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April Showers!

This is the e-bulletin from the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society (L-AGS), provided monthly to those interested in the happenings of L-AGS. If you would prefer not to receive this bulletin, please contact us at the email address below in this box and your address will be removed.

Please share your photos and stories of the photos. If you would like the banner to include any of your photos or if you have a story about one of the photos, please send them to Debbie at: <mailto:bulletin.manager@L-AGS.org>. There are large versions of these photos located on the final page.

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>.

In Memoriam

We were saddened to learn of the passing of fellow L-AGS member William Andrew Evans of Pleasanton on February 25. Bill is well remembered for his expert advice about family history research in Slavic countries, as documented in November 2009 issue of the Roots Tracer. Bill's article, "A Three-year Wait, but It Was Worth It," is published on our Web site: http://www.l-ags.org/tracer/vol_29_4.pdf (click to page 7).

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Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting: Getting Ready for the 1940 Census**
When: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Stephen P. Morse
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: *Family Group Sheets***
When: Sunday, April 22, 2012 – 1:00 p.m. **NOTE DATE CHANGE**
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group: *Personal and Family History***
When: Sunday, April 22, 2012 – 1:00 p.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meeting**
When: Tuesday, April 24, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Members are welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact the Membership Chair for location- <mailto:membership@L-AGS.org>

GENERAL MEETING

NOTE: Members please sign in at the membership table upon arrival at the monthly General Meeting. Please have your guests also sign in. Before heading home, please remember to leave your nametag at the membership table.

TOPIC: Getting Ready for the 1940 Census

GUEST SPEAKER: Stephen P. Morse

DATE: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton

Map to the Meeting Site:

<http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg>

Stephen P. Morse is the creator of the One-Step Webpages at <http://stevemorse.org/>. His first one step search tool was for the Ellis Island records, "Searching the Ellis Island Database in One Step." Along those lines, Mr. Morse has created several "One-Step" searching tools, one of the newest being the "How to Access the 1940 Census in One Step."

When the 1940 census is released in April 2012, it will not have a name index. Such an index will not be available for perhaps up to six months after opening day. So finding people in the census will involve searching by location instead.

The census is organized by Enumeration Districts (EDs), so the location needs to be converted to an ED before the census can be accessed. The One-Step website contains numerous tools for obtaining EDs. This talk will present the various tools and show circumstances in which each can be used. It will also demonstrate a tutorial quiz for determining the best tool to use in each specific situation.

For additional information contact: Cheryl Palmer, Program Chairperson, email: <mailto:program@L-AGS.org>.

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: TMG Reports Family Group Sheets-traditional, fancy and special purpose

Date: Sunday, April 22, 1:00 p.m – 4:00 p.m. **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

Lunch Meet Up, Noon: TBD

Location: 7077 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 110, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Map to the meeting site: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg>

Chair: Kay Speaks, <mailto:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org>

Instructors: Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

One of the two basic forms used to record your ancestral information is the family group sheet. Recognized the world over, the family group sheet provides details for each marriage included on your pedigree chart.

Kindly R.S.V.P. if you plan to attend the meeting and indicate if you will bring a laptop. Do not forget to check our blog, "Tri-Valley TMG User Group" at <http://tvmtgug.blogspot.com>. If you are a L-AGS member and have not received an invitation to join the blog readership, please e-mail Sue Johnston at <mailto:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org> and she can arrange your access information.

Resources: A free demo version of the software may be downloaded at <http://www.whollygenes.com>. For additional information contact: <mailto:tvmtg.chair@l-ags.org>. The user group e-mail address is <mailto:tvmtg@L-AGS.org>.

WRITING GROUP

Writing Your Personal and Family History

Date: Sunday, April 22, 1:00 p.m – 3:00 p.m.

Location: R.S.V.P for meeting location

Chair: Debbie Mascot, <mailto:writing.SIG.chair@L-AGS.org>

Are you thinking of writing about your family history or your personal history? Join us for the writers' special interest group. Long-distance or otherwise unavailable members may join via email!

LUNCH 'N' LEARN

Every other month

Join us for lunch in Pleasanton. Our first meeting was held in March and seven of us met for lunch to discuss Interviewing- tools and techniques. Our next meeting will be in May and we'll be discussing our brick walls and helping each other brainstorm picks and shovels to break 'em down! For more information, contact Debbie at <mailto:debbie@mascotmanor.org>.

SUMMARY OF L-AGS BOARD MEETING

March Board Meeting held on March 28, 2012

At our March general meeting, 37 members and 3 guests attended.

L-AGS assets are \$12,278.18.

The L-AGS contract with the Pleasanton Library has been finalized and is good for 3 years.

PRESERVE YOUR STORIES IN THE ROOTS TRACER

"Publish or Regret" Will your descendants regret your failure to publish?

