

SGS FAMILY LINES

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Genealogy Gems and News for Sunflower Genealogy Society



**TIME TO RENEW!
FOR 2025
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MEETING OCT 29

SGS board member Kim Gunyou will present **Internet Genealogy Research - programs and process** on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 2pm in the Fiesta Room, via Zoom. Note the date--the 4th Tuesday this month.

The past quarter of a century has brought us an explosion of internet resources for tracing our family history. Discover some popular and useful programs and websites that can help you build your tree. Using good research process is key to accuracy, so we'll also discuss best practices online.

MEMBERS' MENTIONS by Sue Cerri



Mary Dietz has been a very active member of our Society. She has been a Director (President), Secretary, member-at-large, mentor, and lecturer since she joined in 2006. This past summer Mary and her husband, Jim decided to investigate Jim's great-grandfather, Gus Erickson. Mary and Jim inherited his great-grandmother's farm journal. In the very back there were birth and death dates for Gus, something Mary had never seen before!

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MEMBERS' MENTIONS

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They first went to Salt Lake City to see what they could learn about Gus. It sent them to Luverne, Rock Co., Minnesota. Mary went online and found out there was a Historical Society of Rock County and contacted the Executive Director there. She explained that she was planning a trip there and was hoping they would be able to add some knowledge to her quest.

When Mary and Jim arrived, the Director had an obituary and a newspaper notice that Gus was to be the executor for another farmer's estate. Though the article about the probate was a dead end, the obituary struck gold because it described the life and death of this man – that of a bachelor that lived into his 70's and passed away peacefully at home.

But wait! After further research, Mary discovered that Gus's wife had remarried and was living across the border in Iowa and his brother was also living in Iowa. No one in Minnesota ever knew about the family Gus had. What a great story to fill out the genealogy of someone that lived over 125 years ago. The two saw the plat map and where the farm was. Mary and Jim also had Gus's death certificate and went to his cemetery. The stone, made of Sioux Quartz, was in perfect condition. Mary didn't have the opportunity to use her "go bag" that she keeps in her trunk, ready to use when visiting any cemetery. What a great summer road trip! Thanks for sharing, Mary.

Mary's "Go Bag":

Head Stone Cleaner by Klean Logik (sold from Amazon)
 Jug (to get water at the cemetery)
 Rags / Paper Towels
 Small, Medium and Large Bristle Brushes

Rubber gloves
 Shears
 Plastic Bag
 Carrying Bag



Starting Sept. 10, the Wayback Machine is accessible only through Google Search, not on the archive.org website. Users can view archived versions of webpages with a simple link to the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine.

How It Works

To access this new feature, conduct a search on Google as usual. Next to each search result, you'll find three dots—clicking on these will bring up the "About this Result" panel. Within this panel, select "More About This Page" to reveal a link to the Wayback Machine page for that website.

Through this direct link, you'll be able to view previous versions of a webpage via the Wayback Machine, offering a snapshot of how it appeared at different points in time.

According to Chris Freeland, Director of Library Services at Internet Archive, their mission is to provide, "Universal Access to All Knowledge." The Wayback Machine, one of their best-known services, provides access to billions of archived webpages, ensuring that the digital record remains accessible for future generations.

As Mark Graham, director of the Wayback Machine, explains:

"The web is aging, and with it, countless URLs now lead to digital ghosts. Businesses fold, governments shift, disasters strike, and content management systems evolve—all erasing swaths of online history. Sometimes, creators themselves hit delete, or bow to political pressure. Enter the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine: for more than 25 years, it's been preserving snapshots of the public web. This digital time capsule transforms our "now-only" browsing into a journey through internet history. And now, it's just a click away from Google search results, opening a portal to a fuller, richer web—one that remembers what others have forgotten."

According to Freeland, their collaboration with Google underscores the importance of web archiving and expands the reach of the Wayback Machine, making it even easier for users to access and explore archived content. However, the link to archived webpages will not be available in instances where the rights holder has opted out of having their site archived or if the webpage violates content policies.

For more information about the Wayback Machine and how you can explore the web's history, visit <https://web.archive.org/>.

FINANCIAL REPORT



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September 2024 Treasurer's Report

	Current Month	Fiscal Year to Date	FY 2024 Budget
Memberships			
Renewals	0	24	25
New Members	0	6	5
Total	0	30	30
Beginning Balance	\$2,152.57	\$1,977.19	\$1,977.19
Income:			
Member Dues	\$0.00	\$446.97	\$450.00
Other	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$0.00	\$696.97	\$450.00
Expenses:			
Presenter	\$0.00	(\$260.00)	(\$260.00)
Subscriptions	(\$50.00)	(\$164.00)	(\$210.00)
Library	(\$39.99)	(\$56.23)	(\$50.00)
Marketing	\$0.00	(\$54.27)	(\$100.00)
Office	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$30.00)
Other	\$0.00	(\$77.08)	(\$50.00)
Total Expenses	(\$89.99)	(\$611.58)	(\$700.00)
Ending Balance	\$2,062.58	\$2,062.58	\$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.

Posted on the
Sunflowerliving.com website
 for the genealogy society every
 month, as well!

THIS 'N' THAT

October is Family History Month, and the National Genealogical Society has some free handouts available.

Here's one about scanning and labeling photos, with links to more information:
[Photo handout](#)

Here's one about planning for and recording interviews:
[Interview handout](#)

Resources to boost your writing and spark conversations with family:
[Story writing handout](#)

Been waiting for a sale to buy an Ancestry DNA kit for a family member? They are 50% off through 10/21.



Presented by Lisa Louise Cooke, Genealogy Gems (Free)

11:00 am Central

Join Lisa Louise Cooke for Elevenes with Lisa, the online video series where we grab a cuppa and learn about genealogy and family history. Past episodes and show notes are also available.

Full details and links at

lisalouisecooke.com/elevenes/

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Can it possibly be time to register for the Rootstech live and virtual conference again? Yes, I guess so!

“RootsTech is a place to learn, be inspired, and make connections through family history. Hosted by FamilySearch and sponsored by other leading genealogy organizations, we have hundreds of expert classes, tips and tricks videos, and inspiring stories that can help you experience family history like never before. Visit our on-demand learning library, or make plans to join us for our next virtual or in-person conference event.

Registration just opened on September 25, 2024 for RootsTech 2025. The online RootsTech conference will be available for free on RootsTech.org. The paid in-person conference will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, on March 6–8, 2025.”

**DO YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE TO WRITE FOR THIS NEWSLETTER? PLEASE SEND IT TO ME!
KIM@GUNYOU.COM
THANKS!!**



SUNFLOWER GENEALOGY SOCIETY

2025 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

for residents of the Sunflower neighborhood

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NEW MEMBER

After completing application, please return to the Sunflower Village Center reception desk **or** mail to: Eileen Carney, 7839 W Red Clay Ln, Tucson AZ 85743. Enclose 2025 dues which are \$15.00, by check to SUNFLOWER GENEALOGY SOCIETY.

Check here if paying via [PayPal](#). Link is on the home page of the genealogy web pages on [sunflowerliving.com](#).

DATE _____

FIRST APPLICANT'S NAME _____

SECOND APPLICANT (IF ANY) _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

Countries, states, areas or surnames of interest: _____

Your genealogy experience? Novice / Intermediate / Skilled (circle one)

Your computer skill level? Basic / Intermediate / Skilled (compared to your peers, not your kids or grandkids)

Members should read the Society's bylaws found on the [Organization tab](#) of our website.

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