. H. Jamison, Assessor; Albro W. South, Surveyor; James Burney, Coroner, Public Administrator, and Superintendent Public Schools.

**Stillwater, Shasta Co, P O 15 miles e of Shasta**

Bass John S P, postmaster, and hotel  
McFall W, blacksmith

**Stockton, San Joaquin Co, P O, County**

seat, and incorporated city, 43 miles south of Sacramento and 90 east of San Francisco, stands at the head of the bay, or slough, of the San Joaquin River, which is navigable for vessels drawing six feet of water, and is an excellent harbor. Large steamships and sailing vessels from San Francisco land at its wharves, and transfer their cargoes to light-draft steamers and barges, which ascend the San Joaquin one hundred and fifty miles further into the rich agricultural regions of Stanislaus, Merced, and Fresno counties. The Central Pacific Railroad passes through the town, thus connecting it by rail and water communication with all parts of the world. The Stockton and Copperopolis Railroad, reaches easterly into Calaveras and Stanislaus counties, the main branch extending to the town of Milton, a distance of 30 miles. At the town of Peters, 15 miles from Stockton, a branch leads southerly with a length of 19 miles, having its terminus at Oakdale, in Stanislaus County. Another railroad, with track of three feet gauge, is in course of construction from Stockton to Ione, and is expected to be completed in the summer of 1875. Within 9 miles from Stockton, the San Joaquin Valley branch joins the Central Pacific and extends southerly 239 miles to the southern extreme of the great valley. Thus Stockton has a radiating system of transportation and intercommunication of great convenience and value, insuring it the commercial center of a large extent of very productive country. Stages penetrate the interior in every direction, it being the headquarters of lines to Murphy's and the Big Trees and other places in Calaveras, to Sonora and the mining regions of Tuolumne, to Merced, Yosemite, and Mariposa. The town was laid out by Captain C. M. Weber in 1848, and received its name in honor of Commodore Stockton, who had taken an active part in the conquest of California. The city stands in the midst of an exceedingly fertile section, and has, in addition, a large mining area contributory to its assured prosperity. The streets are regularly laid out, well paved, the sidewalks broad and well sheltered from sun and rain by pleasant awnings, and bordered by noble public buildings, capacious stores and hotels, and the suburbs are adorned with the most lovely gardens and private residences to be found in the State. An artesian well, 1,002 feet in depth, furnishes the city with pure water, supplying 300,000 gallons daily, rising eleven feet above the surface of the ground. Water is easily obtained near the surface, by ordinary wells, of from ten to twenty feet in depth, by means of which the rich soil of the surrounding gardens is irrigated, bringing forth fruits, flowers, and generous shade trees. The numerous windmills used for this purpose have given the name of "Windmill City" to Stockton; and considering that the wind is an ever feeble ally, and the products luscious fruits and bright flowers, the sobriquet is a very pleasant one. The State Insane Asylum is within the city, and its several large and imposing buildings add to its appearance, and the business connected therewith adds to the city's resources. Three newspapers are published. The *Independent*, daily and weekly; the *Herald*, daily and weekly; the *Leader*, daily and weekly.

**Officers:** E. T. Baldwin, Mayor; C. G. Grant, (President); James Brown, H. W. Schmidt, B. F. Rogers, H. Williams, E. E. Thrift, J. W. Smith, W. C. Miller, P. Rohrbacher, S. Williams, W. F. Freeman, L. E. Yates, T. Edwards, Councilmen; F. S. Hinds, Treasurer; Julius Steiney, Assessor; H. T. Comp-

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