



# e-Bulletin June 2013

## LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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### Happy Summer!

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

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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

### **Good luck to Mary Dillon! You will be missed!**

We were able to honor Mary Dillon at our May general meeting and at a luncheon given to her by our board as she is preparing to move to Cheyenne, Wyoming this month to live near her daughter and her family.

Mary Dillon has been a member of L-AGS for 15 years and has contributed to our Society for all of that time. She was the one who suggested our participation in the Alameda County Fair at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds where we were able to acquaint many people to the benefits of genealogy. She has served on our board and been our President. She has written many articles for the Roots Tracer which you can read on our web pages. She has presented talks at our general meetings. She was one of the founders and has served as an excellent secretary for the History Council.

We are sorry to see Mary leave but we know she will continue her membership with L-AGS. In her thank you note she wrote, "You have been my 'family' for over 15 years, and I will surely miss you all. While I am excited about moving to Cheyenne and being near our daughter and her family--and meeting members of my new genealogy society, I will always remember your friendship fondly."

Mary, we will also remember you fondly. May you enjoy your new life and home.

## **New Digitized Book!**

We have added another digitized book to the L-AGS collection of online data files. "Index to Wood's 1883 'History of Alameda County'" can now be found at:

[http://www.L-AGS.org/wood/Wood\\_FHL\\_intro.html](http://www.L-AGS.org/wood/Wood_FHL_intro.html)

This book was previously published in print by L-AGS in 1999. The print edition is still available from L-AGS at <http://www.L-AGS.org/pubs.html>.

## **In Honor of John (Jack) Walden**

*August 6, 1929 – May 21, 2013*

John, a L-AGS member and volunteer, serving as a docent for the genealogy library program, passed away in May. Below is the obituary his family shared. John will be greatly missed by his genealogy friends.

*John lost his fight with leukemia on Tuesday (May 21, 2013). He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He touched more lives than you could ever imagine and will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of meeting him.*

*John was born in Steubenville, Ohio to Herbert and Loretta Walden. He graduated from Ohio University with a chemistry degree. He was employed by Battelle, Los Alamos and Livermore Laboratories for over 35 years. After retiring he had an interest in genealogy, all outdoor activities and spending as much time as possible with family and friends. He especially loved following all of his children and grandchildren's activities. He also had a love for reading.*

*John is survived by his loving wife Vera, of 65 years, devoted children Bev, son in law Jim, Barbie, and son John, daughter in law Linda and grandchildren Dan and Jennifer, his loving sister Betty Sheets and numerous nieces and nephews.*

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# Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting:** *Grandma, Who Are You? Finding Women in Your Family Tree*  
When: Tuesday, June 11, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.  
Guest Speaker: Janice M. Sellers
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group:** *Continuing TMG Back To Basics! Create a Personalized TMG Backup Strategy*  
When: Sunday, June 23, 2013 – 1:00 p.m. (Date and Time Change)  
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group**  
When: Saturday, June 22 – 2:30 p.m.  
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Lunch 'n' Learn:** *Reports We Use in Genealogy*  
When: Wednesday June 19 – 11:30 a.m.  
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meetings**  
When: Tuesday, June 25, 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. Your guests should also sign in. Before leaving the meeting site, kindly leave our nametag at the membership table.*

**TOPIC:** *Grandma, Who Are You? Finding Women in Your Family Tree*

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Janice M. Sellers

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 11, 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>

Female relatives can be difficult to trace, but they can be found. This presentation discusses resources for tracing the women in your family, such as family items, census records, immigration records, vital records, church records, journals, newspapers, legal and court records, library archives, and manuscript collections.

Janice M. Sellers is a professional genealogist who specializes in Jewish and newspaper research. She is the publicity director for the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society and the editor of two genealogy journals. She is also a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Genealogical Speakers Guild, the California Genealogical Society, and the African-American Genealogical Society of Northern California, among others. She has been on the staff of the Oakland FamilySearch Library since 2000.

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

# TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

*The Master Genealogist Software*

**Topic:** Continuing TMG Back To Basics! Create a Personalized TMG Backup Strategy

**Date:** Sunday, June 23, 2013, 1:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Date & Time Change)

**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:tvvmg.chair@L-AGS.org>

**Instructors:** Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

Continuing our new series called *TV-TMG Back to Basics*, the June meeting topic is *Create a Personalized TMG Backup Strategy*. Is your database protected against accidents, power surges, virus attacks, overwriting your database by accident, and other catastrophes? Do you want to learn to backup your data to the cloud? Bring an external device to the meeting for practice.

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.

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, pre-August 2011:  
<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, June 22, 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 talk about our writing goals and our writing projects. 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

*Forms We Use in Genealogy*

**Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** To Be Determined (Livermore or Pleasanton)

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

Bring your favorite genealogy forms for a "show and tell." As the RSVPs roll in, I'll let you know the total number of copies you should bring, but get them ready to go! Please RSVP to Debbie at <mailto:writing.chair@L-AGS.org> so that we can determine the number of people and a place.

## 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

*May Board Meeting Notes from May 28*

Mary Dillon a long time member is moving to Cheyenne Wyoming. Heritage Happenings will be Oct 14th 1-5 and Oct. 23rd 1-5 at the Livermore Library. Volunteers will be needed to help newcomers with their genealogy.

## 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
- AmericanAncestors.org (formerly 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 the story about the occupation of one or more of your ancestors. 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 August 2013 issue is July 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

**The Southern California Genealogy Jamboree!** This is one of the largest genealogy events in California! Held in Burbank, California at the Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel from June 7 through June 9. For more information, please see <http://genealogyjamboree.org/>.

**Our Own Kay Speaks!** Kay is participating in "Where a Painter Meets a Poet" with her poetry—both genealogical and non-genealogical. The opening reception is on Saturday, June 22 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m at the Pleasanton Public Library. For more information contact: <mailto:Lily.xu@comcast.net>

**The Family History Expo is coming!** This is a wonderful event full of genealogy information, classes, and vendor information. It is held in Sacramento, California on June 28 and June 29, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza Sacramento Northeast. For more information, please see <https://www.familyhistoryexpos.com/viewevent/index/62>.

The **MacGen group**, a group for MacIntosh genealogy users, meets the second Wednesday and the fourth Saturday in Oakland, California at the Oakland FamilySearch Center. Please see <http://www.macgen.org/> for more information.

The **San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society** meets the third Tuesday of every month in Danville, California at the Danville FamilySearch Center. Please see <http://srvgensoc.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.*

## 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:rwfinn@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.*

<b>Topics of Future General Meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
July 9	Tips and Tricks for More Accurate Genealogy	Vera Broyles
August 13	Navigating FamilySearch.org	Ralph Severson
September 10	Using City Directories	Lisa Gorrell

<b>Regular Scheduled Events</b>		
<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: <a href="http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg">http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg</a>
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Kay Speaks, TMG Leader	Third Saturday 9 a.m. – Noon <b>(PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)</b>	7077 Koll Center Parkway Suite 110 Pleasanton Map: <a href="http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg">http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg</a>
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:













*With best wishes,* *Laura Bush*

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

