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LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Happy Holidays!

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.

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>.

Special Notices

❖ December 2011 L-AGS Meeting

Not only does the December 2011 general meeting on December 13 feature *YOU* and your genealogical creations, it is also your chance to vote for the 2012 L-AGS board for next year. Get to know the board members of 2012 and help others with ideas for sharing genealogy (or pick up some ideas for yourself!).

❖ L-AGS 2012 Membership Renewal

The 2011 L-AGS membership year will be ending soon. To continue enjoying the camaraderie, education, resources and knowledge benefits of membership in a genealogical society like L-AGS, be sure to renew your membership.

The 2012 L-AGS membership year starts January 1st. Annual membership dues are due and payable by January 1st. Those in arrears for dues for two months shall be considered past members.

For your convenience, the 2012 L-AGS membership renewal form is on the final page of this bulletin. If you haven't already done so, please take the time to fill it out and mail it in. Or, bring it to the December general meeting on Tuesday, December 13th.

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Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting: Member Sharing Night**
When: Tuesday, December 13, 2011 - 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speakers: Our Own Members

- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: Data Entry Party**
When: Saturday, December 17, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks

- ❖ **Study Group: NO NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER MEETING**

- ❖ **Board Meeting**
When: Tuesday, January 3, 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: Member Sharing Night

GUEST SPEAKERS: Our Own Members

DATE: Tuesday, December 13, 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.jpg>

Our members, from fairly new to long time researchers, will share ways they got family members interested in their own family histories. As a bonus members who have published family histories will have them on display.

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

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: Data Entry Holiday Party!

Date: Saturday, December 17, 2011- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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.jpg>

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

Instructors: Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

TIME TO PUT OUR UNIQUE TV-TMG SOURCE CITATION TEMPLATES TO WORK!

TV-TMG DATA ENTRY HOLIDAY PARTY!

entering your personal genealogy data into your TMG live database

In December bring your own personal genealogy to enter into your TMG live database. What is your most unusual document? What is your favorite document? Your oldest record found or most challenging document to input?

We wish to thank Elizabeth Shown Mills for publishing Evidence Explained, Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace, First and Second Editions, which we have used as our text while creating our unique collection of Tri-Valley TMG Users Group source citations that approximate Mill's. Beginning in January, we will start our new topic—creating reports in TMG. We have some unique reporting surprises coming your way in 2012!

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

The TV-TMG Users Group has a public blog, <http://tvtmggee.blogspot.com> where we are publishing and sharing our TV-TMG source templates that approximate Mills' Evidence Explained. These templates may be downloaded for personal use by individuals. Societies and groups of individuals wishing to use our templates should contact the L-AGS's TV-TMG chair at <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>.

STUDY GROUP MEETING

No study group meeting in December.

Special Interest Groups

Do you talk to another L-AGS member about your common Native American ancestry? Do you reminisce about your Timbuktu heritage? Do you share ideas with each other? Then guess what you have? **A special interest group!** Why not make it official and let others join in. No one needs to be an "expert". Just share ideas. To start a special interest group, all it takes is two.

Some upcoming 2012 member-lead special interest groups:

- *Lunch 'n' Learn meetings*
- *Family History Writing and Sharing*

SUMMARY OF L-AGS BOARD MEETING

November 29, 2011 – This summary was prepared by Patricia Northam.

L-AGS has 223 members. 44 attended the November general meeting, four of whom were guests.

L-AGS assets are \$10,460.74.

30,000 names are now in the Heritage Families database. Dick Finn has received several queries regarding possible heritage family members.

Doug Mumma discussed how L-AGS uses the e-mail system. He also shared statistics about our databases as well as the controls for spam.

Danville and San Ramon libraries are now members of the Tri-Valley History Council.

The official copy of the L-AGS By-Laws will be kept by the Recording Secretary.

PRESERVE YOUR STORIES IN THE ROOTS TRACER

"Publish or Regret" Will you regret your failure to publish?

February is cupid's month. Tell us a tale about an ancestral marriage.

How did you research the details about their romance?

Were you among those who assisted with Tri-Valley Heritage Happenings?

Briefly relate one or two anecdotes about your TVHH experiences.

Begin now with a small article. Your initial success will be your springboard for braver future articles. Your tale of ancestral lovers for the February Roots Tracer will be an excellent impetus for your first article.

Our Roots Tracer offers all members the opportunity to preserve their family chronicles in print and on the Internet. Some generations don't care, but other generations will. 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 February issue is the 15th of January, 2012. Patrick Lofft, Editor.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN AND AROUND TOWN

OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Macintosh Genealogy Society, 12/14, 7:00 p.m. Oakland Regional Family History Center. See <http://www.macgen.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.

PLEASANTON GENEALOGY CENTER

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. 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.jpg>

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>
January 10, 2012	Planning and Executing a Major Genealogical Road Trip	Bill Hewitt

Regular Scheduled Events		
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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.jpg
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.jpg
Study Group To Be Determined Study Group Leader	Fourth Thursday 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. No meeting in November or December	Location to be determined

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2012 Membership

Membership Renewal Form

L-AGS annual membership dues are due and payable on or before January 1st. Please complete this form, attach your check, bring to the general meeting or mail to:

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 901
Livermore CA 94551
Email: <mailto:membership@l-ags.org>

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

_____ **YES**, include my name, phone number and email in the 2012 L-AGS Member Directory.

Please check box below to indicate your membership choice:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual	\$18
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (2 or more people at same address)	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual Benefactor	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family Benefactor	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patron	\$100

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