



# e-Bulletin January 2021

## 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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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.*

## Announcements:

*All L-AGS meetings are currently being held via a remote platform. Please see the meeting information for details.*

### It's Time for Annual Dues!

2021 dues are payable. There are four different membership levels and you can manage your entire renewal process on the website at:

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

### Board positions available!

If you are interested in any position on the L-AGS board, please reach out to Julie at <mailto:president@L-AGS.org> for more information.

# 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:** <http://www.twitter.com/lagsociety>
- ❖ **Amazon Smile:** <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2421522>  
*Register our non-profit with amazon smile when you shop online and our organization receives a percentage.*

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## Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting:** *How to Write Ancestral Stories Your Relatives Will Want to Read*  
When: January 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. REMOTE via Zoom  
Guest Speaker: Pam Vestal
- ❖ **Let's Talk Genealogy**  
When: Weekly on Sundays – 3:00 p.m. REMOTE via Zoom  
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group:** *"List of" Reports and Q&A*  
When: Friday, January 8, 2021 and Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.  
REMOTE via JoinMe  
Chair: Duncan Tanner
- ❖ **Writing Group – Concurrent with the Let's Talk Genealogy Group**  
When: Weekly on Sundays – 3:00 p.m. REMOTE via Zoom  
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meeting**  
When: Tuesday, January 25, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. Remove via Zoom  
Members are welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact the [president@L-AGS.org](mailto:president@L-AGS.org) for information on joining the meeting.

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## GENERAL MEETING:

### How to Write Ancestral Stories Your Relatives Will Want to Read

**DATE:** Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Remote Zoom

**Speaker:** Pam Vestal

Pam Vestal is a full-time genealogist and lecturer in Oregon whose research extends far beyond the Pacific Northwest, with clients all over the U.S. and research that reaches beyond our borders. From family histories to house histories, she tailors her work to the unique needs of each client, but as a professional writer, she specializes in digging into the genealogical facts to tell the ancestors' stories. An illustrated genealogical biography makes a wonderfully personal way to honor them. Need answers to nagging questions about your origins? She'll investigate and create a report. Whether lecturing to professionals or newcomers to the field, she welcomes the opportunity to share what she has learned through genealogical coursework, conferences and years of on-site and online research.

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

#### *IMPORTANT:*

*Guests are welcome. The Zoom meeting will open at 6:30 p.m. for social time or Zoom set-up. **The General Meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.***

#### **Register in advance for this meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qcemtrT0oHdfFDO9oXKyI-zbpEEYYrt-B>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## LET'S CHAT GENEALOGY GROUP

**DATE:** Every Sunday – 3:00 p.m **Remote via Zoom**

**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

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

**Topic:** Reports and Problem Assistance

**Date:** Friday, January 8 and Saturday, January 23, 2021 – 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.

- 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>

## Board Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held via Zoom: Monday, January 25 at 7:00 pm.

# LIVERMORE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

===CURRENTLY 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

===CURRENTLY 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

OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

*PLEASE NOTE THAT L-AGS DOES NOT KNOW THE STATUS OF THESE GROUPS.  
PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION.*

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>

# 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>ALL REMOTE VIA ZOOM at 7:00 p.m. Pacific</b>		
<b>Month</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
January 11, 2021	How to Write Ancestral Stories Your Relatives Will Want to Read	Pam Vestal
February 8, 2021	Citations – Easier than you Think	Stewart Traidman, MD
March 8, 2021	The Records Behind the WWI Draft Registrations	Susan G. Johnston
April 12, 2021	10 Databases you didn't know were on Ancestry.com	Gena Philibert-Ortega
May 10, 2021	The 1950 US Federal Census – Are You Ready?	Thomas MacEntee
June 14, 2021	Family Search Sources	Ralph Severson

<b>Regular Scheduled Events</b>		
General Meeting Tom Mathews, Program Chair	Second Monday 7:00 p.m. <b>To BE done via Zoom</b>	Remote via ZOOM
Let's Chat Genealogy Debbie Mascot	Every Sunday 3:00 p.m.	Remote via ZOOM
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Duncan Tanner	Second Friday and Fourth Saturday 9:00 a.m	Remote via JoinMe