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LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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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>
- ❖ **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.

How to Find and Add Content to the Story of your Farmer ancestor

General Meeting: Dec. 9th **Doors open 6:30pm, meeting starts 7pm**

Guest Speaker: Madeline Yanov

❖ **Let's Talk Genealogy**

When: Saturday, **No meeting Oct- Jan., 2019** – 3:00 p.m.

Chair: Debbie Mascot

❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: "List of" Reports and Q&A**

When: Saturday, **No. Dec. meeting, 2019**

Chair: Duncan Tanner

❖ **Writing Group**

When: Saturday, **No meeting Oct.-Jan., 2019** – 2:00 p.m.

Chair: Debbie Mascot

❖ **Board Meeting**

When: Tuesday, **Dec. 3rd** 2019 – 7:00 p.m. **Note change**

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: Madeline Yanov

GUEST SPEAKER: How to Find and Add Content to the Story of Your Farmer Ancestor.

DATE: Monday December 9th, 2019

LOCATION: 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton

For additional information contact: Tom Mathews, L-AGS Program Chair,
email: program@L-AGS.org

IMPORTANT: CHANGES TO December MEETING:

The General Meeting will start **at 7:00pm doors will open at 6:30**

LET'S TALK GENEALOGY GROUP

DATE: Saturday, **Jan. – Oct. only** 2019 – 3:00 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, **NO Dec. meeting,**

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

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

- Additional information contact 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, **Jan.-Oct. only**, 2019 – 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. Each month, bring 4 copies of your latest writing and the group will bring to the following meeting with their comments.

SUMMARY OF LAST BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting Summary for November 5, 2019

The Slate of Officers for 2020 is as follows:

President – Julie Liu

1st VP Programs – Tom Mathews

2nd VP Membership – Jim Stinecipher/Denise Barr

Recording Secretary – Sue Davis

Corresponding Secretary – Ken Bredlau

Business Manager – Duncan Tanner

The slate will be presented to the membership at the November General Meeting and voted on at the December General Meeting.

Richard Finn is working with the Del Valle team to develop a small museum. They are in need of small kitchen appliances and an old wash tub from the 1800's. If you have any items to donate contact Richard Finn at Tri-Valley History Council.

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 Mocho Street FSC is open Mondays 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 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 **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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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>

New Book available

"Alan Frank has a new book on the history of Railroads in the Tri-Valley entitled: "Depot - A history of the railroad in Livermore". It is available for purchase from the Heritage Guild and from Lulu.com, search for 'Depot'."

HELP WANTED

What about those free websites-We are looking for a person who would be interested in keeping the membership apprised of the free, new and smaller genealogical websites.

Free money!!!

We get free money from Amazon Smile. When you shop on Amazon, register with Amazon Smile. Register L-AGS as the charitable organization.

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		
Month	Topic	Presenter
Dec. 9 th , 2019 <i>Meeting will begin at 7:00pm</i>	How to find and Add Content to the Story of Your Farmer Ancestor	Madeline Yanov
Jan. 13 th , 2020 <i>Meeting will begin at 7:00pm</i>	DNA	Mark McClaren
Feb. 10, 2020 <i>Meeting will begin at 7:00pm</i>	Chinese Immigrants on the Titanic	Grant Din
Mar 16 th , 2020 NOTE DATE CHANGE <i>Meeting will begin at 7:00pm</i>	West Coast Immigration in the 20 th Century	Linda Harms Okazaki
Apr. 13 th , 2020 <i>Meeting will begin at 7:00pm</i>	Researching Jewish Genealogy	Jeremy Frankel

Regular Scheduled Events		
General Meeting Tom Mathews, Program Chair	Second Monday 7:00 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 2:00 p.m. January – October (PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)	Livermore Civic Center Library (RSVP Please)
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Duncan Tanner	Fourth Saturday 12:00 p.m. <i>No meeting in December</i>	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)