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LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Happy New Year!

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 page.

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

Writing Group Results

The L-AGS writing group's first annual contest results were recently announced:

- 1st Place- Barbara Hempill (Barbara's stories actually won first and second place!)
- 2nd Place- Gloria Lotten
- 3rd Place- Duncan Tanner
- 4th Place- Joyce Tafoya

Special thanks to the judges, Patrick Lofft, Jane Southwick, and Biff and Nancy Barnes of Stories to Tell Books (<http://www.storiestotellbooks.com>)

Are You A Local Historian (or interested in local history)?

The Carnegie State Vehicular Recreational Area is in the midst of planning what to do with existing historical park property as well as two other areas that need to be decided what to do with. Some of this property consists of the old towns, petro glyphs and other prehistoric aspects. Do you want it open for children's field trips? Do you want it open for off-road vehicles? Look into it and lodge your vote. <http://www.carnegiegeneralplan.com/project-overview>

2013 Membership Renewal

The 2012 L-AGS membership year will be ending December 31st. 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. Annual membership dues are due and payable by January 1st. For your convenience, the 2013 L-AGS membership renewal form is [on the last page of this bulletin.](#)

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Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting: *Midway: The People, the Town, the Cemetery, the Research***
When: Tuesday, January 8, 2013 - 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Richard Finn
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: *Using TMG and Microsoft Word's Styles Feature to Create Consistent Professional Looking Reports***
When: Saturday, January 26, 2013, 9:00 a.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group**
When: Saturday, January 12 - 2:30 p.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Lunch `n` Learn: *Social Media for Genealogy***
When: Thursday, January 24 - 11:30 a.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meetings**
December
When: Wednesday, January 2, 2013 - 7:00 p.m. **NOTE DATE CHANGE**
January
When: Tuesday, January 22, 2013 - 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. Please have your guests also sign in. Before heading home, please remember to leave your nametag at the membership table.

TOPIC: Midway: The People, the Town, the Cemetery, the Research

GUEST SPEAKER: Richard Finn

DATE: Tuesday, January 8, 2013 - 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>

Richard will talk about his research into the ghost town of Midway on the eastern edge of Alameda County. His interest started with the vandalized cemetery and led to knowing more about the town that once was and the people who lived there. This was a challenging project with little published work and misspelling of the names of some of the main players.

Richard Finn is a long time genealogist and local historian. He is president of the San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society and past president of L-AGS.

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

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: Using TMG and Microsoft Word's Styles Feature to Create Consistent Professional Looking Reports

Date: Saturday, January 26, 2013, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Lunch Meet Up, Noon: The Habit Burger Grill & Panda Express Food Court, Bernal & Valley Avenue Shopping Center, 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, tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org

Instructors: Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

Learn how to use Microsoft Word's styles feature to create professional looking journal reports. Word styles can be used to replicate the exact formats required by NGSQ and NEHGR journal reports, and once defined, you can apply styles to sections of your report with a single click.

Please be sure to check our TV-TMG blog website, <http://tvmtgreports.blogspot.com/>, before each meeting for up-to-date information regarding our TV-TMG meetings, including possible changes to current and future meetings. From this website you will find links to our other website resources. Sign up to "follow" our new blog, *Exploring Custom Reports with TV-TMG Users Group*, where you will find more information about publishing and sharing our TV-TMG source templates.

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 TVTMG chair at <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>. We are researching options for publishing our templates online.

Kindly R.S.V.P. if you plan to attend the meeting and indicate if you will bring a laptop. Do not forget to check our private blog, Tri-Valley TMG User Group, at <http://tvtmgug.blogspot.com>. This is a great place to record our citation decisions, post notes and ideas from the meeting, as well as ask and answer questions. Learning assignments and challenges are posted on this website. If you have not received an invitation to join the blog readership, please e-mail Sue Johnston at <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>.

Resources: A free demo version of the software may be downloaded at <http://www.whollygenes.com>. For additional information contact: <mailto:tvtmg.chair@l-ags.org>. The user group e-mail address is <mailto:tvtmg@L-AGS.org>.

WRITING GROUP

Writing Your Personal and Family History

Date: Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.

Location: R.S.V.P for meeting location

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

We will be talking about writing techniques and our goals. To join the writing group email list, please send a note to <mailto:changes@L-AGS.org> with "Add me to the Writing SIG list" in the subject line.

LUNCH 'N' LEARN

Social Media for Genealogists

Learn to use Facebook, Twitter, Google Plus and other social media outlets for your genealogy.

Date: Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 11:30 a.m.

Location: R.S.V.P for meeting location

Chair: Debbie Mascot and Kay Speaks, <mailto:writing.SIG.chair@L-AGS.org>

DNA MAILING LIST

Join this list 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. 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

December Board Meeting not held until January 2.

