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LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Happy New Year!

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.

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>.

A big thanks to exiting board members, **Patricia Northam, Cheryl Palmer, and Julie Liu**. Welcome to new board members, **Marilyn Glass, Diane Wiedel, Nancy Southwick, and Leslie Steuben**. For those that continue in their posts, we thank you for your continued service!

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Note: In the banner above is a photo of a statue from the Pleasanton Library called, "Girl Reading." This has a very special connection to L-AGS as it is there in memory of L-AGS member, Judy Person's daughter, Sarah Anne Lees (named after her 4th great-grandmother). It was sculpted by a Utah sculptor named Dennis Smith, as is the similar one of the girl reading to a boy.

2015 Renewal

It's time to renew your membership for 2015! Please see the last page of the bulletin for your Membership Renewal Form.

Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting:** *Vital Records and the Calendar Change of 1752*
When: Monday, January 12, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Janice Sellers
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group:** *2015 Theme: Working with the Visual Chartform (VCF)*
When: Saturday, January 24, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group:** *Setting Your Goals*
When: January 10, 2015 – 2:30 p.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **DNA Group:** *Exploring the GEDmatch Website*
When: Monday, January 5, 2015 – 12:00 p.m.
Chair: Doug Mumma
- ❖ **Board Meeting**
When: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 – 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 your nametag at the membership table.

TOPIC: *Vital Records and the Calendar Change of 1752*

GUEST SPEAKER: *Janice Sellers*

DATE: Monday, January 12, 2015 – 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>

This talk introduces the wealth of information found in birth, marriage, and death records. Learn how to obtain vital records created at the various levels of the U.S. government: federal, state, county, and town. The talk will cover not only the usual places researchers look for vital records but some unusual sources you probably wouldn't think of. There will be also a discussion of the calendar change of 1752 (and similar changes in other countries) and how it affects genealogical research.

Janice M. Sellers is a professional genealogist who specializes in forensic, Jewish, and newspaper research. She is the vice president of the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society and the editor of three 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: Marilyn Glass or Diane Wiedel, Program Chairpersons, email: <mailto:program@L-AGS.org>.

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: *Working with the VCF—Creating a Descendants Box Chart*

Date: Saturday, January 24, 2015, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Location: 7077 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 110, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Lunch Meet Up, Noon: The Habit Burger Grill & Panda Express Food Court, Bernal & Valley Avenue Shopping Center, Pleasanton

Map to the meeting site: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg>

Chair: Kay Speaks, <mailto:tvmtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>

Instructors: Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

TMG's Visual Chartform module creates amazing charts! They're useful in presenting graphic representations of problems, and equally useful for fascinating your friends and family. We begin our study with a Descendants Box Chart. We will be using Robin Lamacraft's web pages, *Robin's Visual Chart Form Tips* (<http://tmg.reigelridge.com/Robin.htm>), as this year's text book.

Be sure to check our blog, *The Continuing Adventures of the TV-TMG Users Group* (<http://tvtmgadventures.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” the blog. It’s a great place to view TMG screenshots, find detailed instructions, post notes and ideas from each meeting, and ask and answer questions.

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. Purchase information is provided below. Contact <mailto:tvtmg.editors@L-AGS.org>, if you have questions.

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

- Additional information contact Kay & Sue: <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>
- User group e-mail address: <mailto:tvtmg@L-AGS.org>
- Questions about our book, <mailto:tvtmg.editors@L-AGS.org>
- 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

Date: Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.

Location: Livermore Civic Center Library- RSVP for room location

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

During this meeting, we will discuss our goals. Please spend some time working out your 2015 writing and genealogical goals with some ideas of how to get there. 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.

DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

Exploring the GEDmatch Website

Date: Monday, January 5, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Livermore Family History Center

Chair: Doug Mumma, <mailto:doug.mumma@L-AGS.org>

We will explore the GEDmatch website and the useful DNA analytical tools it offers to assist in identifying possible distant cousins. To analyze your data on this website, you must first upload your raw autosomal data obtained from FamilyTreeDNA, 23andMe or Ancestry. Additional analytical tools are available if you also upload a GEDCOM file containing all of your ancestors. Most of the tools are provided free of charge. Please register on the site and explore it yourself prior to the meeting.

