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Happy St. Valentine'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

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

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: *What Do Docents Do***
When: Tuesday, February 12, 2013 - 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Patrick Lofft
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: *How to Create a Research Notes Summary Report***
When: Saturday, February 16, 2013, 9:00 a.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group**
When: Saturday, February 9 – 2:30 p.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Lunch `n` Learn: *Next meeting in March***
When: To Be Determined
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meetings**
When: Tuesday, February 26, 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: What Do Docents Do

GUEST SPEAKER: Patrick Lofft

DATE: Tuesday, February 12, 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>

Patrick's discussion and slide show will acquaint us with the wide variety of shelved volumes and online databases available at the Pleasanton Library. He will show us how the Genealogy Docents can assist researchers in the utilization of City Directories, Google Books, Heritage Families, DAR Patriot Index, Passenger Lists, Army Enlistment Records, Homestead Records, and many more resources.

Patrick's interest in genealogy spans 50 years. He is the current Editor of the L-AGS publication *Roots Tracer* and is the chairperson for the Pleasanton Library Docents.

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

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: How to Create a Research Notes Summary Report

Date: Saturday, February 16, 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, <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>

Instructors: Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

How to Create a Research Notes Summary Report: After you have taken your research trip (physical or internet), you need to document your process and research results. It's not enough to simply enter dates, places, events, and document images in your genealogy software. You need a report that provides detailed research notes, document by document, followed by analysis and conclusions, as well as document images, transcriptions, tables and charts. Imagine a report that can be created by TMG from data you have previously entered into your database! See an example of such a report on Sue's website:

<http://freepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdtmgug/education/advrrptx.htm>.

This will be our last TV-TMG meeting featuring TMG generated reports. In March, we begin a new back-to-basics workshop using our already created

TV-TMG workshop database, which includes our custom reports and personalized source citations as they appear in our new book.

NEW TV-TMG BLOG: Please be sure to check our TV-TMG blog website, <http://tvtmgreports.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. Learning assignments and challenges are posted to this website. Sign up to "follow" our new blog, *Exploring Custom Reports with TV-TMG Users Group*. Here is where you will find more information about 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 TVTMG chair at <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>. Watch for the announcement of where to order our new book!

WRITING GROUP

Writing Your Personal and Family History

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.

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

Chair: Debbie Mascot, <mailto:writing.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 list" in the subject line.

LUNCH 'N' LEARN

Next Meeting in March

Date: To Be Determined

Location: To Be Determined

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

DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

Join this discussion Group 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. For those members who would like 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 Notes (meeting held January 2)

The Tri-Valley History Council will be working on the Tesla Rd. project and wants help to scan and digitize newspapers.

January 22 Board Meeting Notes (meeting held January 22)

George Anderson has one remaining "Livermore Cemetery" book available. TMG's newly printed book for TMG templates is available. A teleloop system for the Hearing impaired is being explored for any hearing impaired members at the general meeting. Please let us know when you check-in if you would like to use this system. A new easier to use website is available at Holy Cross cemetery, Colma, CA

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?

Optimistically, you began the New Year with a draft of your first article for the Roots Tracer. If you seek assistance composing your story, the Roots Tracer staff is prepared and eager to help you. Send an email to:

<mailto:rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org>.

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 unborn generations will. We want to make sure that, when a descendant or distant cousin 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 published? 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

Obituaries, Allin Kingsbury and Making Sense of FamilySearch Family Tree, February 9 at 9:00 a.m. Santa Clara, CA. For more information see: <http://www.svcgg.org/>

The Healing Power of Genealogy, February 9 at 11:00 a.m. Oakland, CA. For more information see: <http://californiaancestors.org/>

Hispanic Genealogy, February 12 at 2:00 p.m., Redwood City, CA. For more information see: <http://www.smcgs.org/>

Introduction to Genetic Genealogy, February 13 at 10:00 a.m. Oakland, CA. For more information see: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~caebaygs/index.htm>

Vital Records, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. Concord, CA. For more information see: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~caccqgs/>

Cemeteries Are Not a Dead Subject, February 15 at 1:15 p.m. Rossmoor Creekside Clubhouse, 1010 Stanley Dollar Dr., Walnut Creek, CA. Sponsored by Mount Diablo Genealogical Society

From DNA to Genetic Genealogy: Everything You Wanted to Know but Were Afraid to Ask with Steve Morse, February 17 at 1:00 p.m. Oakland, CA. For more information see <http://www.jewishgen.org/sfbajgs>

Searching behind the Census, February 19 at 10:00 a.m. Alamo, CA. For more information see: <http://srvgensoc.org/>

Beginner's Seminar Part 1: Getting Started, February 20 at 1:00 p.m. Santa Clara, CA. For more information see: <http://www.scchgs.org/>

Seminar: Help Me Find My Civil War Ancestor! February 23 at 1:00 p.m. Santa Clara, CA. For more information see: <http://www.scchgs.org/>

Entering Sources into Reunion and Facebook, February 23, 1:30 p.m. Oakland, CA. For more information see: <http://www.macgen.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>.

