

SGS FAMILY LINES

Genealogy Gems and News for Sunflower Genealogy Society



Thank you to
all who have renewed
your memberships!
We have 30 members
now.

THANK YOU

**MEETING
MARCH 26 -
ED STOREY**



German Historical Records

Germany is important to genealogists because so many immigrants came from Germany. It is not easy because there are variations in the alphabet and script compared to English. We will begin with a little about the differences and how to navigate them. We will then cover a bit about the country via maps, how the village names might have changed over time and how to begin to understand. Fortunately, there are many published books of interest to genealogists. We will go through some, including how to find them. Overall, I will try to balance a lot of information whilst not overwhelming the listeners.-

Ed Storey

MARCH-APRIL FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE

Paulette Weiser

The newest issue of the Family Tree Magazine is chock full of useful information, as usual! This issue's main story by Rick Crume compares 18 different general and specialty online family trees available with pros and cons to help you decide which you might want to utilize to organize your family research.

In another story Eliza Watson assists with breaking down any brick walls you might have in searching for your Irish ancestry. The author writes of naming patterns, finding records, tracing hard-to-find women, visiting cemeteries, linking with potential Irish and collateral relatives, using British records, wills and probate records, DNA records, and more. If your ancestors are from a place for which there are not many reliable genealogy guides, Sunny Jane Morton provides a variety of resources for building your family tree.

Yet another article by Robbie Gorr takes you through a once common practice of cousin marriage in many cultures. It can make research challenging with tangled family trees, which the author explains. This month's state resource guides cover New York and Wyoming. The center section addresses DNA tests and how to obtain the best use of them, in addition to an article about surprising, even shocking, DNA test results and advice for navigating your emotions and what to do about the results.

Check out this issue from the library and make use of this and the many other resources of SGS's Brownson Legacy Library to help simplify your research and make the most of what you learn.

FINANCIAL UPDATE



February 2024 Treasurer's Report

	Current Month	Fiscal Year to Date	FY 2024 Budget
Memberships			
Renewals	4	24	25
New Members	1	6	5
Total	5	30	30
Beginning Balance	\$2,348.63	\$1,977.19	\$1,977.19
Income:			
Member Dues	\$73.99	\$446.97	\$450.00
Other	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$73.99	\$696.97	\$450.00
Expenses:			
Presenter	\$0.00	(\$130.00)	(\$260.00)
Subscriptions	(\$114.00)	(\$114.00)	(\$210.00)
Library	\$0.00	(\$16.24)	(\$50.00)
Marketing	\$0.00	(\$54.27)	(\$100.00)
Office	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$30.00)
Other	\$0.00	(\$51.03)	(\$50.00)
Total Expenses	(\$114.00)	(\$365.54)	(\$700.00)
Ending Balance	\$2,308.62	\$2,308.62	\$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.

COMING EVENTS

FREE PROGRAM THIS WEEKEND

Unleashing Your Genealogical Journey: 50 Easy and Unique Ideas in 50 Minutes, with Sarah Day

Sun Mar 17th, 4 pm AZ time

A VIRTUAL PROGRAM

Online via Zoom

Presented by BYU Library / Family History Sunday Classes
(Free)

The BYU Family History Library presents virtual Sunday classes for anyone interested in family history! Classes are free and everyone is welcome.

The Zoom link for Sunday Classes is us02web.zoom.us/j/89729030705?pwd=aVd0T09KaFZhNU1NUmp1VEY3UnlsUT09

For details see fh.lib.byu.edu/classes-and-webinars/sunday-classes/



NEW TV SHOW PREVIEW

This week JewishGen announced that the pilot episode of Generations, the first Jewish-themed genealogy television series has been completed. The show is produced by the Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust, JewishGen, and JLTV. The show features actors Camryn Manheim (Law and Order, The Practice) and her son, Milo Manheim (School Spirits, Zombies), and explores their DNA and family roots, while revealing artifacts, objects, documents, and photographs to paint a full family portrait.

This pilot episode will air later this spring, but the trailer is available to watch now: <https://www.jewishgen.org/generations>

**BEFORE YOU GO:
SHORT TERM HELP
NEEDED!**

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We need 2-3 people for short-term commitments:

1. **Membership Coordinator.** Sounds fancy, but what it involves: You'll be given new member folders to keep at your house. When the Treasurer gets a new membership application and payment, she will let you know the new member's name and contact info. You'll take a new member folder over to their house!
2. **Program Committee.** This committee has one person already but we need another two. Involves 2-3 meetings of about an hour each, between April and June. You'll peruse speaker directories and decide who the committee wants to speak at our 2025 meetings. You'll contact speakers, find out their fee, set a date with them, send them a contract, and you're done! There is always a seasoned person on the committee to guide you through. It's easier than it sounds.

As they say, many hands make light work! Hit **Reply** to this email and indicate your interest!

THANK YOU
Thank you
SO MUCH!