Hopefully you are putting the finishing touches on your first article for The Roots Tracer. If you need assistance composing your story, the Roots Tracer staff <mailto:tracer@LAGS.org> and/or <mailto:managing.editor@L-AGS.org> is willing and able to help you. Written articles should be approximately 300 to 1,000 words. Photos and lineage charts always increase the reader's interest in your revelations. The quarterly deadline for the May issue is the 1st of April, 2012. Patrick Lofft, Editor.

Begin now with a small article. A few paragraphs are a beginning. Your initial success will be your springboard for braver future articles. Tell all of us the tale of your favorite research discovery. Which of your findings filled you with awe, surprise and pride?

Our Roots Tracer offers all members the opportunity to preserve their family chronicles in print and on the Internet. Some generations don't care, but other generations will. We want to make sure that, when someone is interested, even 100 years from now, the basic information will be there for them in the Library of Congress as well as on the World Wide Web. Our memories are a library of information that could be irretrievably lost. We can honor the struggles that our ancestors went through...they shouldn't be forgotten, especially the women, who are less frequently found in public documents.

Where Do We Come From?

Where do the visitors to L-AGS website live?

You can find out by going to the bottom of our home page at <http://www.L-AGS.org> and viewing either the World Map or the Visitor's box. Clicking on either image on the website will display more detailed information and statistics about our visitors.



SPECIAL EVENTS IN AND AROUND TOWN

OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

1940 Census Party, April 9, 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Family History Center, Oakland, CA. For more information, see: <http://1940censusparty.eventbrite.com/>

Blogging, April 12, 7:00 p.m. LDS Church, Concord, CA. For more information, see: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cacccgs/>

How to Do Effective Research, How to Use Computers for Genealogy, and How to Present Your Family History, April 14, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Family History Center, Santa Clara, CA. For more information, see: <http://www.svpafug.org/>

Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society's 55th Anniversary Celebration, April 17, 6:15 p.m. Santa Clara City Public Library, Santa Clara, CA. For more information see: <http://www.scchgs.org/>

Making Use of Your Computer File Folders, April 21, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. California Genealogical Society and Library, Oakland, CA. For more information, see: <http://californiaancestors.org/>

Sonoma County Genealogical Society's Spring Seminar Featuring Connie Lenzen, April 21, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wells Fargo Center of the Arts, Santa Rosa, CA. For more information, see: <http://www.scgs.org>

Mac Tips and Reunion's Comprehensive Reports, April 28, 1:30 p.m. Oakland Regional Family History Center, Oakland, CA. For more information see: <http://www.macgen.org>

You may visit our L-AGS website for a listing of other local societies: <http://www.L-AGS.org/lagslinks.html#GenealogicalSocieties>

The San Francisco Bay Area Genealogy Calendar blog also features a number of meetings and events within 75 miles of San Francisco: <http://sfbagenealogy.blogspot.com>

COOPERATIVE EFFORTS

In an effort to provide the local area with the best possible resources and capabilities in genealogy, L-AGS participates in ongoing cooperative endeavors with several organizations.

PLEASANTON GENEALOGY CENTER

A L-AGS docent is available at the Pleasanton City Library Wednesday 10 AM-1 PM and 6 PM - 9 PM, or by appointment, e-mail:

<mailto:docents.chair@L-AGS.org>. 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. The L-AGS genealogy book collection resides in the Genealogy Section of the Pleasanton City Library. The Pleasanton Library provides access to the following subscription genealogy databases:

- Ancestry.com
- New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)
- Fold3.com (previously Footnote)
- Heritage Quest (in Library & at home)

LIVERMORE LDS FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

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 Mocho Street, Livermore complex are often used for these. Several L-AGS members, both LDS and non-LDS, volunteer as docents at the FHC. They are available to assist you in your genealogy research. The FHC has several subscription research sites not readily available elsewhere. The FHC is open Mondays 9 a.m. – 3 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.

Center location map: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Liv-FHC.jpg>

HELP WANTED

Here are some ways you can get involved and stay connected with L-AGS. L-AGS needs you!

Library Docent. Docent needed one Wednesday morning a month from 10am to 1pm. Contact the docent chair at <mailto:docents.chair@L-AGS.org>.

Typists. Transcribe all or part of 33 pages of a source document into a word processor. Contact Dick Finn at <mailto:rwfinn@wecare.net>.

