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April Showers Bring May Flowers!

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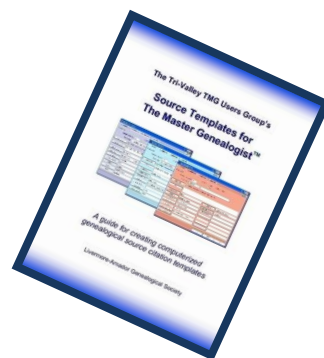
Please share your photos and stories of the photos. If you would like the banner to include any of your photos or if you have a story about one of the photos, please send them to Debbie at: <mailto:bulletin.manager@L-AGS.org>. There are large versions of these photos located on the final page.

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

New L-AGS Book!

The Tri-Valley The Master Genealogist User Group, one of the L-AGS special interest groups, has created a book and about sixty have been sold all over the world already! This book is a guide for creating computerized genealogical source citation templates for The Master Genealogist(TM) software package. Each source type template includes the template structure for footnotes and bibliography, as well as citation examples of each. Book may be purchased here: <http://www.lulu.com/shop/tri-valley-tmg-users-group/source-templates-for-the-master-genealogisttm/paperback/product-20673683.html>



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Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting: *Maps Hold Clues to Your Family History***
When: Tuesday, April 9, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Teresa Costa Fraser
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: *Creating Custom Tags, Investigating Data Input for Report Output***
When: Saturday, April 20, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group**
When: Saturday, April 6 – 2:30 p.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Lunch `n` Learn: *To Be Determined***
When: Next Meeting in May
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meetings**
When: Tuesday, April 23, 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: Maps Hold Clues to Your Family History

GUEST SPEAKER: Teresa Costa Fraser

DATE: Tuesday, April 9, 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>

Learning about the places your ancestors called home is an important part of family history. Maps can point the way, as they provide a wealth of information to help you learn about the places your ancestors lived and how the physical surroundings affected their lives.

Genealogist and map enthusiast, Teresa Costa Fraser will discuss some of the popular types of maps that can be used to trace your family's history, including topographic maps, fire insurance maps, road maps, historical maps, township plat maps, cemetery maps, pictorial maps and even battlefield maps. She will also discuss the value of each type of map and how to locate and access them. Travel back in time with Teresa as she shares lots of map examples from her own research of the places her ancestors lived, including the Azores, Virginia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Washington and California.

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

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: BACK TO BASICS! Creating Custom Tags, Investigating Data Input for Report Output

Date: Saturday, April 20, 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

We begin our second meeting in a new series called *TV-TMG Back to Basics*. Our April meeting will continue to focus on *Creating Custom Tags—Investigating Data Input for Report Output*. Tags are used to record life events. Learn how to customize TMG Tags to create reports for analysis or for publication. Please bring a copy of our TV-TMG book, *Source Templates for*

The Master Genealogists, A Guide for Creating Computerized Genealogical Source Citation Templates, to all future meetings as it will be our official workshop text book.

You can purchase a copy from:

<http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/tri-valley-tmg-users-group/source-templates-for-the-master-genealogisttm/paperback/product-20673683.html>. Contact <mailto:tvvmg.editors@L-AGS.org>, if you have questions.

Please be sure to check our <http://tvvmgreports.blogspot.com/> before each meeting for up-to-date information regarding our meetings, including possible changes to current and future meetings, and meeting notes. From this website you will find links to our other website resources. Sign up and "follow" our blog, *Exploring Custom Reports with TV-TMG Users Group*. This is a great place to record our citation decisions, post notes and ideas from the meeting, as well as ask and answer questions.

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

- Free software demo download: <http://www.whollygenes.com>
- Additional information contact Kay & Sue: <mailto:tvvmg.chair@L-AGS.org>
- User group e-mail address: <mailto:tvvmg@L-AGS.org>
- Questions about our book, <mailto:tvvmg.editors@L-AGS.org>
- TV-TMG member private blog: <http://tvvmgug.blogspot.com>
- Purchase our TV-TMG book from lulu.com: <http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/tri-valley-tmg-users-group/source-templates-for-the-master-genealogisttm/paperback/product-20673683.html>

WRITING GROUP

Writing Your Personal and Family History

Date: Saturday, April 6, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.

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

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

In addition to talking about writing techniques and our goals, we will have Patrick Lofft, Roots Tracer editor, talk to us about the format needed for the Roots Tracer. 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 May

Date: To be determined

Location: To Be Determined (Livermore or Pleasanton)

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

March Board Meeting Notes from March 26

The May general meeting date has changed to May 21 due to a conflict at Congregation Beth Amek. 60 TMG books have been sold to date. Have you renewed your L-AGS membership? If not, your membership is now overdue. Old Issues of The Livermore Journal from the early 1900's are being scanned.

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. Over 100 of the Genealogy volumes may be checked out. Obtain information at the reference desk. The L-AGS genealogy reference book collection of 1,000 volumes resides in the Genealogy Section of the Pleasanton City Library. The L-AGS and the Friends of the Pleasanton Library provide 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?
Tell us your story. Optimistically, you are drafting 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? The deadline for the May 2013 issue is April 1.

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.

