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LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Happy Thanksgiving!

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.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Date change for November L-AGS General Meeting

The L-AGS meeting in November will be on Monday, November 5, 2018. Please mark your calendars.

L-AGS MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2019

It's Renewal Time

You may renew at the meeting or via the website at:

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

Thank you to all members who have already renewed. Your membership dues goes toward the cost of our meeting place, insurance, the Roots Tracer, and other expenses of the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society.

The IRS considers the benefits of L-AGS membership to be "insubstantial" for charitable deduction purposes. Therefore, subject to the recommendation of your tax advisor, the full amount of your dues can be claimed as a charitable contribution. (Section 501(c)(3)(public charity) of the Internal Revenue Code and California Taxation Code 2301g.)

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>
- ❖ **Amazon Smile:** <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2421522>

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Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting:** *How to Find the Uniqueness of Your Ancestors' Lives Story*
When: Monday, November 5, 2018 – 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speakers: Gene Block
- ❖ **Let's Talk Genealogy**
When: Saturday, November 17, 2018 – 2:00 p.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group:** *Reports and Problem Assistance*
When: Saturday, November 17, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks/Duncan Tanner
- ❖ **Writing Group**
When: Saturday, November 17, 2018 – 3:00 p.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meeting**
When: Tuesday, December 4, 2018 – 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: *How to Find the Uniqueness of Your Ancestors' Lives*

GUEST SPEAKER: Gene Block

DATE: Monday, November 5, 2018 – 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 7:00 p.m.)

LOCATION: Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton

Map to the Meeting Site:

<http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg>

Gene began tracing his and his wife's family histories in the mid 1970s. His youngest daughter came home from junior high school and asked for help with a homework assignment on the subject of immigration. Gene realized for the first time that not only did he not know the countries where his ancestors were born, he did not even know the names of any of his great grandparents. After discovering the vital information about the individuals he is researching, he continues his search to discover as much as he can about their personal life. He finds this to be the most interesting part of genealogy and often explains some of the choices they made. Gene received his undergraduate degree from St. Louis University. He holds Master's degrees from California State University, Los Angeles, and from California State University, Fullerton. Gene currently resides at the Stoneridge Creek Retirement Community in Pleasanton.

For additional information contact: Kay Speaks/Julie Liu, L-AGS Program Chair, email: program@L-AGS.org

Refreshments following the program.

LET'S TALK GENEALOGY GROUP

DATE: Saturday, November 17, 2018 – 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: Reports and Problem Assistance

Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

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

This month we will continue to look at simple reports for the "list of" type, We want to think about the relationship between report output options, filter options and the data available. The group is always available to help with a variety of TMG questions. As usual the meeting will be available on the web using Join.me

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 & Duncan: <mailto:tvvmg.chair@L-AGS.org>
- User group e-mail address: <mailto:tvvmg@L-AGS.org>

The TV-TMG book, Source Templates for The Master Genealogists, A Guide for Creating Computerized Genealogical Source Citation Templates, is available. Purchase information is provided below. Contact <mailto:tvvmg.editors@L-AGS.org>, if you have questions.

- 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/sourcetemplates-for-the-master-genealogisttm/paperback/product20673683.html>

WRITING GROUP

DATE: Saturday, November 17, 2018 – 2:00 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

Board Meeting Summary for October 23, 2018

The date of the November General Meeting has been changed to Monday, November 5 due to the holiday on November 12. President Tom Mathews will present the slate of candidates for officers for 2019. The membership will vote on the candidates at the December meeting. There were successful Heritage Happenings events at the Pleasanton and Livermore

Libraries for the month of October. Many thanks to members who volunteered their time to help with these events.

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 950 Mocho Street, Livermore complex are often used for these. Note: The entrance is in the front of the building on the right—there is a sign on the door. If the parking in front of the building is full, there is a large parking lot in the rear of the building.

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))
- 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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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:rwwfinn@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.

Topics of Future General Meetings		
Date	Topic	Presenter
November 5, 2018 NOTE DATE CHANGE!	How to Discover What Was Unique About Your Ancestors' Lives	Gene Block
December 10, 2018	Labor Omnia Vitae: How Your Hard Work Can Conquer All at the Sutro Library	Dvorah Lewis
January 14, 2019	British Online Genealogy	Christine B. Green
February 11, 2019	Tips for Breaking Brick Walls	Lisa Gorrell
March 11, 2019	DNA Examination	Sue Severson
April 8, 2019	Please Sir, May I Have More Ways to Learn How to do My Family History	Virgina Kysh

Regular Scheduled Events		
General Meeting Kay Speaks/Julie Liu, Program Chairs	Second Monday 7:30 p.m.	Congregation Beth Emek 3400 Nevada Court Pleasanton Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg
Let's Talk Genealogy Debbie Mascot	Third Saturday 32:00 p.m. January – October (PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)	Livermore Civic Center Library (RSVP Please)
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Kay Speaks/Duncan Tanner, TMG Leader	Fourth Saturday 12:00 p.m	San Ramon
Writing Group Debbie Mascot	Third Saturday January – October 3:00 p.m. (PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)	Livermore Civic Center Library (RSVP Please)