



# Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society Presents Robert Jackson, PhD

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**WHEN:** Monday, October 10th, 2022  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Register via ZOOM below:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwof-ihRDgpHdUrnJ4xVCsgvC28Oq6YtkCO>

**COST:** No Charge - Visitors welcome



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## Discovering your German Roots The Great Migration: 1815-1914

Even today, after waves of later immigration, more than twenty percent of all Americans claim primarily German descent, and many more have at least one German ancestor. It continues to be among the largest ethnic components of the American population.

To the delight of their descendants, the documentary sources available in Germany, many of them now available in the U.S. online and on microfilm, facilitate the assembly of family trees of great age and depth, often back to the 1500s, even for simple peasant stock (which includes nearly all of us). It is not unusual for the documented family tree of one German immigrant to contain as many as 300 ancestors. Associated documents also permit reconstructing the circumstances of their lives in surprising detail.

So where do we start? You know that your ancestors came from Germany, but from where in that huge country? Until we know their specific village of origin, we can't trace their roots. In this presentation we'll discuss the challenging task of discovering the hometown of your German ancestors, even if they arrived 150 years ago and then did everything they could to conceal their origins from their descendants.

**Robert Jackson**- holds a Ph.D. in history from Harvard University. After several years' teaching at the college level, he pursued a professional career in international and corporate finance. Since retiring he has assisted a variety of not-for-profit and community organizations and has enjoyed his hobbies of reading, genealogy, and tennis. He lives in Berkeley and lectures frequently on genealogical subjects.

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