



# e-Bulletin February 2023

## 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 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

Let's Chat/Write Genealogy will be in person in February, assuming all remain healthy!

# 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:** Shaky Leaf Syndrome  
Guest Speaker: Sara Cochran  
When: Monday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- ❖ **Let's Talk and Write Genealogy**  
Subject: Anything Genealogy  
When: Sunday, February 19 at 1:00 p.m.  
**IN PERSON!**  
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: Reports and Q&A**  
When: Friday, February 10 and Saturday, February 25 at 9:00 a.m.  
Chair: Duncan Tanner
- ❖ **Board Meeting**  
When: Tuesday, February 28 at 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:

## **Shaky Leaf Syndrome: Using Website Generated Hints More Effectively**

**DATE:** Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m

**Location:** Zoom

**Speaker:** Sara Cochran

Indexing, optical character recognition, and computer algorithms make finding obscure records about our families easier than ever! Unfortunately, computers can't distinguish between people of the same name who lived in different places or at different times. Using real examples, we'll practice evaluating hints and attaching the keepers to our trees.

Sara is a full-time professional genealogist with over twenty-eight years of research experience. Her research has taken her into nearly every State in the USA and Ireland, Italy, Austria, and Britain. She especially enjoys breaking down brick walls for her clients, discovering the stories of black sheep ancestors, and helping individuals preserve their photographic legacy.

Sara holds a Boston University Genealogical Research Certificate, a Bachelor's Degree in Library Science, and is an alum of the ProGen Study Group. She is a member of DAR and other lineage societies, the Association of Professional Genealogists, and the Genealogical Speakers Guild. She also volunteers at the National Archives Riverside office.

You can find her online at [TheSkeletonWhisperer.com](http://TheSkeletonWhisperer.com).

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.**

Link to meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82349835860?pwd=cE00VTZ5MEJ1c2xSY2w1eGRiOXpJUT09>

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

# LET'S CHAT AND WRITE GROUP

*Anything Genealogy! IN PERSON!*

**DATE:** Sunday, February 19 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Please RSVP for meeting location, as we will have limited space.

**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.

# TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

*The Master Genealogist Software*

**Topic:** Reports and Problem Assistance

**Date:** Friday, February 10 and Saturday, February 25, 2023 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.

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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

*Board Meeting Notes from January 24, 2023*

There are still some members who have not renewed for 2023, please check to be sure you are an active member of L-AGS!

The Board has been discussing possible in-person events (separate from General Meetings) – watch for emails concerning these genealogy-related activities.

L-AGS has completed thinning genealogy books from the Pleasanton library, but there are still plenty to use for research. The plan is to make these books available for check-out; however, due to other library projects this could take several months.

# 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 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

## **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.*

<b>Topics of Future General Meetings</b>		
<b>Month</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
March 13, 2023	Cemetery Records	Glenda Lloyd
April 10, 2023	Organize Your Genealogy	Linda Harms Okazaki
May 8, 2023	Jewish Genealogy Research	Janice Sellers
June 12, 2023	The 1950 Census: Searching with and without a Name Index & The 1950 Census: One Year Later	Stephen P. Morse

<b>Regular Scheduled Events</b>		
General Meeting Tom Mathews, Program Chair	Second Monday 7:00 p.m. <b>To BE done via Zoom</b>	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 and Write Genealogy Debbie Mascot	Third Sunday 1:00 p.m. <b>(PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)</b>	<b>Livermore Civic Center Library</b>
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Duncan Tanner	Second Friday and Fourth Saturday 9:00 a.m	<b>Virtual</b>