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LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Happy Halloween!

This is the e-Bulletin from the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society (L-AGS), provided monthly to our members. If you would prefer not to receive this e-Bulletin or other information, please send a message to <mailto:membership@L-AGS.org> and your address will be removed from our distribution list

Please share your photos and stories of the photos. If you would like the banner to include any of your photos or if you have a story about one of the photos, please send them to Debbie at: <mailto:bulletin.manager@L-AGS.org>. There are large versions of these photos located on the final page.

If you have a special genealogy or local history event or announcement you would like to see included, please submit via email to: <mailto:bulletin.manager@L-AGS.org>.



Special Notices

Heritage Award

The Museum on Main has honored L-AGS with an Outstanding Organization award for our service to the community.

Help (Really) ~~Wanted~~ Needed

Heritage Happenings

The Pleasanton Library and L-AGS needs you to help on October 13 and 14 for the Heritage Happenings events for "National Family History Month."

Please see the sign up site for these and other dates and time available and needing YOU! <http://www.L-AGS.org/tvvh>

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Summary of Meetings

Visitors are welcome free of charge to each of these meetings.

- ❖ **General Meeting: *The Records Behind the WWI Draft Registration Cards***
When: Tuesday, October 9, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Susan Goss Johnston
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: *Create and Bring a Personalized TMG Report***
When: Saturday, October 27, 2012 – 9:00 a.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group: *Personal and Family History***
When: Saturday October 20, 2012 – 2:30 a.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Lunch 'n' Learn**
When: Next Meeting is in November
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meeting**
When: Tuesday, October 23, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Members are welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact the Membership Chair for location- <mailto:membership@L-AGS.org>

GENERAL MEETING

NOTE: Members please sign in at the membership table upon arrival at the monthly General Meeting. Please have your guests also sign in. Before heading home, please remember to leave your nametag at the membership table.

TOPIC: The Records Behind the World War I Draft Registration Cards

GUEST SPEAKER: Susan Goss Johnston

DATE: Tuesday, October 9, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton

Map to the Meeting Site:

<http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg>

On 12 July 1973, a fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis destroyed roughly 80% of the service records for Army personnel discharged between 1 November 1912 and 1 January 1960. This means that the service records of more than 3.2 million World War I soldiers are gone forever. What do we genealogists do when confronted with massive record losses? We look for alternate sources. More than 24 million men registered for the draft during World War I, and those registration cards are incredibly valuable records.

Surely there must be other records associated with this draft. Could those records help tell the story of a World War I ancestor's military experiences?

My adventures in the records of the Selective Service System (World War I), might help you answer that question for yourself.

For additional information contact: Cheryl Palmer, Program Chairperson, email: <mailto:program@L-AGS.org>.

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: TMG Reports—Create and Bring a Personalized TMG Report!

Date: Saturday, October 27, 2012, 9:00 a.m. – Noon **NOTE DATE**

CHANGE!

Lunch Meet Up, Noon: The Habit Burger Grill & Panda Express Food Court, Bernal & Valley Avenue Shopping Center, Pleasanton

Location: 7077 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 110, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Map to the meeting site: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg>

Chair: Kay Speaks, tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org

Instructors: Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

Create a customized report using either your personal database or the TV-TMG database. You choose which custom report. Will your report be one

using a custom language (August), a custom narrative report as we learned from Bruce (September), a research trip report (June), or what about creating a census report (February) as a research tool? Your report can be as simple or as complex as you wish. Everyone who writes a custom report and comes to the meeting will get their name entered into a drawing to win a prize! Can't recall our custom reports? Check out the L-AGS monthly e-Bulletin archive, <http://www.l-ags.org/eBulletins.html>.

Kindly R.S.V.P. if you plan to attend the meeting and indicate if you will bring a laptop. Do not forget to check our private blog, Tri-Valley TMG User Group, at <http://tvtmgug.blogspot.com>. This is a great place to record our citation decisions, post notes and ideas from the meeting, as well as ask and answer questions. Learning assignments and challenges are posted on this website. If you have not received an invitation to join the blog readership, please e-mail Sue Johnston at <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>.

The TV-TMG Users Group's public blog is located at <http://tvtmgee.blogspot.com>. Here is where you will find more information about publishing and sharing our TV-TMG source templates that approximate Mills' Evidence Explained. These templates may be downloaded for personal use by individuals. Societies and groups of individuals wishing to use our templates should contact the L-AGS's TVTMG chair at <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>. We are researching options for publishing our templates online. Resources: A free demo version of the software may be downloaded at <http://www.whollygenes.com>. For additional information contact: <mailto:tvtmg.chair@l-ags.org>. The user group e-mail address is <mailto:tvtmg@L-AGS.org>.

WRITING GROUP

Writing Your Personal and Family History

Date: Saturday, October 20, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.

Location: R.S.V.P for meeting location

Chair: Debbie Mascot, <mailto:writing.SIG.chair@L-AGS.org>

We will be talking about writing techniques and our goals. To join the writing group email list, please send a note to <mailto:changes@L-AGS.org> with "Add me to the Writing SIG list" in the subject line.

LUNCH 'N' LEARN

Blogs-- Reading and Writing (no arithmetic!)

Date: Next meeting is in November

Location: To be determined

Chair: Debbie Mascot and Kay Speaks

SUMMARY OF L-AGS BOARD MEETING

September Board Meeting held on September 25, 2012

L-AGS now has 217 members. More than 50 members and guests attended the September general meeting.

The "Ask Granny" program held at the Heritage Estates was favorably received.