Do 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

What's New at FamilySearch? April 6 at 11:00 a.m. Fairfield, CA. For more information see: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~cascgsi/>

Race, Religion, and Reading Records Right, April 6 at 1:00 p.m. San Francisco, CA. For more information see: <http://californiaancestors.org/>

Resources at the Family History Library, April 10 at 10:00 a.m. Oakland, CA. For more information see: <http://caebaygs.blogspot.com/>

Reunion Report Preferences and Pinterest, April 27 at 1:30 p.m. Oakland, CA. For more information see: <http://www.macgen.org/>

Using DNA to Solve Your Genealogical Mysteries, April 27 at 9:30 a.m. Oakland, CA. For more information see: <http://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>.

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
May 21 <i>Note: May meeting will be the THIRD Tuesday as our site has a conflict on our usual night.</i>	Self-Publication Process	Debbie Mascot & Jane Southwick
June 11	Grandma, Who Are You? Finding Women in Your Family Tree	Janice M. Sellers
July 9	Tips and Tricks for More Accurate Genealogy	Vera Broyles

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

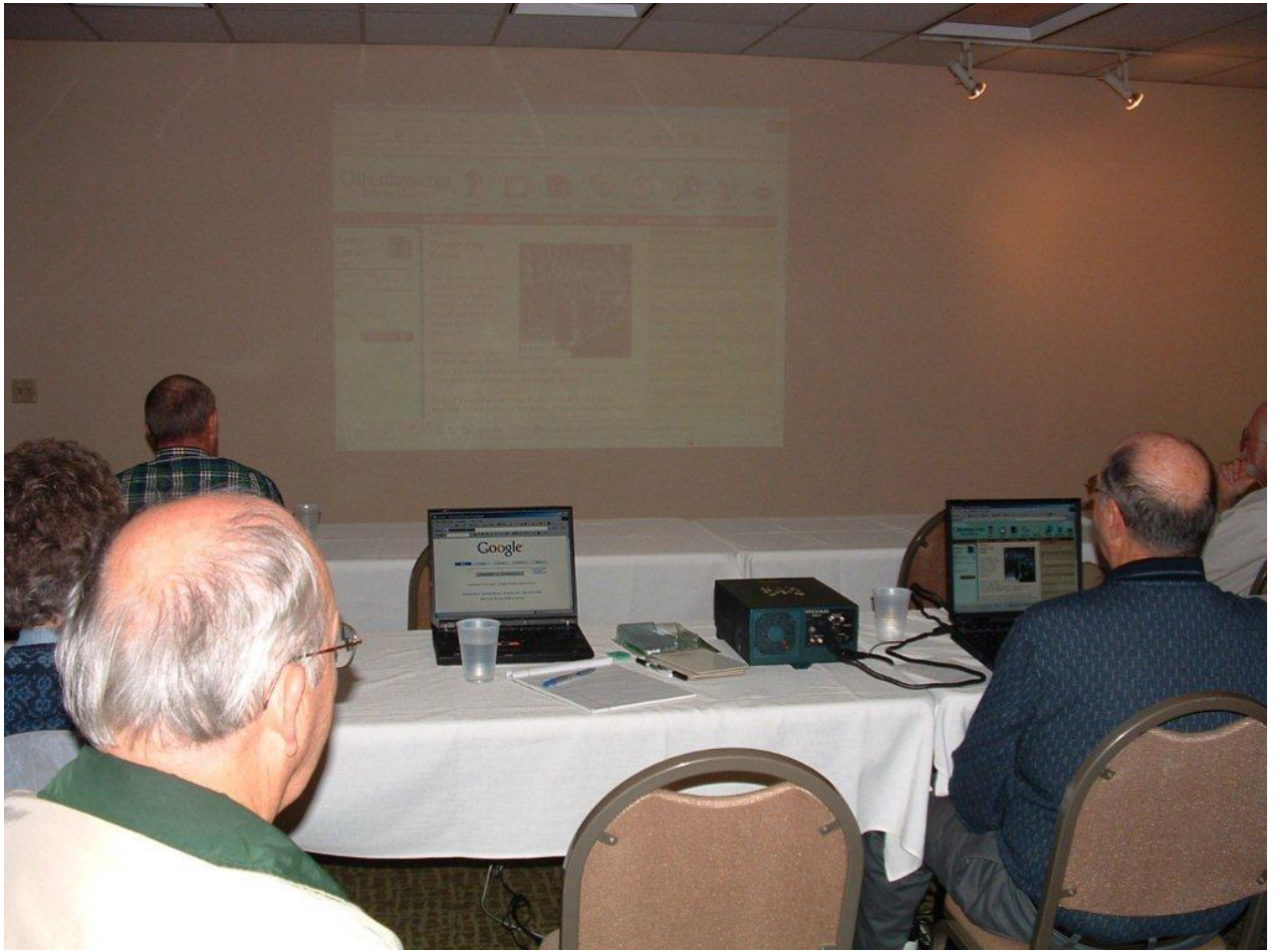
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With best wishes, *Laura Bush*

Beth Twogood, First Lady Laura Bush and Peggy Norman in front of the White House tree







Alameda County Fair



Livermore Library 2013 Heritage Happenings



Tim Cox speaking on Fun Tools to Help Genealogists at the March 2013 L-AGS General Meeting