HELP OFFERED

Mason County, WV and Gallia County, OH

A researcher named Kathy Crusco has offered the following: *My family is from Mason County in West Virginia and Gallia County in Ohio. I have a lot of research materials available and I know how to access others, and am always willing to help other genealogists research family ties in these areas. You may contact me at <mailto:kcrusco@comcast.net>.*

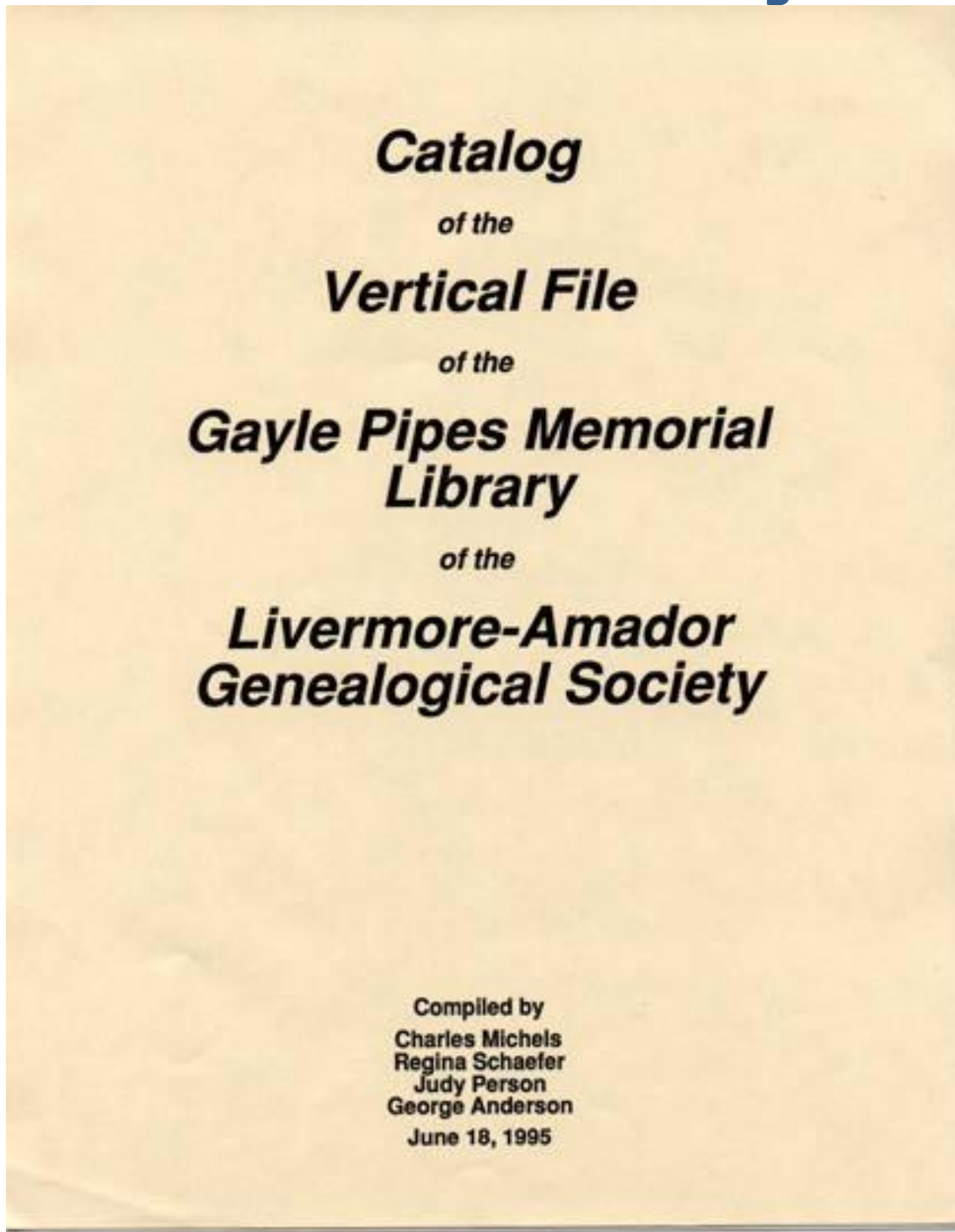
FUTURE L-AGS GENERAL MEETINGS AND OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE

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
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:







Kay Speaks reading her poetry at the East Meets West 7th Annual Exhibit



L-AGS at the Livermore Library



Where did you come from Livermore Library Event 2012

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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