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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 Board Meetings will now be held virtually via Zoom on a permanent basis! This gives more of our members an opportunity to join the board. All other L-AGS meetings are currently being held via a virtual platform and will hopefully be moving to an in-person platform in 2023. Please see meeting information for details.

It is time for MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS. Please visit:
<http://www.l-ags.org/application.html> to renew your membership for 2023.

Live Meetings

Due to the return of high COVID numbers, we are postponing live meetings and will remain on Zoom for the time-being.

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>
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:** Excel for Genealogists
Guest Speaker: Stewart Traiman, MD
When: Monday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- ❖ **Let's Talk and Write Genealogy**
Subject: Anything Genealogy with focus on Spreadsheets for Genealogy
When: Sunday, January 15 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: Reports and Q&A**
When: Friday, January 13 and Saturday, January 28 at 9:00 a.m.
Chair: Duncan Tanner
- ❖ **Board Meeting**
When: Tuesday, January 24 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
Members are welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact the president@L-AGS.org for location

GENERAL MEETING:

Excel for Genealogists- Using Analytics to Reveal Hidden Stories

DATE: Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m

Location: Zoom

Speaker: Stewart Traiman, MD

Visualizing data in spreadsheets allows researchers to make breakthroughs by correlating data points. Learn basic functions like filtering, sorting, color coding, date calculations and more.

Transitioning from Internal Medicine physician and a Health Information Technology analyst to professional genealogist, Stewart Blandón Traiman has turned a 30-year dream into reality. He is also an expert in RootsMagic, an LGBTQ genealogy blogger, an officer in the California Genealogical Society, where he also serves as editor and publisher of a monthly electronic newsletter. He is also a member of the National Genealogical Society and Association of Professional Genealogists.

For additional information contact: Tom Mathews, L-AGS Program Chair, email: 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.**

Link to meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87844649384?pwd=SEhHbFhaaEdacUJaVXg2L1BpTUIOQT09>

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

LET'S CHAT AND WRITE GROUP

Anything Genealogy!

DATE: Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

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

Subject Suggestion: Spreadsheets

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.

To join:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86951666449?pwd=NW5xZmQ5UzhJcGZIOE9kVElnVnMrUT09>

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: Reports and Problem Assistance

Date: Friday, January 13 and Saturday, January 28, 2023 and TBD at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Virtual

(<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 Zoom.

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

Board Meeting Coming January 24, 2023

LIVERMORE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

The Livermore California Family History Center located at 950 Mocho Street is now open! The hours are: Mondays from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Thursdays from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Saturdays from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. There are volunteer shifts available. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sandy Clark at: <mailto:live.fhc@gmail.com>

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

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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
- 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

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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.

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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
February 13, 2023	Shaky Leaf Syndrome	Sara Cochran
March 13, 2023	Cemetery Records	Glenda Lloyd

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