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LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Happy Family History Month!

This is the e-bulletin from the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society (L-AGS), provided monthly to those interested in the happenings of L-AGS. If you would prefer not to receive this bulletin, please contact us at the email address below in this box and your address will be removed.

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Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting: *Remember the Ladies***
When: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 - 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speakers: Beverly Lane and Betty Mattos Casey
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: Source Citation—Probate Records (QCM 487)**
When: Sunday, October 16, 2011 (note date change) – 1:00 p.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Study Group: DAR Public Website—Genealogical Research System**
When: Thursday, October 27, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Board Meeting**
When: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Members are welcome to attend board meetings.

GENERAL MEETING

NOTE: Members please sign in at the membership table upon arrival at the monthly General Meeting. Please have your guests also sign in. Before heading home, please remember to leave your nametag at the membership table.

TOPIC: Remember the Ladies Program- Centennial of California Women's Vote Oct 10, 1911

GUEST SPEAKERS: Beverly Lane and Betty Mattos Casey

DATE: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 - 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.html>

This is the story of Rose (Rosie) Lawrence Peters, a daughter of Tassajara Valley immigrants who came from the Azores in the mid 1860s. Her parents met when they worked on the Wood Ranch in Sycamore Valley. They share-cropped, then purchased land in Tassajara Valley. Rose overcame hardship, became literate, was of strong character, and registered to vote as soon as she could in 1912.

Beverly Lane, curator of the San Ramon Valley Museum, local historian, author, former mayor of Danville, and President of the East Bay Regional Park District Board will be our moderator.

Betty Mattos Casey, a direct descendent of another Azorean family who came to America with little or no education or money, will play the part of Rose Lawrence Peters.

For additional information contact: Dick Finn, Program Chairperson Email: <mailto:programs@L-AGS.org>

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: Source Citation- Probate Records (QCM 487)

Date: Sunday, October 16, 2011- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Note time change)

Lunch Meet Up, Noon: Rage Super Burgers, Bernal & Valley, Pleasanton

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

Map to the meeting site:

<http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.html>

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

Instructors: Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

We start with a short Q&A—bring your questions, then continue with source templates for probate records. Probate (aka estate or succession) books and files carry many labels across time and place. A record typically falls into one of two categories: (a) a clerk's copy recorded in a bound volume or (b) a loose document, usually found as part of a packet, 10.30-10.37 pages 522-530 (second edition), Quick Check Model 487 (Jurisdiction and series as lead element in Source List).

STUDY GROUP MEETING

Topic: DAR Public Website–Genealogical Research System (GRS)- Guest Speaker Kristina Ahuja, L-AGS and Ohlone Chapter DAR

Date: Thursday, October 27, 2011 – 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: 7077 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 110, Pleasanton, CA 94566
(Note New Permanent Location)

Map to the meeting site:

<http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.html>

After nearly a decade of scanning, indexing, and other behind-the-scenes work by DAR members and employees, the Daughters of the American Revolution is pleased to announce the availability of the **DAR Genealogical Research System** on their public website. The DAR Genealogical Research System (GRS) is a combination of several databases created in recent years to organize the large quantity of information the DAR has collected since its inception in 1890.

What are your research goals? Let the Study Group help you achieve these goals by suggesting topics of interest for future meetings. E-mail <mailto:study.chair@L-AGS.org>. We appreciate your suggestions and feedback!

Please RSVP if possible so we can make certain we have enough handouts and seating. Do you have a genealogy brick wall? Let the Study Group help you brainstorm your research options. Use our L-AGS Study Group list for any genealogy topic discussion or computer interest questions. L-AGS has many knowledgeable researchers willing to share their expertise! Give them the opportunity to help you by e-mailing your questions to the L-AGS Study Group at <mailto:study.group@L-AGS.org>. Do you want to attend Study Group meetings? Use this e-mail address requesting carpooling options.

SUMMARY OF L-AGS BOARD MEETING

September 27, 2011 - This summary was prepared by Patricia Northam, our recording secretary:

L-AGS now has 223 members. 63 attended the September general meeting. Thirteen members are new since January.

L-AGS assets are \$10,730.41. L-AGS made a \$75 donation to the Angel Island Foundation.

At the September general meeting the recommended change to the Bylaws, Article VI, Section C, passed.

The Board passed the motion "L-AGS will keep one copy of each book and the masters for each. The rest will be put out at meetings for purchase by members at discounted prices or donations. Remaining copies will be donated."

