



# e-Bulletin May 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.

## 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.

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## Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting:** Introduction to Jewish Genealogy  
Guest Speaker: Janice Sellers  
When: Monday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- ❖ **Let's Talk and Write Genealogy**  
Subject: Resumes in June  
When: Resumes in June  
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: Reports and Q&A**  
When: Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 27 at 9:00 a.m.  
Chair: Duncan Tanner
- ❖ **Board Meeting**  
When: Tuesday, Tuesday, May 16 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:

## Introduction to Jewish Genealogy

**DATE:** Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m

**Location:** Zoom

**Speaker:** Janice Sellers

This class will cover how to start researching your Jewish family history and how the unique aspects of Jewish culture and history will affect that research. Topics include methods, genealogy Web sites, overview of family tree software, record types, history, worldwide resources, geography, and languages.

Janice M. Sellers is related to actor Peter Sellers and to John of Gaunt, son of a king and father of a king. At least that's what her grandparents told her. Unfortunately, they were wrong, but that's why she has researched her family for 48 years and now helps others find the right pieces to fit their genealogy puzzles. She specializes in Jewish, Black, forensic, and newspaper research and has taught at local to international levels. Her site is [ancestraldiscoveries.com](http://ancestraldiscoveries.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 register for the meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctf-2qqzoiGNMh6BGA388k6HVjUiGb7EJo>

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

# LET'S CHAT AND WRITE GROUP

*On Hiatus*

**DATE:** Will resume in June

**Location:** Will resume in June

**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.

*NOTE FROM DEBBIE: I had every intention of resuming in May, but my grandfather passed away and I now have a memorial in May to host. If you would like to meet without me, I would be happy to set it up. Just let me know.*

# TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

*The Master Genealogist Software*

**Topic:** Reports and Problem Assistance

**Date:** Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** Virtual

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

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**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 March Meeting (held April 4, 2023).*

Discussion of the August General Meeting being held at the Oakland Family History Center. If you have not renewed your membership, please submit as soon as possible. Roots Tracer may be paused for a bit, due to an upcoming surgery.

*Board Meeting Notes from April Meeting (held April 24, 2023).*

**June general meeting will be IN PERSON ONLY. There will be no Zoom link for that meeting.** The next Roots Tracer issue will be November. The Pleasanton library is finishing the roof repair and will remain closed during this time. Please check the website to confirm when it will reopen. Wednesday, August 16 we will have a field trip to the Oakland Family History Center! Details to follow. Please ask how you can help!

# 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

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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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# 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>
June 12, 2023	The 1950 Census: Searching with and without a Name Index & The 1950 Census: One Year Later <b>==IN PERSON ONLY==</b>	Stephen P. Morse
July 10, 2023	Homesteading: Land for All	Christine Cohen

<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 3:00 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>