Proofreaders. Compare the original source to the publish-ready transcription for a L-AGS book to be printed. Contact Dick Finn at <mailto:rwfinn@wecare.net>

FUTURE L-AGS GENERAL MEETINGS AND OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE

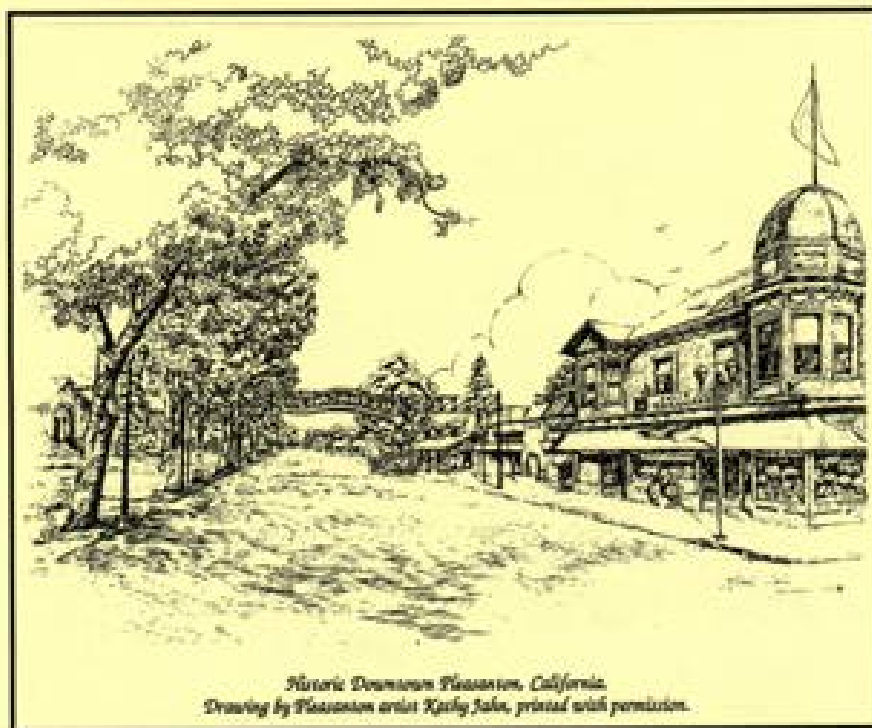
Note: Some meetings have special schedules and locations during summer and holiday seasons. Check the specific listings above for details or contact the meeting Leader.

Topics of Future General Meetings		
Date	Topic	Presenter
May 8, 2012	Historyalogy	David Stevenson
June 12, 2012	Putting the Flesh on the Bones	Ron Arons

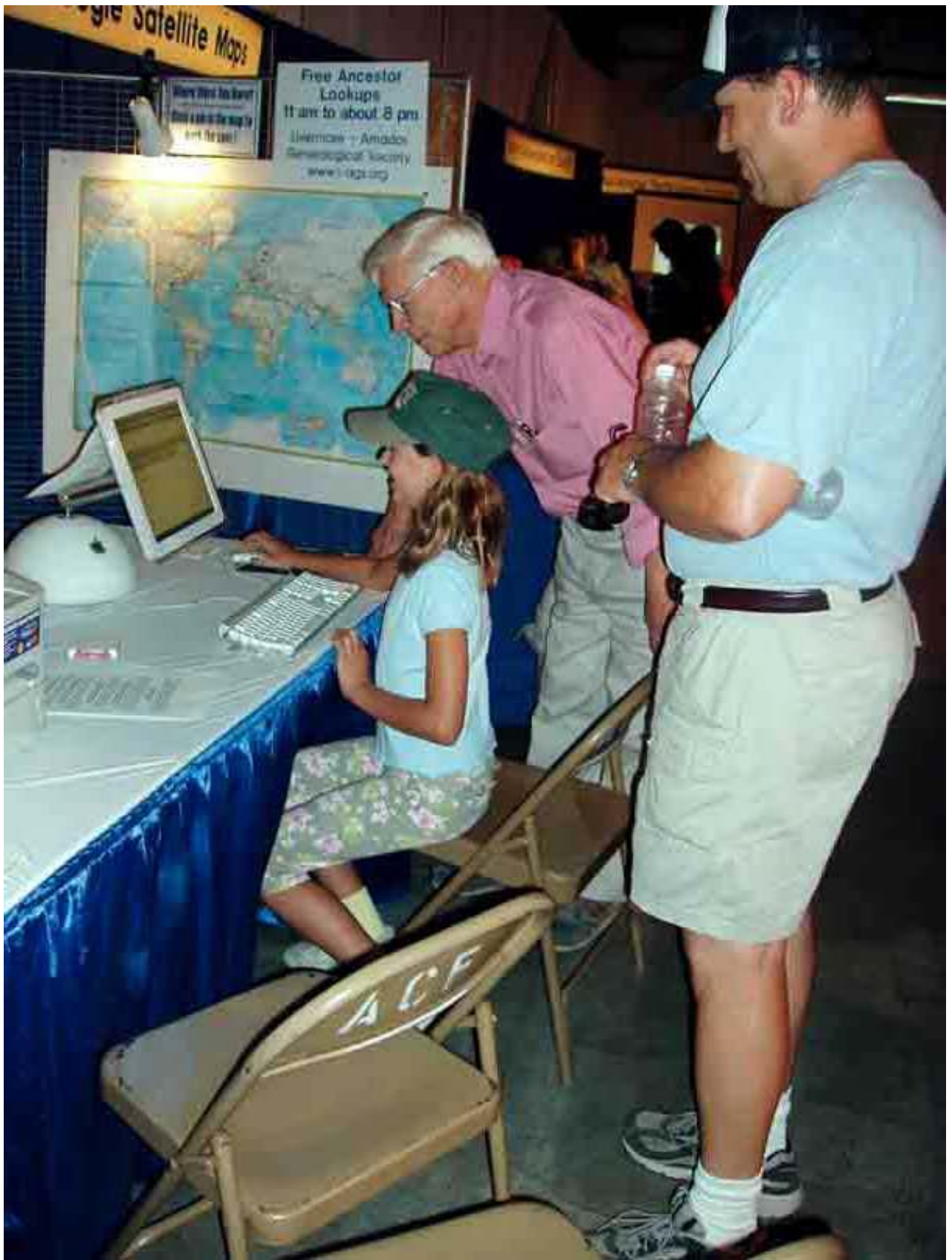
Regular Scheduled Events		
<i>Note: Some meetings have special schedules and locations during summer and holiday seasons. Check the specific listings above for details or contact the meeting Leader.</i>		
General Meeting Cheryl Palmer, Program Chair	Second Tuesday 7:30 p.m.	Congregation Beth Emek 3400 Nevada Court Pleasanton Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Kay Speaks, TMG Leader	Third Saturday 9 a.m. – Noon	7077 Koll Center Parkway Suite 110 Pleasanton Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg
Writing Group Debbie Mascot	One Sunday a Month (TBD) 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.	R.S.V.P. for address
Lunch 'n' Learn Debbie Mascot	One weekday a month (TBD) 11:30a.m.–1p.m.	R.S.V.P. for address

