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LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Happy Thanksgiving!

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 pages.

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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2015 Renewal

It's time to renew your membership for 2015! Please see the last page of the bulletin for your Membership Renewal Form.

PHOTOGRAPHS!

Calling your favorite ancestral photos. Please submit to 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.

L-AGS Member:	
Relation:	
Name(s):	
Location:	
Year:	

Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting:** *Stories in Letters of Condolence*
When: Monday, November 10, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Susan Goss Johnston
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group:** *Family Stories and Family Traditions*
When: Saturday, November 15, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group:** *Evernote*
When: Saturday, November 22, 2014 – 2:30 p.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meeting**
When: Tuesday, November 4, 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: *"It Becomes My Painful Duty...": Uncovering the Stories in Letters of Condolence*

GUEST SPEAKER: *Susan Goss Johnston*

DATE: Monday, November 10, 2014 – 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>

More than 600,000 men died in the Civil War. The letters their families received may provide clues to records that will help uncover fascinating, but heart-breaking stories about the soldiers and the ones they left behind.

Susan Goss Johnston is a 2011 ProGen alumna, a graduate of the Advanced Methodology and Evidence Analysis course at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, the National Institute on Genealogical Research, and the National Archives' lecture and lab course, Going to the Source. She is a co-editor of the recently published Source Templates for The Master Genealogist. Her personal research focuses on families in New England and the Mid-Atlantic region, and she specializes in military records. A former Maryland resident, she now lives in California, and continues teaching intermediate and advanced genealogy courses. She is a frequent speaker at local meetings and conferences.

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

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: *Family Stories and Family Traditions*

Date: Saturday, November 15, 2014, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Family Stories and Family Traditions—Every family has them!

Using November's "prompt," a family story or family tradition, write a short narrative using TMG. We all have family stories or family traditions. Have you found out how and why these stories or traditions started? Were you able to verify and/or find out what started the story or tradition? Write a short narrative or more and answer the associated questions. What correlations did you notice?

Did you need a new tag? How did you formulate your source citations? Did a source generate new questions?

Our new blog (<http://tvtmgadventures.blogspot.com/>) provides the detailed prompt, samples and ideas, and an opportunity for questions and sharing.

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>.

Contact <mailto:tvtmg.editors@L-AGS.org>, if you have questions.

Please be sure to check our <http://tvtmgreports.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:

- Additional information contact Kay & Sue: <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>
- User group e-mail address: <mailto:tvtmg@L-AGS.org>
- Questions about our book, <mailto:tvtmg.editors@L-AGS.org>
- TV-TMG member private blogpre-August 2011: <http://tvtmgug.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

Evernote

Date: Saturday, November 22, 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 the note-taking application Evernote. This was scheduled for October’s meeting, but Debbie had a family emergency. This month, she will show how we can use it in our genealogy 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.

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

September Board Meeting Summary – October 7, 2014

The programs for the general meetings are planned through August 2015. L-AGS is actively seeking a replacement starting in Jan. 2015 when the current term ends. The renewals for 2015 have begun and will continue throughout 2014.

October Board Meeting Summary – October 28
(forthcoming)

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

There's still time to have your article published in the Livermore Roots Tracer before the end of 2014. Please submit all articles by Monday, November 10th. Holiday related articles and photos are especially welcome. I'm also seeking short, entertaining updates about your current and future genealogy activities for the "Member Happenings" section that debuted in our August issue. Why don't you take a few minutes now and write a paragraph or two about your activities and email them to me now at <mailto:rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org>.

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.

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>.

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: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		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
December 8	Hitting the Mother Lode	Teresa Parham
January 12	Vital Records and the Calendar Change of 1752	Janice Sellers

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 Monday 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

Photos from the Banner on Page 1:



Book Presentation from December 2006. Books were presented to local schools in the memory of the late past L-AGS president, Jon Bryan. Left to right: teacher, Anne Homan, Jane Southwick and Gail Byran.



L-AGS at the Alameda County Fair



L-AGS General Meeting with Sally Stevens



L-AGS Member:	Debbie Mascot
Relation:	Grandmother and grandfather (and an aunt or friend off to the side)
Name(s):	Ethyl Maxine Shelton Badgley and Charles Albert Badgley
Location:	Mormon Island, CA (now the middle of Folsom Lake)
Year:	circa 1935

L-AGS Membership Renewal Reminder

Dear L-AGS member,

We will begin accepting L-AGS membership renewals for the 2015 calendar year in October. In order to join or renew, please complete the form below, attach your check, bring to the general meeting or mail it to:

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society

P.O. Box 901
Livermore CA 94551

2015 Membership Renewal Form

L-AGS annual membership dues are due and payable on or before January 1st.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ email: _____

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

email U.S. Mail

The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society is exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3)(public charity) of the Internal Revenue Code and California Taxation Code 2301g.

Please indicate your membership choice below:

Individual	\$18___
Family (2 or more people at same address)	\$25___
Individual Benefactor	\$40___
Family Benefactor	\$40___
Patron	\$100___

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns:

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