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Happy Fathers' Day!

This is the e-Bulletin from the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society (L-AGS), provided monthly to our members. If you would prefer not to receive this e-Bulletin or other information, please send a message to <mailto:membership@L-AGS.org> and your address will be removed from our distribution list

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>.

Welcome

Welcome to our newest member:

Joyce Tafoya, Pleasanton

Special Notices

Thank You!

A special note of thanks to the following people:

Lynne Reeser- for her indexing of the 1940 census totaling almost 11,000 records!

Patricia Northam- for volunteering as a typist for L-AGS projects

Lois Barber- for volunteering as a proofreader for L-AGS projects

Tesla, California

The State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Division is starting to work on the General Plan for the Tesla property and they are seeking comments for the use of that land. We can help to try to protect and preserve what is left of Tesla and the surrounding environment if enough of us take the time to send in comments letting them know what we would like to see on the Tesla property. **June 11, 2012 is the deadline for input.** The web site is below. Click on the "online comment form" on the upper right of their web page to prompt a comments form to submit. <http://carnegiegeneralplan.com/>

Bay Area Immigration Records- No Longer in Jeopardy

About 40,000 pre-1910 immigration records for immigrants and foreign visitors that were processed in San Francisco, Reno, Honolulu and Guam were going to be destroyed. "Immigration officials originally planned to discard each file 75 years after it was inactive, such as after someone became a citizen, died or was deported, said Marisa Louie, of the National Archives." With the help of a special committee (*including L-AGS own Kay Speaks*), the immigration files in San Bruno have been saved. Read more about it here:

http://www.mercurynews.com/census/ci_20646026/bay-area-immigration-records-destined-dustbin-will-be

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Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting:**
When: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Ron Arons
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: *Creating Database Subsets***
When: Saturday, June 30, 2012 – 9:00 a.m. **NOTE DATE CHANGE**
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group: *Personal and Family History***
When: Saturday, June 16, 2012 – 1:00 p.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Lunch 'n' Learn: *Field Trip to Pleasanton Library***
When: TBD (July Date)
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meeting**
When: Tuesday, June 26, 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: Putting the Flesh on the Bones

GUEST SPEAKER: Ron Arons

DATE: Tuesday, June 12, 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>

Why limit yourself to simply expanding your family tree by looking for names, dates and places. Beyond Who?, When?, and Where?, it is possible to explore the far more interesting question, WHY? Why did our ancestors behave the way they did? In this presentation Ron provides two related examples from his own research experience on how this process works. The unexpected benefit of this approach is that it allowed Ron to push back his family tree four more generations and find many living relatives he never knew before.

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- Creating Exhibits in Reports

Date: Saturday, June 30, 9:00 a.m – 12:00 p.m. **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

Lunch Meet Up, Noon: Habit, Bernal & Valley, Pleasanton

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:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>

Instructors: Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

Are you getting ready for a summer genealogy research trip? We will learn how to create a TMG report containing information you need to research, plus any exhibits you may have already located. This report will be a great tool to take on your next research trip.

AS WE HAVE TV-TMG ATTENDEES FROM MANY CITIES, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE AND TIME CHANGES AFTER THE FIRST OF THE MONTH (If you are on our TV-TMG e-mail list you will receive a personalized e-mail notification of change.)

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://tvtmgug.blogspot.com>. This is a great place to record our citation decisions, post notes and ideas from the meeting, and ask and answer questions. Learning assignments and challenges are posted on this website. If you have not received an invitation to join the blog readership, please e-mail Sue Johnston at <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>.

The TV-TMG Users Group's public blog is located at <http://tvtmgee.blogspot.com/>. Here is where you will find more information about publishing and sharing our TV-TMG source templates that approximate Mills' *Evidence Explained*. These templates may be downloaded for personal use by individuals. Societies and groups of individuals wishing to use our templates should contact the L-AGS's TV-TMG chair at <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>. We are researching options for publishing our templates online.

