



# e-Bulletin August 2014

## LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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### Happy Family Fun Month!

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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### !!!IMPORTANT NEWS!!!

#### **CHANGE OF DATE FOR FUTURE L-AGS' GENERAL MEETINGS**

Our long-time host for the L-AGS general meetings, Congregation Beth Emek, has asked us to consider changing our meeting date from the second Tuesday of each month to the second Monday of each month. As we appreciate the opportunity to use their marvelous facilities, L-AGS has agreed to this change.

# PHOTOGRAPHS!

**Calling your favorite ancestral photos.** Please submit to [debbie@mascotmanor.org](mailto:debbie@mascotmanor.org) with the following information. The pictures will be featured in the L-AGS e-bulletin banner and photo pages in the back.

<b>L-AGS Member:</b>	
<b>Relation:</b>	
<b>Name(s):</b>	
<b>Location:</b>	
<b>Year:</b>	

## Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting: Migration During the Gold Rush Era**  
When: Monday, August 11, 2014 – 7:30 p.m. **NOTE THAT THE MEETING IS MONDAY!**  
Guest Speaker: Sally Stevens
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: A Newcomer's Story—Start with a Passenger List**  
When: August 16, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.  
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group: Books about Writing**  
When: Saturday, August 30, 2014 – 2:30 p.m.  
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Lunch 'n' Learn**  
When: On break until Fall 2014  
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meeting**  
When: Tuesday, August 26, 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 your nametag at the membership table.*

**TOPIC:** *Migration During the Gold Rush Era*

**GUEST SPEAKER:** *Sally Stevens*

**DATE:** Monday, August 11, 2014 – 7:30 p.m. **NOTE: Meeting is on MONDAY!**

**LOCATION:** Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton

**Map to the Meeting Site:**

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

Sally Stevens was born in San Francisco and grew up in San Mateo. Her great great grandfather arrived in San Francisco in 1847 from Hawaii, bringing his family over the following year. Her great grandfathers on the other side of the family arrived in San Francisco in 1860 and 1870.

Sally graduated from UC in 1959 as a history major and settled in Berkeley with her husband the following year. Although she was lucky enough to have known all four grandparents, like many of us, she didn't ask enough questions while they were still alive. Her interest in genealogy really began in earnest when she received a box of documents and letters from her grandmother's house.

Because Sally's family settled in the San Francisco area and being a docent at the Oakland Museum, she became particularly interested in the Gold Rush and the settling of California. Sally will paint a picture of what life was like coming to California and living here once people arrived.

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

# TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

*The Master Genealogist Software*

**Topic:** *A Newcomer's Story—Start with a Passenger List*

**Date:** August 16, 2014, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**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:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>

**Instructors:** Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

Pick a passenger list or naturalization record. Depending on the time period or location, these records vary in content and availability.

Our August topic begins with a passenger list or naturalization record. Most of us have at least one in our family history. The following assignment questions deal with immigration into what is now the United States. Modify them as appropriate if your record of choice deals with immigration into another country. Assignment questions:

- 1) Cite your source.
- 2) Did you transcribe the information from the record?
- 3) Did you choose to abstract the information?
- 4) Did you create a custom tag for this record?
- 5) What law, or laws, governed the creation of your chosen record?
- 6) Write a narrative of at least two paragraphs.

Our new blog (<http://tvmtgadventures.blogspot.com/>) provides the detailed prompt, samples and ideas, and an opportunity for questions and sharing. Visit our website—even if you use a genealogy program other than TMG, try this exercise!

## WRITING GROUP

*Books about Writing*

**Date:** Saturday, August 30, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.

**Location:** Livermore Civic Center Library- RSVP for room location

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

In addition to talking about our writing goals and our writing projects, we will discuss some of our favorite books about writing. 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

*On break until Fall 2014*

**Date:** TBD

**Location:** TBD

**Chair:** Debbie Mascot, <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 on July 22, 2014*

The L-AGS board will be planning a joint speaker seminar with several area genealogical groups for the summer of 2015.

Heritage Happenings is being scheduled for October at area libraries.

