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LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Happy Holidays!

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>.

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NEWS

2014 Membership Renewal

The 2013 L-AGS membership year will be ending December 31st. To continue enjoying the benefits of membership in L-AGS, be sure to renew your membership. Annual membership dues are due and payable by January 1st. For your convenience, the 2013 L-AGS membership renewal form is **on the last page of this bulletin**.

Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting: Serendipity**
When: Tuesday, December 10, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speakers: L-AGS Members
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: Personal Data Entry Party!**
When: Saturday, December 21, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group**
When: Saturday, December 14, 2013 – 2:30 p.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Lunch 'n' Learn: Field Trip to NARA in San Bruno**
When: Thursday, January 23, 2014 – All Day
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meeting**
When: Tuesday, January 7, 2014 – 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. Your guests should also sign in. Before leaving the meeting site, kindly leave our nametag at the membership table.

TOPIC: *Serendipity*

GUEST SPEAKERS: L-AGS Members

DATE: Tuesday, December 10, 2013 – 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>

Our theme this year is Serendipity. Have you ever stumbled across an unexpected discovery about your ancestors? Come hear about the results some of our members will share about their genealogical searches. You, too, may be able to use some of these same strategies in tracking down more details about your ancestors.

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

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: BACK TO BASICS! **"Personal Data Entry Party!"** Bring personal genealogy information to enter during our meeting—take time to share your challenges.

Date: Saturday, December 21, 2013, 9 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

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, <mailto:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org>

Instructors: Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

Continuing our series called *TV-TMG Back to Basics*, in December we will enter data into our personal database (make up for our cancelled October meeting). Bring your documents personal information! Let us know if you plan to join us on December 21—send an e-mail to: tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org.

Please bring a copy of our TV-TMG book, *Source Templates for The Master Genealogists, A Guide for Creating Computerized Genealogical Source Citation Templates*, to all future meetings as it will be our official workshop textbook. You can purchase a copy from:

<http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/tri-valley-tmg-users-group/source-templates-for-the-master-genealogisttm/paperback/product-20673683.html>.

Kindly R.S.V.P. to <mailto:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org> if you plan to attend the meeting and indicate if you will be bringing a laptop. Contact <mailto:tvmtg.editors@L-AGS.org>, if you have questions. Be sure to check our <http://tvmtgreports.blogspot.com/> before each meeting for up-to-date information regarding our meetings, including possible changes to current and future meetings, and meeting notes. From this website you will find links to our other website resources. Sign up and "follow" our blog, *Exploring Custom Reports with TV-TMG Users Group*. This is a great place to record our citation decisions, post notes and ideas from the meeting, as well as ask and answer questions. Kindly R.S.V.P. if you plan to attend the meeting and indicate if you will bring a laptop. Resources:

- Free software demo download: <http://www.whollygenes.com>
- Additional information contact: <mailto:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org>
- User group e-mail address: <mailto:tvmtg@L-AGS.org>
- Questions about our book, <mailto:tvmtg.editors@L-AGS.org>
- TV-TMG member private blog pre-August 2011: <http://tvmtgug.blogspot.com>
- Purchase our TV-TMG book from lulu.com: <http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/tri-valley-tmg-users-group/source-templates-for-the-master-genealogisttm/paperback/product-20673683.html>

WRITING GROUP

Writing Your Personal and Family History

Date: Saturday, December 14, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.

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

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

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

LUNCH 'N' LEARN

Field Trip to NARA in San Bruno

Date: Thursday, January 23 – All Day

Location: National Archives in San Bruno

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

This field trip is full, but Debbie is taking names for a waiting list in case of cancellations. Email to <mailto:writing.chair@L-AGS.org>.

DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

Join this discussion Group to share information with others who are interested in DNA testing for Genetic Genealogy, designing DNA tests to solve genealogical questions, and learning how to understand and use your DNA results. For those members who would like to join the DNA mailing list, please send a note to <mailto:changes@L-AGS.org> with "Add me to the DNA list" in the subject line.

SUMMARY OF LAST BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting Notes from November 26

The L-AGS board is still looking for interested members to attend the Livermore Cultural Arts Council meetings. The meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center. If you are interested, please contact Marilyn Cutting at <mailto:president@L-AGS.org>.