Resources: A free demo version of the software may be downloaded at <http://www.whollygenes.com>. Mills' book may be purchased online from any of the following websites, plus many other websites: Amazon, Wholly Genes, Footnote and Ancestry. For additional information contact: <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>. The user group e-mail address is <mailto:tvtmg@L-AGS.org>.

WRITING GROUP

Writing Your Personal and Family History

Date: Saturday, June 16, 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

Field Trip to Pleasanton Library

Date: TBD in July, 11:30 a.m – 1:00 p.m.

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

Chair: Debbie Mascot and Kay Speaks

Bring your bag lunch to the Pleasanton Library. We'll have a docent tour of the L-AGS collection and a picnic outside. Date in July will be determined. For more information and to R.S.V.P., contact Debbie at <mailto:debbie@mascotmanor.org>.

SUMMARY OF L-AGS BOARD MEETING

May Board Meeting held on May 29, 2012

L-AGS now has 173 memberships and 214 members.

As of May 29, L-AGS volunteers have indexed almost 30,000 names in the 1940 Census. Our top three indexers are Lynn Reeser, Julie Lui, and Richard Lerche.

L-AGS docents are available to assist patrons with 1940 Census lookups at the Pleasanton Library.

Dick Finn and George Anderson continue to work on prepping several publications for printing.

L-AGS will be supporting the October Heritage Happenings for the three libraries - Pleasanton, Dublin, and Livermore. Patrick Lofft is our coordinator.

Kay Speaks attended the May 22nd A-Files Celebration. She indicated that A-File (Alien files) documents will be housed at NARA San Francisco (San Bruno) and Kansas City. Researchers will be able to view the files by appointment only at the Archives San Francisco (San Bruno). For Kansas City A-File documents, copies must be ordered online. A fee may apply. First, one should search the online Archival Research Catalog (ARC) for individuals presently contained in the files.

Researching Alien Files (A-Files) at the National Archives at Kansas City
<http://www.archives.gov/research/immigration/aliens/a-files-kansas-city.html>

Alien Files ("A-Files") at the National Archives at San Francisco
<http://www.archives.gov/research/immigration/aliens/a-files-san-francisco.html>

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 August issue is the 1st of July, 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN AND AROUND TOWN

OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Intro to Genealogy, June 2, 1:00 p.m. California Genealogical Society and Library, Oakland, CA. For more information see: <http://californiaancestors.org/>

A Day with the Photo Detective, Maureen Taylor, June 6, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Veterans Memorial Building, Lafayette, CA. For more information see: <http://californiaancestors.org/>

Southern California Jamboree, June 8-10, Burbank, CA. Many L-AGS members will be attending. For more information see: <http://genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com/>.

Military Workshop: Revolutionary War to Civil War, June 8, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Leo J. Ryan Federal Building, San Bruno, CA. For more information see: <http://www.archives.gov/pacific/archives/san-francisco/workshops.html>

Your Ancestors in U.S. Military Research, June 13, 10:00 a.m. Oakland Family History Center, Oakland, CA. For more information see: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~caebaygs/index.htm>

Copyright Law, June 19, 6:15 p.m. Santa Clara City Public Library, Santa Clara, CA. For more information see: <http://www.scchgs.org/>

New Version of Reunion 10, Entering Events in Reunion, June 23, 1:30 p.m. Oakland Regional Family History Center, Oakland, CA. For more information please see: <http://www.macgen.org>

Getting Started- Round Table Study, June 27, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tracy Area Genealogical Society Library, Tracy, CA. For more information see: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~catags/index.htm>

Paperback Launch of Erika Lee and Judy Yung's *Angel Island: Immigrant Gateways to America*, June 30, 1:00 p.m. Chinese Culture Center, San Francisco, CA. For more information please see <http://www.aiisf.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

1940 U.S. Census is available through the Pleasanton Library. Genealogy docents will assist with locating your ancestors.

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>.

Proofreaders. Multiple projects need proofreaders. Contact Dick Finn at <mailto:rwoffinn@yahoo.com>.

