



# e-Bulletin October 2013

## LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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### Happy Family History Month!

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>.

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## NEWS!

See the new history-related events page on the L-AGS website. See the [Cooperative Efforts](#) section for information.

# Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting:** *Finding Your Revolutionary War Ancestor*  
When: Tuesday, October 8, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.  
Guest Speaker: Richard J. Ferman
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group:** *Continuing TMG Back to Basics! Our topic: "Personal Data Entry Party!" Bring your genealogy information to enter into your personal TMG database*  
When: Saturday, October 19, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.  
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group**  
When: Saturday, October 19 – 2:30 p.m.  
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Lunch 'n' Learn:** *Family History Gifts*  
When: Thursday, October 24 – 11:30 a.m.  
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meeting**  
When: Tuesday, October 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. Your guests should also sign in. Before leaving the meeting site, kindly leave our nametag at the membership table.*

**TOPIC:** *Finding Your Revolutionary War Ancestor*

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Richard J. Ferman

**DATE:** Tuesday, October 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 Ferman's lecture is based on 60 years of research, frustration, and verification of records in applications to the SAR and the DAR. Richard will make us aware of what is expected and how to anticipate problems before they become obstacles to acceptance by either the SAR or the DAR.

Richard J. Ferman graduated from Ohio University in 1967. He retired from IBM in 2004. He is the current Program Chair and a Past President of the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society. Richard is active in the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County, IBM Amateur Radio Club, Sons of the American Revolution, and Willows Senior Net Center of San Jose. He has presented numerous lectures and seminars on various aspects of genealogy.

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! Our topic: "Personal Data Entry Party!"*  
*Bring your genealogy information to enter into your personal TMG database*

**Date:** Saturday, October 19, 2013, 9 a.m.–11:45 a.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:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org>

**Instructors:** Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

Continuing our new series called *TV-TMG Back to Basics*, in October we will enter data into our personal database. Bring your documents just waiting to be entered! Let us know if you plan to join us—send an e-mail to [tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org](mailto:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org)

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>.

Kindly R.S.V.P. to <mailto:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org> if you plan to attend the meeting and indicate if you will be bringing a laptop. 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: <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, October 19, 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

*Family History Gifts*

**Date:** Thursday, October 24, 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 will have a show-and-tell of different genealogy related gifts we've made or wanted to make to give as gifts to family. 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

*Board Meeting Notes from September 24*

Heritage Happenings are set to go, but there are more than 50 slots unfilled for the library events. Please volunteer! Go to:

<http://l-ags.org/tvhh> and choose your slots ASAP. Patrick Lofft, Teresa Fraser, and Dick Finn are heading up the Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and Livermore library events, respectively.

The nominating Committee has a few slots to fill before the election of officers. Contact Jane Southwick for ideas.

The meeting in December gives our members an opportunity to tell a special story to make for a fun evening. A quorum is required for elections that night so be sure to save Dec. 17 for that event.

It was decided that January 7 will take the place of the December board meeting and January 28 will be the January board meeting.

# 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? Which of your ancestors served in the military? What ancestral anecdote will you share at the Thanksgiving table? Write up the Family History anecdote that will captivate the attention of your thanksgiving table. Optimistically, you are drafting your first article for the Roots Tracer.

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.

Do you know that the Roots Tracer is online soon after each issue is published? You can find the current and past issues from 1978 through 2013 here: <http://www.L-AGS.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.

*October is Family History Month with numerous events happening all throughout the Bay Area! Here are some exciting events:*

**Angel Island Family History Day.** Saturday, October 5, 2013, 11:30 a.m., Angel Island State Park, San Francisco Bay. See <http://www.californiaancestors.org/> for more information.

**Digging for Your Roots Seminar.** Saturday, October 19, 2013, 8:00 a.m., Concord, California. See <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cacccgs/cccg/events.htm> for more information.

**Their Roots Are Showing!** Three Bay Area Celebs Find Out Who They Are, Saturday, October 26, 2013, 8:00 p.m. See <http://www.californiaancestors.org/> for more information.

**Library Sources & Ancestral Origins** with Curt Witcher. Saturday, November 2, 2013, 9:00 a.m. Menlo Park, California. See <http://www.smcgs.org/> for more information.

**Ancestry Day.** Saturday, November 9, 2013, 9:00 a.m. San Francisco, California. See <http://www.californiaancestors.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.*

### TRI-VALLEY HISTORY COUNCIL EVENTS

A new page on the L-AGS Web site shows some of the upcoming history-related events being staged by member organizations of the Tri-Valley History Council (TVHC).

*History-Related Events:*

[http://www.L-AGS.org/History\\_Events/HC\\_events.html](http://www.L-AGS.org/History_Events/HC_events.html)

*Tri-Valley History Council:*

<http://www.L-AGS.org/HistoryCouncil>

## 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>.

**Greeters, Guides and Facilitators.** In celebration of "National Family History Month," the L-AGS and SRVGS organizations are holding outreach events during the month of October at local libraries to promote public interest in family heritage by helping library visitors look for their ancestors in census and other records.

*Danville Library-* Saturday, October 19, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

*Dublin Library-* every Saturday in October, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

*Livermore Library-* Monday, October 14, 2:00-5:00 p.m. and  
Wednesday, October 23, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

*Pleasanton Library-* Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13,  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

*San Ramon Library-* Thursday, October 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

In your Web browser, please select <http://www.l-ags.org/tvhh> to choose a few days for volunteering.

# 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>
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 month (TBD)	R.S.V.P. for address



## Photos from the Banner on Page 1:



*Seminar*





***New Livermore Historical Book, March 2013***



***Livermore Library 2012 Heritage Happenings***



***L-AGS Meeting, February 2013***



***2007 Presenting a book to a school library***