

Serving family history of the Livermore, Pleasanton and
southeastern portion of Alameda County, in the beautiful San
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Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society P.O. Box 901, Livermore, California 94551

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January 2026

Renewal Time!

It's time to renew your L-AGS membership and we've made it easy by creating a form and allowing payment via PayPal. If PayPal isn't your thing, there are other options. Visit this page of our website to learn more:

<https://www.l-ags.org/application.html>

General Meeting: Travel Your Tree: Where Ancestry Meets Adventure With: Lisa M. Vogele

Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 7:00 p.m. (Zoom chat starts at 6:30 p.m.)

Location: via Zoom- Preregister via ZOOM below:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/t_POoa5aQ2-hl2p5z2r1dQ

Chair: Program Chair, <mailto:program@L-AGS.org>

Cost: No Charge - Visitors welcome

Details: Please see page 2

Other Special Interest Groups and Meetings

Fourth Friday Finds

Topic: *Genealogy Friends and Finds*

Join virtually to delve into family history stories, finds, and resources.

Date: Friday, January 23, 2026

Location: Virtual via Zoom. Email Chair for Zoom invite.

Chair: Debbie Mascot,

<mailto:bulletin.manager@L-AGS.org>

Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2026
at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Contact Chair for the Link

Chair: Program Chair,
<mailto:program@L-AGS.org>



Board Meeting Summary- December 2, 2025

With our President needing to step down, the L-AGS board is in need of new members! As an honorary board member, I (Debbie Mascot) can personally tell you that we have a ton of fun together and would love YOU (yes, you) to join us!

The next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

Research Locations

Livermore California FamilySearch Center

Location: 950 Mocho Street, Livermore, California

Phone: (925) 443-2750

Web: <https://locations.familysearch.org/en/us/ca/livermore/950-mocho-st?qp=Livermore%2C+California%2C+United+States&lat=37.68202&lng=-121.76837&r=50>

Special Notes: 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.

Pleasanton Genealogy Center

Location: 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, California

Email: docents.chair@L-AGS.org for appointment with docent

Special Notes: 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. Access to Ancestry.com (Library-edition) and Heritage Quest (also available at home with your library card)

L-AGS Leadership

We need volunteers to serve on the board for the coming year. If you are interested in helping L-AGS continue to serve the community, please consider serving on the board. The duties are fairly light and can take up as little as a couple hours a month. The open positions are:

- President
- Program Chair
- Membership Chair
- Corresponding Secretary
- Recording Secretary
- Board Member at Large (3 positions)

L-AGS Membership

Thank you to our Members, Benefactors and Patrons for the continued support of L-AGS.

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L-AGS Members 72 active memberships

What is ChatGPT Good for?!?

By Debbie Mascot

I asked ChatGPT to write a poem for a newsletter about genealogy and New Year's Day. Here it is, with my own edits (because ChatGPT got some things kinda wonky).

Roots Through the Turning Year

On New Year's Day, the clock stands still
for just a breath of gleaming light—
we hold the past within our hands,
and greet the future, clear and bright.

The names we trace through faded ink,
the stories whispered, saved, and told,
become the threads that stitch our hearts
to those who came in years of old.

A census line, a weathered stone,
a letter creased with time-worn care—
each clue a lantern on the path,
each memory a prayer.

We walk beside our pioneers,
their hopes and trials intertwined;
their echoes guide our searching steps,
their courage steadying our minds.

And as the calendar turns anew,
we honor every path they paved—
for every life we learn and keep
is one more love, remembered... saved.

So here's to roots that hold us fast,
and branches reaching toward the sky—
to stories waiting to be found,
and all the questions yet to try.

This year, we'll keep the flame alight—
with gratitude for those before,
and joy for every precious name
we bring back through the door.