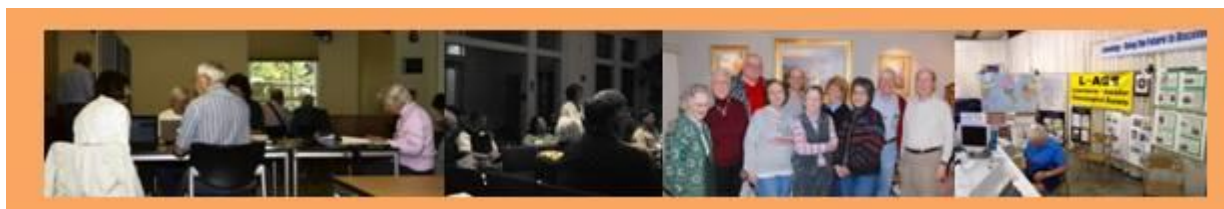




# e-Bulletin August 2013

## LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## NEWS

### ***In Memory of Bob Ware***

On July 21, 2013, long time L-AGS member Bob Ware passed away in Livermore. He is survived by his wife Norma Harris Ware and his two children and their families. He will be interred at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery with military honors.

### ***NEW COLLECTION OF GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION JUST RELEASED***

L-AGS has posted a new database on its Web site which will be of interest to people researching the history of the Tri-Valley area. This is the first of several books that L-AGS will be placing online and in print based on the research of the late Mildred "Millie" Freitas.

"Millie" Freitas, 1919-2012, was a well-known Tri-Valley genealogist who hired students to transcribe birth, marriage, death and other vital data from microfilm of early issues of the Livermore Herald. She compiled it all in a typewritten manuscript in 2000, and made it ready to publish, but never did so for some unknown reason.

Our database consists of searchable images of the typescript, plus a newly compiled index of 11,000+ entries. To view the data, go to <http://www.L-AGS.org> and click on "Searchable Local Records - Cemetery, Census, etc." Then scroll down to the category "Biographical and historical data" and click on "The Mildred E. Freitas Collection: Genealogical data extracted from the Livermore [California] Herald, 1899-1913." The print version of this book is now available from Lulu at <http://www.l-ags.org/pubs.html>. Editors of the Web and print editions are George Anderson, Patrick Lofft and Terry Berry. We thank Doug Mumma for many contributions.

### 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

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>.

In addition, the Livermore High School book has been revised to include over 48% more names than the first edition. It includes rosters of graduating seniors from the Livermore school, the first Union High School to be approved by state authorities in California, as well as an unbroken run of rosters from 1893-1969. Some of the annual rosters were compiled by the school many years after the graduation and include short retrospective biographies of the student. This book is now available from Lulu at <http://www.l-aggs.org/pubs.html>.

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## Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting:** *Navigating the FamilySearch Website*  
When: Tuesday, August 13, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.  
Guest Speaker: Ralph Severson
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group:** *Creating Bookmarks, More Reports for Identifying Missing Items in Your Database, Adding Stories for Professional Looking Reports and TMG Wish List*  
When: Saturday, August 17, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.  
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group**  
When: Saturday, August 24 – 2:30 p.m.  
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Lunch `n` Learn:** *Genealogy Education*  
When: Thursday, August 22 – 11:30 a.m.  
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meetings**  
When: Tuesday, August 27, 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:** *Navigating the FamilySearch Website*

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Ralph Severson

**DATE:** Tuesday, August 13, 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>

Ralph Severson has been the Director of the Oakland Family Search Library since 2009. Previous to that he served as a volunteer. Ralph has been an avid genealogist for 40 years with research specialties being Portuguese, French, Southern States, and a developing interest in Australia. He is a retired partner of an investment banking firm, and recently completed a term as chairman of a U.K.-based real estate company.

Ralph will give us background about the FamilySearch.org website. He will explain the various features - what is least important, worthwhile, and of the greatest value. Ralph will explain how to use the records as well as how to use research Wiki, research courses, and how to use Family Tree.

Come learn how you can maximize your use of the FamilySearch.org website.

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

## TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

*The Master Genealogist Software*

**Topic:** *Creating Bookmarks, More Reports for Identifying Missing Items in Your Database, Adding Stories for Professional Looking Reports and TMG Wish List*

**Date:** Saturday, August 17, 2013, 9 a.m. – Noon

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

**Instructors:** Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

Continuing our new series called TV-TMG Back to Basics, in August we will learn to create bookmarks, continue with more samples of reports to help determine what is missing in your database, and discuss how to add stories into TMG for a more professional looking report. Review our TMG wish list to submit to Whollygenes for enhancement consideration.

Do you have a specific challenge of this type? Let us know — send an email to [tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org](mailto:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org). Kindly R.S.V.P. [Kay Speaks](#) if you plan to attend the meeting and indicate if you will be bringing a laptop.

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 textbook.

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:tvmtg.editors@L-AGS.org>, if you have questions. Be sure to check our <http://tvmtgreports.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:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org>
- User group e-mail address: <mailto:tvmtg@L-AGS.org>
- Questions about our book, <mailto:tvmtg.editors@L-AGS.org>
- TV-TMG member private blog pre-August 2011:  
<http://tvmtgug.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, August 24, 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

*Genealogy Education*

**Date:** Thursday, August 22, 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>

We'll discuss different sources of our genealogy education. Bring your favorite educational source ideas to share! 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

*July Board Meeting Notes from July 23*

Heritage Families-The group will start working on two additional families from the Alma branch. Heritage Happenings will be in October-volunteers will be needed. The revised edition of the Livermore High School book and Millie Freitas research book will be published soon and available for purchase.

## 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](http://www.l-ag.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 November 2013 issue is October 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-ag.org/tracer/archives.menu.html>.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### *OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS*

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:rwoffinn@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>
September 10	Using City Directories	Lisa Gorrell
October 8	Finding Your Revolutionary War Ancestor	Richard Ferman
November 12	Quaker Research	Garl Satterthwaite
December 10	Member Share- Show and Tell	L-AGS Members

<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:



***General Meeting, March 2013.***





*July 1995, Alameda County Fair*