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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:

DUES

After years of no dues increases, L-AGS will be **raising dues**. We are moving to \$25.00 for individual/family, with an additional \$5.00 if you wish to receive a printed copy of the Roots Tracer. The electronic version remains free.

Please renew your membership now:

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

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:** Evaluating Unsourced Materials
Guest Speaker: Evan R. Wilson, PhD
When: Monday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.
Via Zoom- Register [here](#).
- ❖ **Let's Talk and Write Genealogy**
On hiatus until 2024
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: Reports and Q&A**
When: Friday, December 8 and Saturday, December 23 at 9:00 a.m.
Chair: Duncan Tanner
- ❖ **Board Meeting**
When: Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m.
Members are welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact the president@L-AGS.org for invitation.

GENERAL MEETING:

Evaluating Unsourced Materials

DATE: Monday, December 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m

Location: Zoom

Speaker: Evan R. Wilson, PhD

One of the first things we learn in genealogy classes is that it's important to document what we find so that others can follow in our footsteps. "Just trust me!" doesn't (or shouldn't) convince us. But what do we do about all of the published material out there that doesn't explain where its information comes from? We could ignore it, but that would be almost as big of a mistake as simply taking it on faith. Instead, we should read this material like a detective and ask, "Where might this have come from? How valuable of a clue might it be? And where do I go next in my research?" This talk will give you some tools to begin doing that. Plenty of examples will show how fun the process can be.

Evan is a professional genealogist who specializes in the Southeastern U.S., migration, land, and cluster research. He was raised in Birmingham, Alabama, where he first found his love of genealogy. In 2012, he moved to the Bay Area to complete a PhD program in English and Medieval Studies. He now works as a genealogist at Ancestry.com and serves on the board of the California Genealogical Society

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 register for the meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/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 until 2024

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: Reports and Problem Assistance

Date: Friday, December 8 and Saturday, December 23, 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

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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

November Board Meeting was cancelled. Next meeting is on Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Meetings are held via Zoom and members are welcome to attend. Contact Julie Liu, President, at President@L-AGS.org if you would like to attend.

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>

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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.

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.

Topics of Future General Meetings		
Month	Topic	Presenter
January 8, 2024	Using Maps in Genealogical Research, Part 1 (How Maps Are Essential to Successful Genealogical Research)	Melinda Kashuba
February 12, 2024	Using Maps in Genealogical Research, Part 2 (Digital Mapping with Google Earth and Google Maps)	Melinda Kashuba
March 11, 2024	Research A Veteran	Jennifer Holik
April 8, 2024	Exploring the Greatest Generation	Jennifer Holik
May 13, 2024	Researching the Genealogy of Mayflower Families	Bob Trapp

Regular Scheduled Events		
General Meeting Tom Mathews, Program Chair	Second Monday 7:00 p.m.	Virtual
Let's Chat and Write Genealogy Debbie Mascot	On Hiatus	In person in 2024!
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Duncan Tanner	Second Friday and Fourth Saturday 9:00 a.m	Virtual