



# e-Bulletin February 2017

## LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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*Today is tomorrow's history.*

**Preserve your family's past for  
future generations.**



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### Happy St. Valentine's Day!

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>.

*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.*

## Social Media Links

Join us on the following social media sites:

- ❖ **Facebook Page** Like this!: <https://www.facebook.com/Livermore.Amador.Genealogical.Society/>  
This will hold announcements and meeting information.
- ❖ **Facebook Group** Join this!: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1142643925760388/>  
We will hold discussions here.
- ❖ **Twitter** Revisited! Follow this!: <https://twitter.com/LAGSociety>  
We are working on adding and "re-tweeting" genealogical information from the tech world.
- ❖ **Google+** Follow us!: <https://plus.google.com/u/0/112176337994372346038>

## For Our Long-Distance Members

*Recorded and Online Meetings!*

The Board has just approved a one year membership for Join.Me, a service that provides online meeting options, as well as recording. If you are unable to attend L-AGS Special Interest Group meetings (TMG, Writing Group, or Let's Talk Genealogy), contact the meeting leader for the login instructions. Seats are limited, so it's first-come/first-served.

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## Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting:** Researching World War I Ancestors  
When: Monday, February 13, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.  
Guest Speakers: David Goerss
- ❖ **Let's Talk Genealogy**  
When: Saturday, February 18, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.  
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group:** *TBD*  
When: Saturday, February 25, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.  
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group**
  - ❖ When: Saturday, February 18, 2017 – 3:00 p.m.  
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meeting**  
When: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.  
Members are welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact the Membership Chair for location- <mailto:membership@L-AGS.org>

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

*Renewal Drive*

Please renew your L-AGS membership at:

<http://www.l-ags.org/application.html>.

# 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:** Path to Glory: Start Researching Your WWI Ancestor without Getting Lost

**GUEST SPEAKER:** David Goerss

**DATE:** Monday, February 13, 2017 – 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>

WW1 was a global conflict of unprecedented scale never before seen in Human History. In turn, American forces rapidly and necessarily grew from less than 200,000 soldiers and sailors to over 4.5 million at home and abroad, expanding to unprecedented size and organizational complexity. The military records attributed to the American Expeditionary Forces of WW1 mirror their evolution, composition, and new complexity. The collections are vast and widely disbursed at various federal and states repositories, and the great majority of records in paper form only, unindexed, thus requiring great patience, diligence, and determination by the researcher. David Goerss will explain the research landscape, as well as provide advice on utilizing a phased approach to your research to effectively locate and track your ancestor.

David Goerss is a professional genealogist specializing in military records research because of the fascinating connections we can make to our ancestor's roles in American historical events. David's path into professional genealogy began over 16 years ago when he became intrigued by his grandfather's long military career.

David is a native Californian. He spent over 30 years in senior management roles with leading global companies. He now utilizes these skills to perform highly efficient research of complex records sets.

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

## LET'S TALK GENEALOGY GROUP

**DATE:** Saturday, February 18, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Livermore Civic Center Library- RSVP for room location

**Chair:** Debbie Mascot, <mailto:talkgenealogy.chair@l-ags.org>

To join the email list, please send a note to <mailto:changes@L-AGS.org> with "Add me to the Let's Talk Genealogy list" in the subject line.

Join us to discuss anything and everything genealogy. Have a question? Have a brick wall? Have a new find or new source? Come meet and share with others.

# TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

*The Master Genealogist Software*

**Topic:** TBD

**Date:** Saturday, February 25, 2017, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Location:** Contact the group chair for directions (<mailto:tvvmg.chair@L-AGS.org>).

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

**Instructors:** Sue Goss Johnston and Kay Speaks

Be sure to check our blog, *The Continuing Adventures of the TV-TMG Users Group* (<http://tvvmgadventures.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:tvvmg.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: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>
- 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, February 18, 2017 – 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Livermore Civic Center Library- RSVP for room location

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

To join the email list, please send a note to <mailto:changes@L-AGS.org> with “Add me to the Writing Group list” in the subject line.

Meet with us to discuss your biographical or genealogical writing goals and accomplishments.

# SUMMARY OF LAST BOARD MEETING

January 24, 2017

Posted at General Meeting.

## LIVERMORE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

Several L-AGS members, both LDS and non-LDS, volunteer as docents at the Livermore 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. 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.

Center location map: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Liv-FHC.jpg>

## 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.

### **Author's Rights**

By submitting an article for publication in the Livermore Roots Tracer, you agree to grant the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society one-time print publication rights, and the right to publish the article on its website in the Roots Tracer Archive. All other rights not expressly granted in this agreement are fully reserved by you. In addition, you acknowledge that you are the original author and are free to grant publication rights and that your article does not contain material that is consciously libelous or defamatory. Please feel free to contact

L-AGS editor via email <mailto:rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org> to discuss your article ideas or to answer any questions you may have.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

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

The **MacGen group**, a group for Macintosh genealogy users, meets the second Wednesday of each month 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>

## 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>.

**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:rwoffinn@yahoo.com>.

**Person with a Scanner and Time Wanted!** There are years' worth of L-AGS Board Meeting Minutes that could use some digitizing (to clear space from the Recording Secretary's home!). If you have a scanner and time, please let the President know at: <mailto:president@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><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Topic</i></b>	<b><i>Presenter</i></b>
March 13, 2017	Making Your Family History Come to Life	Jackie Krebs Reimers

<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 Marilyn Glass and Diane Wiedel, Program Chairs	Second Monday 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>
Let's Talk Genealogy Debbie Mascot	Third Saturday 3:00 p.m. January – October <b>(PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)</b>	Livermore Civic Center Library (RSVP Please)
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Kay Speaks, TMG Leader	Fourth Saturday 9 a.m. – Noon <b>(PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)</b>	TBD
Writing Group Debbie Mascot	Third Saturday January – October 2:00 p.m. <b>(PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)</b>	Livermore Civic Center Library (RSVP Please)