The annual election of L-AGs board will be held at the Dec. 10th general meeting. Nominations are still welcomed.

Jane Southwick and the rest of the nominating committee have put together a slate of officers for the upcoming year:

- President- Patrick Lofft
- 1st VP-Program Chair- Pat Northam
- 2nd VP-Membership Chair- Tom Mathews
- Business Manager- Duncan Tanner
- Corresponding Secretary- Cheryl Palmer
- Recording Secretary- Julie Liu

December board meeting will be held at Marilyn Cutting's home on January 7.

Many of the late Bob Ware's genealogical materials were donated to L-AGS. These are currently being sorted and some will be available to the membership at the monthly meetings.

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 library is located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue in Pleasanton. 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. Over 100 of the genealogy volumes may be checked out. Obtain information at the reference desk. The L-AGS genealogy reference book collection of 1,000 volumes resides in the Genealogy Section of the Pleasanton City Library. The L-AGS and the Friends of the Pleasanton Library provide access to the following subscription genealogy databases:

- Ancestry.com
- AmericanAncestors.org (formerly 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? Share with all of us the tale of your favorite research discovery. What ancestral anecdote will you share during holiday gatherings? Write up the Family History anecdote that will captivate the attention of your holiday table. Optimistically, you are drafting your first article for the Roots Tracer.

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 unborn generations will. We want to make sure that, when a descendant or distant cousin 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.

Do you know that the Roots Tracer is online soon after each issue is published? You can find the current and past issues from 1978 through 2013 here: <http://www.L-AGS.org/tracer/archives.menu.html>.

SPECIAL EVENTS

OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The **MacGen group**, a group for MacIntosh genealogy users, meets the second Wednesday in Oakland, California at the Oakland FamilySearch Center. Please see <http://www.macgen.org/> for more information.

The **San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society** meets the third Tuesday of every month in Danville, California at the Danville FamilySearch Center. Please see <http://srvgensoc.org/> for more information.

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.

TRI-VALLEY HISTORY COUNCIL EVENTS

A new page on the L-AGS Web site shows some of the upcoming history-related events being staged by member organizations of the Tri-Valley History Council (TVHC).

History-Related Events:

http://www.L-AGS.org/History_Events/HC_events.html

Tri-Valley History Council:

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

LIVERMORE LDS FAMILYSEARCH CENTER

L-AGS is not affiliated with the Mormon (LDS) Church. L-AGS does however partner with the Livermore LDS FamilySearch Center (FSC) 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 FSC. They are available to assist you in your genealogy

research. The FSC has several subscription research sites not readily available elsewhere.

The Mocho Street FSC 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:rwoffinn@yahoo.com>.

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		
Date	Topic	Presenter
January 14	Online Newspapers	Janice Sellers
February 11	Researching Your Old House	Loretta Kaskey
March 11	Hard Drive Organization: Making Use of Your Computer File Folders	Tim Cox, CGS

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 Patricia Northam, 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)	R.S.V.P. for address
Lunch 'n' Learn Debbie Mascot and Kay Speaks	One lunch hour every other month (TBD)	R.S.V.P. for address

Photos from the Banner on Page 1:



*Genealogy Tips & Tricks
L-AGS July 2013 General Meeting featuring Vera Broyles*



*Grandma, Who Are You?
L-AGS June 2013 General Meeting featuring Janice Sellers*



*Writing Your Family History
L-AGS May 2013 General Meeting featuring
Jane Southwick and Debbie Mascot (Debbie Mascot in photo)*



*January 2009 at the Pleasanton Library
Ellen Fletcher and Bill George, L-AGS docents.*



L-AGS Booth at the County Fair

2014 Membership

Membership Renewal Form

L-AGS annual membership dues are due and payable on or before January 1st. Please complete this form, attach your check, bring to the general meeting or mail to:

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 901
Livermore CA 94551
Email: membership@l-ags.org

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please check box below to indicate your membership choice:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual	\$18
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (2 or more people at same address)	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual Benefactor	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family Benefactor	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patron	\$100

Please indicate how you would like to receive *The Livermore Roots Tracer*:

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