



# e-Bulletin May 2019

## LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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*Today is tomorrow's history.*

**Preserve your family's past for  
future generations.**



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### Happy Mother's Day!

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.

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>.

*Note: In the banner above is a photo of a statue from the Pleasanton Library called, "Girl Reading." This has a very special connection to L-AGS as it is there in memory of L-AGS member, Judy Person's daughter, Sarah Anne Lees (named after her 4th great-grandmother). It was sculpted by a Utah sculptor named Dennis Smith, as is the similar one of the girl reading to a boy.*

## Social Media Links

Join us on the following social media sites:

- ❖ **Facebook Page** Like this!: <https://www.facebook.com/Livermore.Amador.Genealogical.Society/>  
This will hold announcements and meeting information.
- ❖ **Facebook Group** Join this!: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1142643925760388/>  
We will hold discussions here.
- ❖ **Twitter** Revisited! Follow this!: <https://twitter.com/LAGSociety>  
We are working on adding and "re-tweeting" genealogical information from the tech world.
- ❖ **Google+** Follow us!: <https://plus.google.com/u/0/112176337994372346038>
- ❖ **Amazon Smile:** <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2421522>

## Request for Volunteer

Arnie Koslow is resigning his Membership Chair Board position due to health reasons. Any member interested in this position should contact Julie Liu ([president@L-AGS.org](mailto:president@L-AGS.org)).

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## Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting:** *Around the Horn with F.C. Ewer*  
When: Monday, May 13, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.  
Guest Speakers: Teresa Parhnam
- ❖ **Let's Talk Genealogy**  
When: Saturday, May 11, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.  
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group:** *"List of" Reports and Q&A*  
When: Saturday, May 25, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.  
Chair: Duncan Tanner
- ❖ **Writing Group**  
When: Saturday, May 11, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.  
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meeting**  
When: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 – 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:** *Around the Horn with F.C. Ewer*

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Teresa Parhnam

**DATE:** Monday, May 13, 2019 – 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 7:00 p.m.)

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

**Map to the Meeting Site:**

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

Since she presented to L-AGS in 2014, the story of the discovery of her four times great-grandfather's diary at the California Historical Society's North Baker Research Library, Parham has continued to research her ancestor's records of her ancestor's trip around Cape Horn and time in Early California.

For additional information contact: Tom Mathews, L-AGS Program Chair, email: [program@L-AGS.org](mailto:program@L-AGS.org)

Refreshments following the program.

**IMPORTANT: CHANGES TO JUNE AND JULY MEETINGS:**

The June General Meeting has been changed to a Family History Workshop on Saturday, June 8, from noon to 4:00 pm at the Family History Center, 950 Mocho St, Livermore. Small groups will work together to help each other locate family history documents.

The July 8 General Meeting speaker (Gena Philibert-Ortega) will present two sessions. In order to give enough time for her presentations, her talk will begin at 7:00 pm. (earlier than usual).

## LET'S TALK GENEALOGY GROUP

**DATE:** Saturday, May 11, 2019 – 3:00 p.m

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

**Chair:** Debbie Mascot, <mailto:talkgenealogy.chair@l-ags.org>

To join the email list, please send a note to <mailto:changes@L-AGS.org> with "Add me to the Let's Talk Genealogy list" in the subject line.

Join us to discuss anything and everything genealogy. Have a question? Have a brick wall? Have a new find or new source? Come meet and share with others.

# TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

*The Master Genealogist Software*

**Topic:** Reports and Problem Assistance

**Date:** Saturday, May 25, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** San Ramon. Contact the group chair for directions (<mailto:tvvmg.chair@L-AGS.org>).

**Chair:** Duncan Tanner, <mailto:tvvmg.chair@L-AGS.org>

This month we will continue to look at simple reports for the "list of" type, We want to think about the relationship between report output options, filter options and the data available. The group is always available to help with a variety of TMG questions. As usual the meeting will be available on the web using Join.me

Kindly R.S.V.P. if you plan to attend the meeting and indicate if you will bring a laptop. Resources:

- Additional information contact Duncan:  
<mailto:tvvmg.chair@L-AGS.org>
- User group e-mail address: <mailto:tvvmg@L-AGS.org>

The TV-TMG book, Source Templates for The Master Genealogists, A Guide for Creating Computerized Genealogical Source Citation Templates, is available. Purchase information is provided below. Contact <mailto:tvvmg.editors@L-AGS.org>, if you have questions.

- Questions about our book, <mailto:tvvmg.editors@L-AGS.org>
- Purchase our TV-TMG book from lulu.com:  
<http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/tri-valley-tmg-users-group/sourcetemplates-for-the-master-genealogisttm/paperback/product20673683.html>

## WRITING GROUP

**DATE:** Saturday, May 11, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.

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

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

To join the email list, please send a note to <mailto:changes@L-AGS.org> with "Add me to the Writing Group list" in the subject line.

Meet with us to discuss your biographical or genealogical writing goals and accomplishments. Each month, bring 4 copies of your latest writing and the group will bring to the following meeting with their comments.

## SUMMARY OF LAST BOARD MEETING

*Board Meeting Summary for April 23, 2019*

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Members should check if their employer has a matching funds program for donations (L-AGS is considered a 501(c) public charity and membership dues can be claimed as a charitable contribution).

## LIVERMORE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

Several L-AGS members, both LDS and non-LDS, volunteer as docents at the Livermore 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. 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 950 Mocho Street, Livermore complex are often used for these. Note: The entrance is in the front of the building on the right—there is a sign on the door. If the parking in front of the building is full, there is a large parking lot in the rear of the building.

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

## 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))
- Heritage Quest (in Library & at home)

## LIVERMORE ROOTS TRACER NEWS

We are actively seeking articles and photos for the Roots Tracer. Some items we are looking for are 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. Please submit all articles, updates and columns to <mailto:rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org>.

We 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, feel free to provide a headshot and short bio (50-60 words) about yourself 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

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# SPECIAL EVENTS

## OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The **MacGen group**, a group for Macintosh genealogy users, meets the second Wednesday of each month 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>

## 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>.

**Person with a Scanner and Time Wanted!** There are years' worth of L-AGS Board Meeting Minutes that could use some digitizing (to clear space from the Recording Secretary's home!). If you have a scanner and time, please let the President know at: <mailto:president@L-AGS.org>.

# 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>Month</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
June 2019 <i>NOTE: Meeting will be on Saturday, June 8 from noon to 4:00 pm at the Family History Center, 950 Mocho St, Livermore</i>	Seminar: Working together to find those stubborn ancestors	L-AGS Members
July 2019 <i>NOTE: Meeting will begin at 7:00pm</i>	Her Name was Not Unknown: Finding Female Ancestors  We're Related to George Washington? Proving (or Disproving) Family Stories	Gina Phlibert-Ortega
August 2019	Restoring and Documenting an Old Cemetery	Bill Hewitt
September 2019	Ciao to Your Ancestors in Italian Civil Records	Karen LaDuca
October 2019	TBD	TBD
November 2019	Meet Your DNA Match	Dawn Kosmakos

<b>Regular Scheduled Events</b>		
General Meeting Tom Mathews, 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>
Let's Talk Genealogy Debbie Mascot	Third Saturday 32:00 p.m. January – October <b>(PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)</b>	Livermore Civic Center Library (RSVP Please)
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Duncan Tanner	Fourth Saturday 12:00 p.m.	San Ramon
Writing Group Debbie Mascot	Third Saturday January – October 3:00 p.m. <b>(PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)</b>	Livermore Civic Center Library (RSVP Please)