



# e-Bulletin September 2020

## LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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



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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:

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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.*

## 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.
- ❖ **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:** September 14, 2020 *via Zoom*

**Canadian Genealogical Resources**

**Guest Speaker: Stephanie West**

❖ **Let's Talk Genealogy –will be done remotely every Sunday**

When: Weekly on Sundays – 3:00 p.m. *via Zoom*

Chair: Debbie Mascot

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

When: Saturday, **September 12 and 26, 2020 will be done remotely**

Chair: Duncan Tanner

❖ **Writing Group –will be done remotely with Genealogy Chat**

When: weekly on Sunday, **3:00 p.m.**

Chair: Debbie Mascot

❖ **Board Meeting Note change**

When: Monday September 28, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. **via Zoom.**

Members are welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact the [president@L-AGS.org](mailto:president@L-AGS.org) for location

# GENERAL MEETING held via Zoom

**Canadian Genealogical Resources**

**Guest Speaker: Stephanie West**

**DATE: September 14, 2020 at 7:00pm**

**LOCATION:** via Zoom

Not sure where to start with your Canadian research? Then this presentation will get you started. Gain an understanding of the country and its records. An overview of the online genealogical resources for Canadian research will also be presented.

Stephanie K. West is an educator and researcher with a focus on genealogy, genetics and environmental science. She is the 2017 American Society of Genealogists Scholar Award recipient for her paper entitled, "Who Was the Father of George W. West of Tioga County, Pennsylvania?". She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry and Cell Biology with an emphasis in genetics. Her current research projects focus on New England, Pennsylvania and New York, with an emphasis on migrations to the West Coast, as well as genetic genealogy. You can follow her on Facebook at Trails West Genealogy.

For additional information contact: Tom Mathews, L-AGS Program Chair, email: [program@L-AGS.org](mailto:program@L-AGS.org)

**IMPORTANT:**

*The General Meeting will start at 7:00pm Guests are welcome. They must email Tom Mathews- [program@L-AGS.org](mailto:program@L-AGS.org)*

## LET'S CHAT GENEALOGY GROUP

**DATE:** every Sunday – 3:00 p.m to be done remotely

**Location:** Remote Zoom

**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 Chat 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

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September 2020

*The Master Genealogist Software* **to be done remotely**

**Topic:** Reports and Problem Assistance

**Date:** Saturday September 12 and 26, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

**Location: Remote**

(<mailto:tvvmg.chair@L-AGS.org>).

**Chair:** 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 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.

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<http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/tri-valley-tmg-users-group/sourcetemplates-for-the-master-genealogisttm/paperback/product20673683.html>

## Board Meeting Summary for August 24, 2020

The next General Meeting will be held via Zoom: Monday, September 14, 7:00 pm. The speaker will be Stephanie West and topic is Canadian Genealogical Resources Online. Check your email for the link.

The Board has also been meeting via Zoom and usually meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The meeting for September has been changed to the fourth Monday (September 28). Members are welcome to attend the Board Meeting – contact Julie Liu, President, for the link.

Some members have not yet renewed for 2020! Please check to see if you are one of them - questions can be referred to Denise Barr, Membership Chair, at [membership@L-AGS.org](mailto:membership@L-AGS.org).

## LIVERMORE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

### Is closed

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

### IS CLOSED

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** these events are cancelled

### 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>

## **Board positions available**

There are 4 of our board members that have been termed out. They have served in that position for 2 years. According to our bylaws they can not serve in that position. Membership has one more year.

We will be looking to fill the positions of

President

1<sup>st</sup> VP(programs) assistant

2<sup>nd</sup> VP (membership) assistant

Secretary

Coresponding secretary

Could you help us by stepping forward to help in any capacity?? Possibly as a co-person that could be seen as "in training"?

# 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
September 14th, 2020 via Zoom Meeting begins at 7:pm	Canadian Genealogical Resources Online	Stephanie K. West
October 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 via Zoom Meeting begins at 7pm	“What became of Aaron Case”	Susan Goss Johnston
November 9th, 2020 via Zoom Meeting begins at 7pm	Learn How to Organize Family Photographs	Laura Jolly
December 14th, 2020 via Zoom Meeting begins at 7pm.	West Coast Immigration in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century	Linda Harms Okazaki

Regular Scheduled Events		
General Meeting Tom Mathews, Program Chair	Second Monday 7:00 p.m. To BE done via Zoom	Map: <a href="http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg">http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg</a>
Let's Chat Genealogy Debbie Mascot	To meet every Sunday 3PM (PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)	To BE DONE remotely
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Duncan Tanner	Second and Fourth Saturday 9:00 a.m	<b>To be done remotely</b>