Refer to the L-AGS website for information on how to order L-AGS publications from Lulu. There are three new publications listed.

The Nominating Committee will present the 2013 slate of officers at the November meeting. Members will vote at the December meeting.

PLEASANTON GENEALOGY CENTER

A L-AGS docent is available at the Pleasanton City Library Wednesday 10 AM-1 PM and 6 PM - 9 PM, or by appointment, e-mail:

<mailto:docents.chair@L-AGS.org>. The Pleasanton Genealogy Center, jointly supported by L-AGS, the Friends of the Pleasanton Library, and the Pleasanton Public Library, contains the largest collection of genealogy books, CDs and online databases in the Tri-Valley. The L-AGS genealogy book collection resides in the Genealogy Section of the Pleasanton City Library. The Pleasanton Library provides access to the following subscription genealogy databases:

- Ancestry.com
- New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)
- Fold3.com (previously Footnote)
- Heritage Quest (in Library & at home)

PRESERVE YOUR STORIES IN THE ROOTS TRACER

"Publish or Regret" Will your descendants regret your failure to publish?

Hopefully you are putting the finishing touches on your first article for The Roots Tracer. If you need assistance composing your story, the Roots Tracer staff <mailto:tracer@LAGS.org> and/or <mailto:managing.editor@L-AGS.org> is willing and able to help you. Written articles should be approximately 300 to 1,000 words. Photos and lineage charts always increase the reader's interest in your revelations.

Begin now with a small article. A few paragraphs are a beginning. Your initial success will be your springboard for braver future articles. Tell all of

us the tale of your favorite research discovery. Which of your findings filled you with awe, surprise and pride?

Our Roots Tracer offers all members the opportunity to preserve their family chronicles in print and on the Internet. Some generations don't care, but other generations will. We want to make sure that, when someone is interested, even 100 years from now, the basic information will be there for them in the Library of Congress as well as on the World Wide Web. Our memories are a library of information that could be irretrievably lost. We can honor the struggles that our ancestors went through...they shouldn't be forgotten, especially the women, who are less frequently found in public documents.

SPECIAL EVENTS

OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Reunion Places, Reunion Family View and Twitter, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. Oakland, California. For more information see: <http://www.macgen.org>.

14th Annual Family History Day, October 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. California State Archives, Sacramento, California. For more information, please see: <http://fhdnewsline.blogspot.com>.

Applying the Scientific Method to Genealogical Research, October 21. Oakland, CA. For more information, please see: <http://www.jewishgen.org/sfbajgs>.

Fall Seminar with Thomas W. Jones: Proven Methods for Genealogical Success: Four Lectures, November 3. Menlo Park, CA. For more information, please see: <http://www.smcgs.org>.

You may visit our L-AGS website for a listing of other local societies: <http://www.L-AGS.org/lagslinks.html#GenealogicalSocieties>

The San Francisco Bay Area Genealogy Calendar blog also features a number of meetings and events within 75 miles of San Francisco: <http://sfbagenealogy.blogspot.com>

COOPERATIVE EFFORTS

In an effort to provide the local area with the best possible resources and capabilities in genealogy, L-AGS participates in ongoing cooperative endeavors with several organizations.

LIVERMORE LDS FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

L-AGS is not affiliated with the Mormon (LDS) Church. L-AGS does however partner with the Livermore LDS Family History Center (FHC) for various non-denominational genealogical events such as educational seminars, guest speakers, indexing projects and special interest groups.

LDS facilities at their Mocho Street, Livermore complex are often used for these. Several L-AGS members, both LDS and non-LDS, volunteer as docents at the FHC. They are available to assist you in your genealogy research. The FHC has several subscription research sites not readily available elsewhere.

The FHC is open Mondays 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday evenings 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. and Saturday 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. For further information please contact the center at (925) 443-2750 during these hours.

Center location map: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Liv-FHC.jpg>

HELP WANTED

Library Docent. Docent needed one Wednesday morning a month from 10am to 1pm. Contact the docent chair at <mailto:docents.chair@L-AGS.org>.

Proofreaders. Multiple projects need proofreaders. Contact Dick Finn at <mailto:rwwfinn@yahoo.com>.

Organizers and Helpers. Our Ask Granny program at Heritage Estates was very well-received and we'd like to do more programs at libraries and senior centers. Contact Patrick at <mailto:docents.chair@L-AGS.org>.

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<http://www.L-AGS.org/tvhh>

FUTURE L-AGS GENERAL MEETINGS AND OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE

Note: Some meetings have special schedules and locations during summer and holiday seasons. Check the specific listings above for details or contact the meeting Leader.

Topics of Future General Meetings		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
November 13, 2012	Black Diamond Mines Cemetery	Traci Parent
December 11, 2012	Member Sharing	Members

Regular Scheduled Events		
<i>Note: Some meetings have special schedules and locations during summer and holiday seasons. Check the specific listings above for details or contact the meeting Leader.</i>		
General Meeting Cheryl Palmer, Program Chair	Second Tuesday 7: 30 p.m.	Congregation Beth Emek 3400 Nevada Court Pleasanton Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Kay Speaks, TMG Leader	Third Saturday 9 a.m. – Noon (PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)	7077 Koll Center Parkway Suite 110 Pleasanton Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg
Writing Group Debbie Mascot	One Saturday a Month (TBD) 2: 30 p.m.–4: 30 p.m.	R.S.V.P. for address
Lunch 'n' Learn Debbie Mascot and Kay Speaks	One day every other month (TBD) 11:30a.m.–1p.m.	R.S.V.P. for address

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