



# GSNJ NewsBrief

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## GSNJ President's Message

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Dear GSNJ Member,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the discoveries your genealogical journey brings.

As always, the Genealogical Society of New Jersey (GSNJ) is tremendously grateful for your continued support of our mission to preserve New Jersey's rich history. With your help, we can continue discovering, procuring, preserving, and publishing information about New Jersey families for generations to come.

Your membership makes this work possible. As you know, the production and distribution of the *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey (GMNJ)* and the *GSNJ Newsletter* are at the heart of what we do.

As dedicated stewards of GSNJ's mission, the Board of Trustees continually reviews the organization's finances to ensure long-term sustainability. Unfortunately, the cost of producing, printing, and mailing our publications, along with other operating expenses, now exceed the amount collected through membership dues. While we have worked hard to absorb these increases through careful budgeting, the time has come for a modest adjustment to membership fees, effective with the 2026 membership year.

This decision was made thoughtfully and with great care. These adjustments will allow GSNJ to continue providing high-quality publications and services, while investing in new member benefits that add even greater value to your membership.

To meet rising operational costs, an increase will be applied to all three membership delivery methods, while an additional increase will be applied to Print *GMNJ* and Print Only delivery options to cover printing and mailing costs. The 2026 dues and the increase to the 2025 dues are shown below.

### **2026 Membership Dues:**

- Digital Delivery: \$50 (+ \$5)
- Print *GMNJ* Delivery: \$70 (+ \$15)
- Print Only Delivery: \$80 (+ \$20)

Members who wish to reduce costs, both personally and for GSNJ, are strongly encouraged to consider switching to digital delivery, which offers full access to the same great content while saving on printing and mailing expenses. The GSNJ Membership Chair will issue 2026 renewal notices to expiring members in the near future. If your membership does not expire at the end of 2025, you do not need to take any action, and your membership will remain the same.

### **Exciting New Member Benefits for 2026:**

We are also excited to tell you that your membership just got better. In 2026, we will introduce the following new member benefits.

#### 1) Research Assistance and Copies

Access to GSNJ's collections is one of the greatest values of your GSNJ membership.

Beginning in 2026, all members will receive:

- 5 free Bible & Family Record requests per year (digital delivery only)
- 5 free *GMNJ* article requests per year (digital delivery only)
- 3 free hours of general research per year (valued at \$25 per hour)

Once the annual cap is reached, standard non-member research assistance fees will apply.

#### 2) Streamlined GSNJ Collections Area on the GSNJ Website

We're improving how you interact with the GSNJ Collections section of our website. Finding aids, indexes, and research request forms will be easier to locate and use. We're also simplifying the research request process with clearer instructions, a digital *GMNJ* name index, and a downloadable submission form.

#### 3) Access to Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey Archive

We're thrilled to announce that members will soon enjoy digital access to the *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey* Archive. Members will be able to download past issues in PDF format—making it easier than ever to research from anywhere. Details will be provided in the coming months.

GSNJ is tremendously grateful for your continued support. The organization has thrived for more than a century because of the dedication, generosity, and shared passion of its members. We extend our warmest appreciation to members who have made donations throughout the year - every contribution makes a lasting difference. This dues adjustment ensures that our organization remains strong and able to serve future generations of researchers with the same excellence and care. Thank you for your understanding and enthusiasm. Together, we are not only preserving New Jersey's past but also shaping its genealogical future.

We love hearing from you—please reach out to [president@gsnj.org](mailto:president@gsnj.org) with comments, questions, or feedback for the GSNJ.

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