

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<

SGS FAMILY LINES

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Genealogy Gems and News for Sunflower Genealogy Society



MEETING NOV. 28

Top Tips for Beginning Swedish Family History Research is this month's topic. We'll watch a 35 minute video, have time for sharing, and our monthly business meeting.

Note: this meeting is on the 28th of November, the fourth Tuesday this month.



Sue and cousin Christine

THANKSGIVING TIME

by Sue Cerri

My grandparents lived 8 hours away from us, so it was quite a trip for them to leave Easton, PA and drive up through the Pocono Mountains to visit us outside Buffalo, New York. As they got a little older and the trip became a little harder, we divided the trip. We ended up in Horseheads, NY for Thanksgiving at a restaurant. That time of year, it could have been a clear drive, but this year it was very snowy. Certainly, an *Over the River and Through the Woods* moment.

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THANKSGIVING TIME

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Recently I wrote to my cousin, Christine, and asked her about some memories of our Grandparents. This is one of the memories she had. "Grandmother and Grandfather enjoyed car rides and trips. Grandmother would often call us to see who wanted to go. (Grandfather would probably have enjoyed a peaceful ride but Grandmother always wanted us to go.) I remember them taking us to see the buffalo at a nearby farm, driving to Oxford, NJ to see Grandmother's sisters, or stopping for ice cream at Hartman's. They took the 3 of us in 1964 to the World's Fair for 5 days. We all stayed in a motel room and Grandmother made breakfast for us every morning. Grandfather would go out and buy milk and we would have our cereal before going to the fair. They were about 70 at the time and I'm sure it was exhausting for them to keep up with 3 kids aged 9-14. Grandfather loved to travel, and I think one way of his getting Grandmother to go, was if she had one or all of the grandchildren.

Another remembrance was: "My Grandparents lived about 5 miles from our home when we were growing up so we saw them often. On Thursday evenings, they liked to go to Walp's Restaurant in Allentown for dinner. Grandmother would call and ask who wanted to go to Walp's and they would pick us up at 4:25. Walp's opened at 5:00 PM and she always wanted to sit in Marie's section (her favorite waitress). I remember Grandmother always enjoyed the broiled haddock dinner and Grandfather and I had the "tom turkey dinner". As the holidays approach, we can all remember some thoughts that touch our hearts. Be sure to pass these on- stories, recipes, photos and all things that make for a wonderful holiday memory.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

If you have a research story, biography, or an anecdote to share in the newsletter, let Kim G. or any board member know!



CALLING ALL CLEVER IDEAS!

NEWSLETTER NAME STILL NEEDED!

Submit a name for this newsletter. get a valuable Prize...it may be a coupon for coffee, but it will have value!

PIMA COUNTY LIBRARY GENEALOGY RESOURCES

by Paulette Weiser

The Pima County Library has resources for genealogists, some of which are available from your computer at home. Provided you have a library card or obtain a library card, you may access HeritageHub and Heritage Quest online from your home computer. Ancestry.com can be used on the computers provided at each library branch. The main branch downtown also has the birth (1855-1939) and death (1870-1964) records for the state of Arizona accessible onsite.

HeritageHub provides access to hundreds of years of obituaries and death notices from thousands of newspapers across the United States. Heritage Quest is “a comprehensive treasury of American genealogical sources - rich in unique primary sources, local and family histories, and finding aids. The database provides genealogical and historical sources for more than 60 countries, with coverage dating back as early as the 1700s.”

Recent Family Tree Magazines in the SGS library

Jul/Aug 2023:

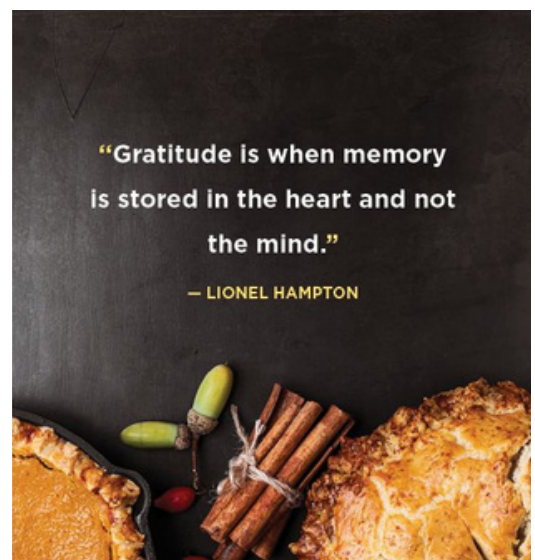
101 Best Websites, Scanning apps, DNA testing, FamilySearch, Proving ID, MT/VT

Sep/Oct 2023:

Ancestry.com, Middle names, Census errors, Immigration laws, German church records, HI/MA

Nov/Dec 2023:

Family narratives, Scandinavian research, Photo AI, Books for gifts, Newspapers, CO/TN



PLANNING AHEAD: DECEMBER NEWS

by Paulette Weiser

The December SGS meeting will be a video presentation “How to Build Historical Context” by Dr. John Philip Colletta. Colletta will discuss how to add more details to your ancestors’ vital statistics to create a compelling and interesting story. By using such resources as maps, newspapers, and photos, a genealogist can put flesh on the skeleton of vital stats. The meeting will be held on Friday, December 15, at 2pm (since our regular day is the day after Christmas!) in the Fiesta Room and via Zoom. Please note the change!