PLEASANTON GENEALOGY CENTER

A L-AGS docent is available at the Pleasanton City Library Wednesday 10 AM-1 PM and 6 PM - 9 PM, 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. The L-AGS genealogy book collection resides in the Genealogy Section of the Pleasanton City Library. The Pleasanton Library provides access to the following subscription genealogy databases:

- Ancestry.com
- New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)
- Fold3.com (previously Footnote)
- Heritage Quest (in Library & at home)

PRESERVE YOUR STORIES IN THE ROOTS TRACER

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

Hopefully you are putting the finishing touches on your first article for The Roots Tracer. If you need assistance composing your story, the Roots Tracer staff <mailto:tracer@LAGS.org> and/or <mailto:managing.editor@L-AGS.org> is willing and able to help you. Written articles should be approximately 300 to 1,000 words. Photos and lineage charts always increase the reader's interest in your revelations.

Begin now with a small article. A few paragraphs are a beginning. Your initial success will be your springboard for braver future articles. Tell all of us the tale of your favorite research discovery. Which of your findings filled you with awe, surprise and pride?

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 in the Library of Congress as well as on the World Wide Web. 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.

Did you know that the Roots Tracer is online soon after each issue is produced? You can find the current and past issues here: <http://www.l-ags.org/tracer/archives.menu.html>

SPECIAL EVENTS

OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

African American Research Workshop, January 9 at 6:00 p.m.
Oakland, CA. For more information see:

[https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Oakland California Large Multi-stake Family History Center/Class Schedule](https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Oakland_California_Large_Multi-stake_Family_History_Center/Class_Schedule)

Research Night at the Family History Center, January 10 at 7:00 p.m.
Concord, CA. For more information see:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cacccgs/>

U.S. Colonial Research and Managing Computer Files, January 12 at 9:00 a.m. Santa Clara, CA. For more information see:

<http://www.svcgg.org/>

Help Me Find My Revolutionary War Ancestor, January 12 at 1:00 p.m. Santa Clara, CA. For more information see:

<http://www.scchg.org/>

Hard Drive Organization: Making Better Use of Your Computer File Folders, January 13 at 1:30 p.m. San Francisco, CA. For more information see:

<http://www.jewishgen.org/sfbajgs/>

Legacy Planning: What Happens to Your Research after You're Gone? January 15 at 10:00 a.m. Alamo, CA. For more information see:

<http://srvgensoc.org/>

Field Trip to New Sutro Library, January 23 at 10:00 a.m. San Francisco, CA. For more information see:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e6pde0te9c198342&llr=4fa9r6bab>

Using Excel and Word to Analyze and Present Your Genealogy Research, January 26, 1:00 p.m. Oakland, CA. For more information see:

<http://californiaancestors.org/>

Reunion Family Group Sheets and Twitter, January 26, 1:30 p.m. Oakland, CA. For more information see:

<http://www.macgen.org/>

The California Genealogical Society (CGS) is offering a series of Intermediate Genealogical Research topics in 2013. Full class descriptions on the California Genealogical Society and Library website at <http://www.californiaancestors.org>.

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 FAMILYSEARCH CENTER

L-AGS is not affiliated with the Mormon (LDS) Church. L-AGS does however partner with the Livermore LDS FamilySearch Center (FSC) 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 FSC. They are available to assist you in your genealogy research. The FSC 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>.

Proofreaders. Multiple projects need proofreaders. Contact Dick Finn at <mailto:rwwfinn@yahoo.com>.

Organizers and Helpers. Our Ask Granny program at Heritage Estates was very well-received and we'd like to do more programs at libraries and senior centers. Contact Patrick at <mailto:docents.chair@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.

Topics of Future General Meetings		
Date	Topic	Presenter
February 12, 2013	What do Docents Do?	Patrick Lofft
March 12, 2013	Fun Tools to Help Genealogists Work Smarter	Tim Cox, CGS
April 9, 2013	Maps and Land Records	Teresa Fraser

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 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 (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
Lunch 'n' Learn Debbie Mascot and Kay Speaks	One lunch hour every other month (TBD)	R.S.V.P. for address

Photos from the Banner on Page 1:

*Combined surname index
for
four cemeteries
in
Livermore, California*

Memory Gardens Cemetery
Oak Knoll Cemetery
Roselawn Cemetery
Saint Michael's Cemetery

An index to all sections of the book
"Livermore Cemeteries"
published in 1988 by

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 901
Livermore, California 94551

MacLAGS 95

A small collection of genealogy programs for the Macintosh

Published by

The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society

January 14, 1995







Debbie Mascot's 4-H Family History Project giving a presentation to the club.

2013 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: membership@l-ags.org

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

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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