

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<

SGS FAMILY LINES

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Genealogy Gems and News for Sunflower Genealogy Society



PASSWORD CHANGE FOR MEMBERS ONLY AND MY HERITAGE EFFECTIVE 12/5/23: PASSWORDS AVAILABLE AT FRONT DESK WHEN PAYING DUES, OR CALL/TEXT KIM AT 952-237-7501. THANK YOU!

MEETING JAN 23

Unlocking Ancestral Legacies with Vital Records and their Alternates

Note: this meeting is on the fourth Tuesday, which isn't the last Tuesday in the month this year! Amy Urman, genealogist and private investigator is presenting in person.

SGS WEBPAGE UPDATE

<https://sunflowerliving.com/genealogy-club-home>

Hello, it's your new webmaster, Kim.

Bear with me as I learn how to post things into the new sunflowerliving.com website. I am working with the Tech Club crew, who do our posting for us until I get proper permissions to edit.

We have many features back online, so check out the Genealogy pages! While not yet complete, it is getting there. Remember for the Members Only button, it'll take you to a sign in page called "Guest Area." Just put in the password that Eileen left at the front desk, or call/text me at 952-237-7501. To proceed to MyHeritage, click on the blue button under Online Resources, then click on My Heritage - Library Edition. The password for that is the same as the Guest Area one, adding an asterisk (*) at the end!

RESEARCH WIKI

by Sue Cerri

TO ENLARGE PHOTOS, USE
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OR COMMAND AND + (MAC)

I've tried to showcase some of our members in the past issues of our monthly newsletter but I was stopped in my tracks at the beginning of December when I broke my back. After a surgery and now some physical therapy I'm doing much better. I am using a cane to walk with.

I would like to introduce everyone to one of the easiest and best places to find answers to anything genealogy. It's called the Research Wiki. When you type that into your URL, you will find this page:

FamilySearch Research Wiki
A Genealogy Resource Guide
102,515 articles

Find the birth, death, marriage, census records, and other genealogy resources for your ancestor by selecting the region and country below.

Search by place or topic [Find Search Tips](#)

[List of all Localities](#)

Jump-start your research
Guided Research will help you find the best databases for select locations.
[Guided Research](#)

Research Wiki

- Wiki Home
- About the Wiki
- Online Genealogy Records
- Guided Research
- Research Resources
- Wiki Policies

North America

Europe

Asia

Africa

South America

Australia/Oceania

If you've never used this Wiki, you might want to start by clicking on the Guided Research and it will walk you right through in seconds. This link is in the top left of the screen, inset above.

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There is also the ability to type in the place you want to learn about and find it in a click. As an example, below, I typed in New Jersey. Every state has the same setup. You will find Beginning Research, Record Types, State Background and Local Research Resources.

New Jersey, United States Genealogy

(Redirected from [New Jersey, United States Genealogy](#))

[United States](#) → [New Jersey](#)

Guide to **New Jersey genealogy**. Birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, and military records.

New Jersey Information [\[edit \]](#) [\[edit source \]](#)

New Jersey is a state in the northeast portion of the United States. It is divided into 21 counties. New Jersey was the 3rd State to join the Union on December 18, 1787. It came from the Crown Colony of New Jersey. The State capital is Trenton, New Jersey. ^[1]

Getting Started [\[edit \]](#) [\[edit source \]](#)

Getting Started with New Jersey Research

Links to articles on getting started with New Jersey research.

- [Guided Research](#)
- [Step-by-Step New Jersey Research, 1880-Present](#)
- [Step-by-Step New Jersey Research, 1850-1910](#)
- [New Jersey Descendancy Research](#)
- [How to Find Birth Records](#)
- [How to Find Marriage Records](#)
- [How to Find Death Records](#)
- [Research Strategies](#)

[New Jersey Online Genealogy Records](#)

[Ask the FamilySearch Community](#)

New Jersey Research Tools

Links to articles and websites that assist in United States research.

- [Archives and Libraries](#)
- [NJGenWeb](#)

New Jersey Clickable Map [\[edit \]](#) [\[edit source \]](#)

Genealogy records are kept on the county level in New Jersey Click on a county below to go to the Wiki article listing more information.