Members attending in person are encouraged to bring a holiday treat. The board will provide flavored waters and sodas. Any goodies left at the meeting’s conclusion can be exchanged among those who brought items to take a variety of holiday treats home.

While we enjoy the treats, members will be asked to share their research stories. It might be a brick wall you finally got through or an interesting ancestor you have found. It might be an adoption and finding biological relatives you did not know you had. Or it could be a Christmas tradition.

The board is planning a special workshop after January 1 for members to attend to receive assistance in their research with mentors available in person. Details will be forthcoming. If you have not renewed your membership or would like to join, get an application at the front desk and bring a \$15 check. The password will change December 31.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Kim Gunyou

October 2023 Treasurer's Report

	Current Month	Fiscal Year to Date	FY 2024 Budget
Memberships			
Renewals	0	0	25
New Members	1	1	5
Total	1	1	30
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Beginning Balance	\$1,977.19	\$1,977.19	\$1,977.19
Income:			
Member Dues	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$450.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$450.00
Expenses:			
Presenter	(\$50.00)	(\$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	(\$50.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$700.00)
Ending Balance	\$1,942.19	\$1,942.19	\$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.

OCT. 31, 2023 FINANCIALS

We had one expense in September, paying for our Zoom speaker in October. The fiscal year just began Oct. 1.

We had one new membership for \$15 in income. Dues for 2024 are payable now through Dec. 31.

SUNFLOWER CLUB EXPO

Big thanks to Eileen Carney, Joyce Lawson, and Paulette Weiser for their planning work for our booth at the Club Expo on Sat. Nov. 18th at the Sunflower Village Center.

Come check it out!



**COMING EVENTS:
JUST A FEW OF MANY IDEAS FOR
THIS MONTH
FROM CONFERENCEKEEPER.ORG**

**FREE ZOOM WEBINAR:
“FINDING RECORDS ON FAMILY SEARCH”
NOV. 15 AT 6 PM (ARIZONA TIME)**

Presented by: Genealogical Society of New Jersey

Speaker: Tara Shymanski

Topic: Finding Records on FamilySearch

Have you ever tried browsing through records on the FamilySearch website? How do you know what's available and how to find them? Searching the indexed records is the easiest way to look for ancestors. But there are thousands of digitized records that haven't been indexed. Taking the time to browse or scroll through them is worth the effort.

You'll learn where to find them and tips on making the browsing a bit easier. This lecture will look at how to find both indexed and non-indexed records to make the best use of the FamilySearch website.

To sign up for the free webinar, go to their website at www.gsnj.org or try to sign up here: https://www.facebook.com/events/1139338680100240?paipv=0&eav=AfanJ8wxheJUsY1KFouSNIK-ByqNowqKSS2plCo1-2Y61I7bUfA71IKxfy7WFOWxU7k&_rdr

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MORE FROM CONFERENCE KEEPER..

SCOTTISH INDEXES CONFERENCE XXII - SAT. 25 NOVEMBER 2023

Interested in tracing your Scottish genealogy? The Scottish Indexes Conference is an opportunity to learn new research skills, discover diverse records and see how others have put these into practice. If you want to trace your Scottish family tree, this is the event for you.

This is a **free** event and is open to all. If you are joining us for the first time, here's how it works. We start at 7 am UK time (2 pm Arizona time) and keep going until 11 pm UK time. We do this to make our conferences time-zone friendly. Each presentation is shown twice, once between 7 am and 3 pm, then again between 3 pm and 11 pm. You can come and go throughout the day. A schedule will be posted on this website a week or so before the conference so that you can plan your day.

Check out their website: www.scottishindexes.com to register.

LEAVING A LEGACY -

A FREE SERIES OF VIRTUAL TALKS

Tues, Nov 14: My Family's Chinese and Japanese Immigration Stories, Grant Din

Thurs, Nov 16: A Panel on Heirlooms, Brian Sheffey, Lenny Trujillo, Gail Henson

Mon, Nov 20: The Redemption of Hidden Things: A Chinese American Pastor Reflects on Her Family's Experience in Taiwan c. 1949, Tina Teng-Henson

Tues, Nov 21: Kierkegaard's Book, Repetition, as a model for writing a family memoir, George Kuhrts

Tues, Nov 28: Family Travels, Josie Reese

Thurs, Nov 30: Purpose with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, Raj Sidhu

Sun, Dec 03: The Road to Genealogy, What I found and how you start yours?, Maria Tello

Tues, Dec 05: Host and Executive Producer of the TV Show Family Pictures USA, Thomas Allen Harris

For details see leavingalegacy.eventbrite.com