# PLEASANTON GENEALOGY CENTER

A L-AGS docent is available at the Pleasanton City Library Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 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)

## LIVERMORE ROOTS TRACER NEWS

### August Issue

We are actively seeking summer related articles and photos for the August issue. We are also seeking short, entertaining updates about your current genealogy activities. Who are you researching? In what locations? What time period? What other genealogy related activities are you pursuing? Are you travelling? Indexing? Writing? Speaking? Instructing? Volunteering? Let us know. Share your genealogy pursuits with your genealogy friends at L-AGS. Please submit all articles, updates and columns to <mailto:rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org> by August 15th.

In addition to summer related articles, we also welcome articles the following subject matter:

- Updated, previously published Livermore Roots Tracer articles
- Your Famous and Not So Famous Ancestors
- Overcoming Brick Walls
- Traveling to Find Your Roots
- Old House & Building Histories
- Family Heirlooms
- Technology Related Articles
- Book Reviews, Poems, and Photographs

### Submitting Your Article

You can easily submit your article as an email attachment to L-AGS editor at <mailto:rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org>. Articles should be saved in either Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) or Rich Text format. Use footnotes to cite sources for facts that are not general knowledge. No need to worry about knowing how to cite history sources, our editors can assist you with this task. Photographs should also

be emailed as separate files and labeled. Please include possible captions for each item. Photographs, when scanned, should be in either .jpg or .tif format. Finally, please provide a headshot and short bio (50-60 words) with an email address. Your headshot and bio will be placed at the end of your article so that members, readers, and unknown relatives can easily contact you.

### **Author's Rights**

By submitting an article for publication in the Livermore Roots Tracer, you agree to grant the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society one-time print publication rights, and the right to publish the article on its website in the Roots Tracer Archive. All other rights not expressly granted in this agreement are fully reserved by you. In addition, you acknowledge that you are the original author and are free to grant publication rights and that your article does not contain material that is consciously libelous or defamatory.

Please feel free to contact L-AGS editor, Teresa "Terri" Fraser via email <mailto:rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org> or telephone (925) 361-7179 to discuss your article ideas or to answer any questions you may have.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### *OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS*

The **MacGen group**, a group for Macintosh genealogy users, meets the second Wednesday and the fourth Saturday 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](http://www.L-AGS.org/History_Events/HC_events.html)

*Tri-Valley History Council:*

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

## **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 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:rwwfinn@yahoo.com>.

**Oak Knoll Cemetery.** The Oak Knoll Cemetery Project needs some help. Dick Finn and his cousin in England, Peter Kitchingham, are working on identifying all of the people buried at the old Oak Knoll Cemetery at the corner of Stanley and Wall St. in Livermore. This project will conclude with a book listing all these people and something about their families including photographs of gravestones where available. We have a listing of articles about these people in local newspapers. It would be a great service if a few people would take the time to look up and copy these articles for the project. Microfilm of the papers are at the Livermore Library and the Livermore Heritage Guild. If you can help please contact Dick at <mailto:rwwfinn@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.*

<b>Topics of Future General Meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
September 8	Where There's A Will: Probate Records Can Prove Family Connections	Janice Sellers
October 13	Land and Property Records	Vera Broyles
November 10	"It Becomes My Painful Duty..." Uncovering the Stories in Letters of Condolence	Susan Goss Johnston

<b>Regular Scheduled Events</b>		
<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 Monday 7:30 p.m.	Congregation Beth Emek 3400 Nevada Court Pleasanton Map: <a href="http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg">http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg</a>
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Kay Speaks, TMG Leader	Third Saturday 9 a.m. – Noon <b>(PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)</b>	7077 Koll Center Parkway Suite 110 Pleasanton Map: <a href="http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg">http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg</a>
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:



***Virginia Kysh- Cemeteries- L-AGS General Meeting July 14, 2014***



***Dublin Heritage Guild Cemetery Tour, 2013***



***Susan Goss Johnston- Writing Your Family History- L-AGS General Meeting May 2014***



<b>L-AGS Member:</b>	Debbie Conner Mascot
<b>Relation:</b>	Maternal grandparents
<b>Name(s):</b>	Charles Albert Badgley and Ethyl Maxine Shelton
<b>Location:</b>	At Mormon Island (now in the middle of Folsom Lake, California)
<b>Year:</b>	ca1940