The Board discussed various ways to meet the needs of our membership.

L-AGS will donate *More Names of Our Ancestors* to Salt Lake City Family History Library. They will need to order on Lulu for *Early Livermore, California, Obituary Information*.

PRESERVE YOUR STORIES IN THE ROOTS TRACER

"Publish or Perish" that is a pressure under which scholars advance or not. For genealogists, it is "Publish or Regret." Will you regret your failure to publish?

Begin now with a small article. Your initial success will be your springboard for braver future articles.

Our *Roots Tracer* offers all members the opportunity to preserve the chronicles of their families in print and on the Internet. Some generations don't care, but other generations do. We want to make sure that, when someone is interested, even 100 years from now, the basic information will be there for them. 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.

If you need assistance composing your story, the *Roots Tracer* staff <mailto:tracer@LAGS.org> and/or <mailto:managing.editor@L-AGS.org> may be able to help you. Written articles should be approximately 300 to 1,500 words. Photos and lineage charts always increase the reader's interest in your revelations. The quarterly deadline for the November issue is the 15th of October, 2011. Patrick Lofft, Editor.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN AND AROUND TOWN

TRI-VALLEY HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

L-AGS will participate in the Tri-Valley Heritage Happening in October 2011. This month-long event will take place under the auspices of the Tri-Valley History Council, a network of local history centers, historic sites, libraries, museums and genealogical societies dedicated to preserving the History of the Tri-Valley. The emphasis will be on that history and the organizations working to preserve it for current and future generations. For events, please see Independent News Cultural Arts Calendar at: http://independentnews.com/event_calendar/cultural_arts_calendar

L-AGS will have places in the libraries at different times, so please check the calendar and visit! Or sign up to join in helping the community learn about the exciting hobby of family history research!
<mailto:A07@L-AGS.org>

OTHER FEATURED EVENTS

Northern California Family History Expo, 10/7 and 10/8, all day, San Mateo County Event Center. See <http://www.familyhistoryexpos.com> for more information.

Black Family History Day, 10/8, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Oakland Regional Family History Center. See <http://www.aagsnc.org> for more information.

"Finding Your Roots" a free Chinese Genealogy Seminar. 10/8, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dublin LDS Church, 8203 Village Parkway, Dublin. See xxxx for more information.

“Digging for Your Roots”, Concord’s 17th Annual Family History Seminar with over 43 different presentations to choose from, 10/15, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Concord LDS Church, Concord. Call Jackie Hein (925) 827-4729 for more information.

Family History Day at the California State Archives, 10/15, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., California State Archives, Sacramento, CA. See <http://www.fhdnews.blogspot.com> for more information.

Federal Secrets Revealed by John P. Colletta, Ph.D. Fall Seminar, 10/29, 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Menlo Park Family History Center. See http://www.smcgs.org/temporary/fall_2011_seminar.pdf for more information.

Ancestry Day, 11/5, all day, Hyatt Regency in San Francisco. See <http://www.californiaancestors.org> for more information.

OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Macintosh Genealogy Society, 10/22, 7:00 p.m. Oakland Regional Family History Center. See <http://www.macgen.org> for more information.

San Ramon Genealogical Society, 10/25, 10:00 a.m., Danville Family History Center. See <http://srvgensoc.org/sig.html> 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.

L-AGS GENEALOGY BOOK COLLECTION AND LIBRARY

The L-AGS genealogy book collection resides in the Genealogy Section of the Pleasanton City Library. The Pleasanton Library provides subscription genealogy databases Ancestry.com, New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) and Fold3.com (previously Footnote) in the library only and Heritage Quest (in Library & at home) accessibility with library card. A L-AGS docent is available Wednesday 10 AM-1 PM and 6 PM - 9 PM, or by appointment, e-mail: <mailto:docents.chair@L-AGS.org>

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 study 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 FHC 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.html>

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>
November 8, 2011	Find-A-Grave, what it is and how to use it to its fullest	Deborah Ann Ratto Dash
December 13, 2011	Member Sharing	L-AGS members

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 Dick Finn, Program Chair	Second Tuesday 7:30 p.m.	Congregation Beth Emek 3400 Nevada Court Pleasanton Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.html
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Kay Speaks TMG Leader	Third Saturday 9 a.m. - Noon	7077 Koll Center Parkway Suite 110 Pleasanton Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.html
Study Group Kay Speaks Study Group Leader	Fourth Thursday 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	7077 Koll Center Parkway Suite 110 Pleasanton Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.html