Photos from the Banner on Page 1:

Ten-Year Cumulative Every-Name Index
and
Index to Major Subjects
for the
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Sifting Through History



DAVID ABRAHAMS (right) led a team of 30 volunteers, including Jane Southwick (left), in indexing a five-volume collection of historical papers on Alameda County. With more than 16,000 names, the index could prove to be valuable for genealogists.

Scrapbook indexing a boon to local genealogists





The Tri-Valley Herald, Thursday, July 11, 1985

Genealogy materials have new quarters

A new home for the Livermore-Amador Genealogy Society's resource materials has made them more accessible to valley residents searching for their roots.

Formerly stored in a society member's home, the materials are now located at the Livermore History Center in the Carnegie Building on Third Street.

Visitors may look through books on how to start out in genealogy, look up European ships' passenger lists, scan "The Official Military Atlas of the Civil War," or peruse records society members compiled from St. Michael's, Memory Gardens and Roselawn cemeteries in Livermore.

Society president Rosemarie Wade said she's pleased these resources will be so much more available.

"We put out the word that we were looking for a home and the Livermore Heritage Guild offered us this," she said. The guild operates the history center.

Wade hasn't counted the volumes in the collection, but maintained it is remarkable for a society of its size to have such a substantial library.

The collection is particularly strong on data from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Ohio, she said.

She hopes greater visibility of the materials will attract local contributions, be they written recollections from natives or genealogical histories.

Margaret Fazio, editor of the society's quarterly "Livermore Roots Tracer," said she continually runs into people who have taken up genealogy.

"It's the darndest thing. All it takes is one of these little papers,"



Gordon Clark — staff photo

Virginia Moore, left, Rosemarie Wade and Marjorie Harger are pleased their group's genealogical materials have a new home.

said Fazio, referring to a form representing a family tree.

"You think, 'Well I know this one, but who's that?'" said Fazio, who has traced her French-English line to 1639 in Rhode Island.

Not everyone sees the importance of tracing one's roots.

"It's amazing the number of people not interested in genealogy who, if a person dies, throw out everything," said Wade.

"It used to be genealogy was very popular. It was the thing to do. One person (in a family) always had this job. Then, about 1980 it fell out of

favor.

"If you can find that (old family) history, now all you have to do is fill in this gap of the last 100 years," said Wade.

The genealogy library is open from from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sundays.

Docents will be on duty part of the time. There will be a sign-up sheet for those who need further help.

For information, phone the Carnegie Building at Fourth and J streets, at 442-9927.

— By Diane Daniel

Special note: The caption has the names of the members reversed. Virginia Moore is on the right.