New Jersey Wiki Topics

Beginning Research

- [Guided Research](#)
- [Research Strategies](#)
- [Record Finder](#)

Record Types

- [Adoption](#)
- [Bible Records](#)
- [Biography](#)
- [Cemeteries](#)
- [Census](#)
- [Church Records](#)
- [Colonial Records](#)
- [Correctional Institutions](#)
- [Court Records](#)
- [Crime & Punishment](#)
- [Directories](#)
- [Emigration & Immigration](#)
- [Genealogies](#)
- [Land & Property](#)
- [Military Records](#)
- [Naturalization & Citizenship](#)
- [Newspapers](#)
- [Obituaries](#)
- [Online Collections](#)
- [Periodicals](#)
- [Probate Records](#)
- [Public Records](#)
- [Taxation](#)
- [Town Records](#)
- [Vital Records](#)
- [Voter Records](#)

New Jersey Background

- [Biography](#)
- [Further Reading](#)
- [Gazetteers](#)
- [History](#)
- [Maps](#)
- [Migration](#)

Cultural Groups

- [African Americans](#)
- [Indigenous Peoples](#)
- [Cultural Groups](#)
- [Swedish American](#)

Local Research Resources

- [Archives & Libraries](#)
- [Societies](#)
- [Find a FamilySearch center](#)

Adopt-a-wiki page

This page adopted by: [NJGenWeb](#) and its coordinators who welcome you to contribute.

[Adopt a page today](#)

These four topics will answer any question you have, such as, Where to find birth, marriage or death records. Where are the town records? Where are church records? Was there a biography written about the area I'm researching? Are there maps and gazetteers?

If there are no records online yet that you are looking for, where are the offline places to look and the addresses to contact them.

If you need any help, you can contact Eileen Carney, our Director, and she will get any of the Mentors to work with you.

Enjoy researching your family tree in 2024. *Sue Cerri*

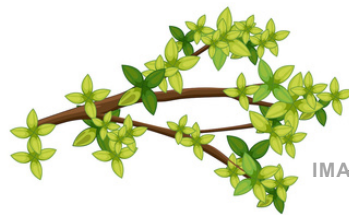


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The most current issue of the Family Tree magazine for Jan/Feb 2024 is available in the SGS Brownson Legacy Library in the Tech Room at the Community Center. The issue, as usual, is filled with informative and useful articles for family historians.

The issue contains two articles on DNA, one on the changes in technology, which are making tests more accurate and with wider results. The second, longer article is about DNA profiles. It includes information on what to consider when taking a test, costs, types of tests, database sized focus, tree building features, privacy, additional tools, a detailed company by company comparison, and ethnicity estimates.

A brief article talks about the 23andMe data breach and what impact that may have on those included in the breached information. A much longer story is a day by day genealogical tips for the entire year. Even if you do not follow these tips every day, you may find very useful suggestions appropriate to your research.

The FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) section could cover something that is confusing to you and worth a look. The two Research Guides for States found in this issue are for Minnesota and New Jersey and include records available for each state and their locations, websites, publications and archives and organizations with information from each state. Also in this issue is an index for which issues have each of the state's most recent research guides.

In the magazine's center is "5 Steps to Trace Civil War Ancestors." The section contains resources, a timeline for the war, a glossary of terms related to the war, clues you can find in war era photos, the hierarchy of units, information on colored units, and relevant websites and books.

Another article on how to unlock the clues found in general photos can also be found. Passenger lists for immigrants is another topic covered, the resources for these records and their locations, as well as substitute records when you cannot find a passenger list with your ancestor(s).

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2024 PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

January 23	Unlocking Ancestral Legacies: Vital Records & their Alternates	Amy Urman, genealogist and private investigator, speaking in person
February 27	Weaving Cultural History into our Family History	Duane Roen, ASU professor and dean. Duane will likely visit via Zoom.
March 26	German Records	Ed Storey, Tucsonan, writer, and retired engineer. Ed will present in person.
April 23	Modern Photo Storage	Sue Horsfall, SGS member
May 28	Immigrants and their Stories	Suzanne Young Brayer, genealogist, ASU. Suzanne will likely be speaking to us via Zoom.
September 24	Field Work: Researching the Old-Fashioned Way	Paulette Weiser, SGS member
October 22	Researching with the Internet	Kim Gunyou, SGS member
November 19	Field Trip	Family Search Center East, Tucson.
December 17	Your Ancestors in Immigrant Passenger Lists and Holiday Party	John Philip Colletta video

FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE

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If you have French ancestry you will want to read about the online Filae, what it contains and how to use it. Helpful hints on preserving scrapbooks is the final article.