SUMMARY OF LAST BOARD MEETING

December Board Meeting Summary – December 2, 2014

Membership dues should be paid now for the 2015 year. In 2015, the October board meeting will be eliminated and the November and December board meetings will be moved to the first Tuesdays in November and December respectively.

PLEASANTON GENEALOGY CENTER

A L-AGS docent is available at the Pleasanton City Library Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 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)

LIVERMORE ROOTS TRACER NEWS

We are actively seeking articles and photos for the Roots Tracer. Some items we are looking for are short, entertaining updates about your current genealogy activities. Who are you researching? In what locations? What time period? What other genealogy related activities are you pursuing? Are you travelling? Indexing? Writing? Speaking? Instructing? Volunteering? Let us know. Please submit all articles, updates and columns to <mailto:rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org>.

We welcome articles the following subject matter:

- Updated, previously published Livermore Roots Tracer articles
- Your Famous and Not So Famous Ancestors
- Overcoming Brick Walls
- Traveling to Find Your Roots
- Old House & Building Histories
- Family Heirlooms
- Technology Related Articles
- Book Reviews, Poems, and Photographs

Submitting Your Article

You can easily submit your article as an email attachment to L-AGS editor at <mailto:rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org>. Articles should be saved in either Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) or Rich Text format. Use footnotes to cite sources for facts

that are not general knowledge. No need to worry about knowing how to cite history sources, our editors can assist you with this task. Photographs should also be emailed as separate files and labeled. Please include possible captions for each item. Photographs, when scanned, should be in either .jpg or .tif format. Finally, feel free to provide a headshot and short bio (50-60 words) about yourself with an email address. Your headshot and bio will be placed at the end of your article so that members, readers, and unknown relatives can easily contact you.

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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 FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

L-AGS is not affiliated with the Mormon (LDS) Church. L-AGS does however partner with the Livermore LDS Family History Center (FHC) 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 FHC. They are available to assist you in your genealogy

research. The FHC 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

Rides to Meetings. Do you need a ride to our meetings? Would you be willing to pick up a L-AGS member and bring them to a meeting? Looking for volunteers (to be placed on a list) that would be willing to pick up another L-AGS member who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend a meeting. If you would like a ride or would like to help another member by giving them a ride, please contact Cheryl Palmer at <mailto:cap55@comcast.net> or 925-449-4872. The hope is to get several volunteers, so when a ride is needed, a volunteer would live close by.

Library Docent. Docent needed one Wednesday morning a month from 10am to 1pm. Contact the docent chair at <mailto:docents.chair@L-AGS.org>.

Oak Knoll Cemetery. The Oak Knoll Cemetery Project needs some help. Dick Finn and his cousin in England, Peter Kitchingham, are working on identifying all of the people buried at the old Oak Knoll Cemetery at the corner of Stanley and Wall St. in Livermore. This project will conclude with a book listing all these people and something about their families including photographs of gravestones where available. We have a listing of articles about these people in local newspapers. It would be a great service if a few people would take the time to look up and copy these articles for the project. Microfilm of the papers are at the Livermore Library and the Livermore Heritage Guild. If you can help please contact Dick at <mailto:rwwfinn@yahoo.com>.

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		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
February 9	Indentured Servants	Roger Howland
March 9	WWII Seabees Passed Through Camp Parks/Camp Shoemaker	Steven Minniear
April 13	TimeShaker	Bill Levesque

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 Monday 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

L-AGS Membership Renewal Reminder

Dear L-AGS member,

We will begin accepting L-AGS membership renewals for the 2015 calendar year in October. In order to join or renew, please complete the form below, attach your check, bring to the general meeting or mail it to:

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society

P.O. Box 901
Livermore CA 94551

2015 Membership Renewal Form

L-AGS annual membership dues are due and payable on or before January 1st.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ email: _____

Please indicate how you would like to receive *The Livermore Roots Tracer*:

email U.S. Mail

The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society is exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3)(public charity) of the Internal Revenue Code and California Taxation Code 2301g.

Please indicate your membership choice below:

Individual	\$18__
Family (2 or more people at same address)	\$25__
Individual Benefactor	\$40__
Family Benefactor	\$40__
Patron	\$100__

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns:

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