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January 2024

General Meeting: Using Maps in Genealogical Research, Part 1: How Maps Are Essential to Successful Genealogical Research With: Melinda Kashuba

Date: Monday, January 8, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Location: Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton, CA and via Zoom-
Preregister via ZOOM below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYscOyrrD4pGdI88N7xDMAS1gextKvMAsJ6>

Chair: Program Chair, <mailto:program@L-AGS.org>

Cost: No Charge - Visitors welcome

Details: Please see page 2

Other Special Interest Groups and Meetings

Let's Chat Genealogy

Topic: 2024 Genealogy Goals

Date: Saturday, January 21, 2024 at
2:00 p.m.

Location: Contact Chair for location

Chair: Debbie Mascot,
<mailto:bulletin.manager@L-AGS.org>

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: Reports and Problem Assistance

Date: Friday, January 12 and Saturday,
January 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Contact Chair for the link

Chair: Duncan Tanner,
<mailto:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org>

Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 7:00
p.m.

Location: Contact Chair for the Link

Chair: President, <mailto:President@L-AGS.org>



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>

ROOTS TRACER

Roots Tracer editor needs assistance and a backup. Please let L-AGS president know if you would like to learn more.

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Maps are a crucial tool in genealogical research. Besides showing us where a family grave, a homestead, or records repository might be located, they can suggest migration routes, provide context for an ancestor's story, and instruct us on historical boundary changes. (Part 2: Using Maps in Genealogical Research: Digital Mapping with Google Earth and Google Maps, will be presented on February 12th.)

Melinda Kashuba is a professional genealogist and owner of Kashuba Research Services, a genealogical and historical research company. Her popular book, *Walking with Your Ancestors: A Genealogist's Guide to Using Maps and Geography*, joins a long list of articles in numerous genealogical magazines and other publications. She is a Course Coordinator and faculty member at Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research and faculty member at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy.

Her genealogical specialties include 19th century and contemporary genealogical records in California including maps and land records.

She holds a PhD in geography from the University of California, Los Angeles and has taught geography for fifteen years at Shasta College. She is a member of the National Genealogical Society, Association of Professional Genealogists, Shasta Historical Society, and Shasta County Genealogical Society. She served as a Registrar for two local chapters of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

When not working on genealogy, she is raising money to rebuild a children's outdoor education school in Shasta County damaged in the disastrous Carr Fire in 2018.



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Topics of Future General Meetings		
Month	Topic	Presenter
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

Board Meeting Summary

Notes from December 5 Board Meeting

Roots Tracer editor will likely not be able to produce a February issue, due to some health issues. Is there anyone interested in assisting and possibly taking over as editor? Please contact Julie at President@L-AGS.org

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.

Research Locations

Livermore Family History Center

Location: 950 Mocho Street, Livermore, California

Phone: (925) 443-2750

Web: https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Livermore_California_FamilySearch_Center

Special Notes: 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.

Pleasanton Genealogy Center

Location: 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, California

Email: docents.chair@L-AGS.org for appointment with docent

Special Notes: 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. Access to Ancestry.com (Library-edition) and Heritage Quest (also available at home with your library card)

L-AGS Publication: The Roots Tracer

We are actively seeking articles and photos for the Roots Tracer. Please see ideas below or submit your own:

- What are 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?
- Do you have an old article to update?
- Do you have any famous (or infamous) ancestors?
- Have you overcome a brickwall? How?
- Have you traveled your roots?
- Do you live in or have an ancestral home?
- Do you have any special family heirlooms with a story?
- Have you used technology in an interesting way to find your roots?
- Have you read a book, poem or found a photograph that inspires you?
- Updated, previously published Livermore Roots Tracer articles

Please submit articles or ideas to rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org.

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