A complete index for research topics in the Family Tree magazines is found at the back of the magazine section of the library's three-ring binder index in the library's metal book cabinet. You should be able to find just about any topic relative to your research. Make use of this great resource and you will very likely find information pertinent to you in your search for your ancestors. *Paulette Weiser*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kim Gunyou

December 2023 Treasurer's Report

	Current Month	Fiscal Year to Date	FY 2024 Budget
Memberships			
Renewals	2	9	25
New Members	0	3	5
Total	2	12	30
Beginning Balance	\$2,326.18	\$1,977.19	\$1,977.19
Income:			
Member Dues	\$30.00	\$178.99	\$450.00
Other	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$30.00	\$428.99	\$450.00
Expenses:			
Presenter	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	(\$260.00)
Subscriptions	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$210.00)
Library	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$50.00)
Marketing	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$100.00)
Office	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$30.00)
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$50.00)
Total Expenses	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	(\$700.00)
Ending Balance	\$2,356.18	\$2,356.18	\$1,727.19

Fiscal Year is 10-1-23 to 9-30-24 to match HOA reporting.

"Fiscal Year to Date" is cumulative beginning 10-1-23.

FY 2024 Budget is board-approved budget.

All data are reported on a cash basis.



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Since this Dec. 31 bank statement, seven additional renewals have come in, so there are 19 members so far in 2024. Please renew at the front desk, on the website via PayPal, or at the Jan. 23 meeting. See you there!



**TIME TO REGISTER
FOR ROOTSTECH
AGAIN**

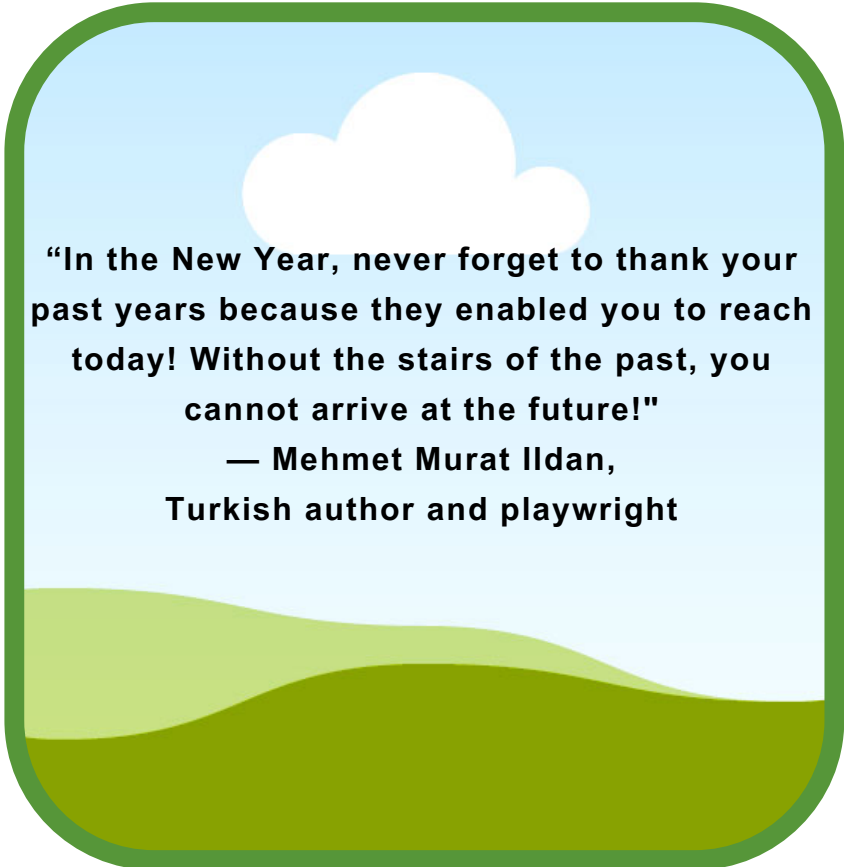
● ARE YOU READY FOR ROOTSTECH 2024?

RootsTech - the biggest genealogy event in the world - is right around the corner! Wherever you are in the world, you can participate in some way at the RootsTech event. There is something for everyone, and this year RootsTech will be held **February 29–March 2, 2024**, at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, AND online around the world. Be sure to register whether you're planning to attend in person (\$) or online (FREE!) to receive updates and information as it becomes available, such as keynote speakers, class schedules and more.

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/>

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This and many other conferences are featured on the conferencekeeper.org site, on our SGS website, including both free and paid genealogy-related events.



**“In the New Year, never forget to thank your
past years because they enabled you to reach
today! Without the stairs of the past, you
cannot arrive at the future!”**

**— Mehmet Murat Ildan,
Turkish author and playwright**