Greeters, Guides and Facilitators. The L-AGS board supports another Heritage Happenings in October 2012 at the Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton Libraries. Please contact Patrick at <mailto:managing.editor@L-AGS.org> for more information. The following groups of assistance will be needed:

- L-AGS seeks **greeters** to meet the public at the Library doors and direct them to the proper room.
- L-AGS seeks genealogy **guides** who will assist the public to locate the Census Records of their grandparents using either Ancestry.com or HeritageQuest.
- L-AGS seeks **facilitators** who will volunteer to bring and use their own Wi-Fi enabled laptop computers at the libraries to assist the public to locate the Census Records of their grandparents using either Ancestry.com or HeritageQuest.

This and That

Did you know that the L-AGS website is a plethora of fantastic information? Please visit and explore!

This month when I explored, I found the "Useful Genealogy Internet Links" page: <http://www.l-ags.org/lagslinks.html>. Many new tools for my genealogy toolbox!

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
June 12, 2012	Putting The Flesh on the Bones	Ron Arons
July 10, 2012	Beyond Names and Dates: Building Your Ancestor's Profile	Angela Kraft
August 14, 2012	ABCs of DNA	Steve Danko

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 (PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)	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 and Kay Speaks	One weekday every other month (TBD) 11:30a.m.–1p.m.	R.S.V.P. for address

Photos from the Banner on Page 1:

— Tri-Valley Herald —

Ancestry bug brings many to fair booth

SATURDAY
June 29, 2002

MAPPING YOUR PAST



JIM STEVENS — Staff photos

LEO VONGOTTFRIED of the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society points to an area on a map of Bavaria in Europe, where his ancestors emigrated from to Baltimore.

Residents of

**Murray Township,
Alameda County,
California**

on

June 1, 1880

As recorded in the
Federal Census of 1880

Compiled from compact disks released June 1, 2001 by
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints





A Magazine with News
and Information for
Over 10 & Over

Just for You!

SUPPLEMENT TO THE INDEPENDENT - FEBRUARY 24, 1992 - 4 PAGES



*"It's a good
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traveling."*

Harriet and George Anderson hold a Stabbu, a symbol from Norway similar to our log cabin. It is where they store grain, small animals and sometimes have a second floor for overnight guests.

FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH STARTS WITH "GRANDMA"

George Anderson, amateur genealogist, says genealogy is essentially very simple.

"The most basic rule," says the Pleasanton resident, "is talk to your grandmother before it's too late."

"Or your grandfather, or anyone else in the family who's the oldest living relative," puts in Harriet Anderson, George's wife and genealogical colleague.

"Two things drive genealogists crazy," George says. "One is when they hear someone say, 'Oh, my grandmother knew about that, but we never talked about it, and then she died.' The other is when they hear, 'We threw all those old things out. We don't know they meant anything.'"

"Genealogy starts with the things in the family that you have around the house," he explains.

His gives a word of caution. "When you talk to Grandma, as it were, don't take everything she tells you literally. A lot of things turn out not to be true."

That is why serious genealogists, like the

Andersons, become researchers, in addition to interviewees of family members.

"The researcher can pinpoint, but there are lots of books on how to do it, so genealogy has become very popular," George says. "It's said to be the second most popular hobby in the U.S."

Minnesota natives who've lived in Pleasanton since 1962, the Andersons became interested in genealogy as the result of family record that Harriet discovered in a drawer in 1973. They've taken the full plunge since then. The hobby has taken them almost literally around the world in search of family members.

Harriet's family roots are in Denmark and Norway and most of her family lives today in New Zealand and Australia. George's family comes from England, Ireland and Germany. He says of genealogy: "It's a good excuse for traveling."

He says his interest in genealogy helped bring about a big reunion of his family

when a second cousin from Ireland visited the U.S. last year. The reunion was held in Kansas City, with almost 70 members attending.

After George retired as a Santa physician in 1984, he and Harriet joined the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society (LAGS), founded about six years earlier. They're among its most active members. George serves on the board and is in charge of the Livermore-Roseville Branch, LAGS' quarterly magazine.

He writes a column about genealogical books and other publications, and like any reviewer worth his salt offers personal philosophy in addition to describing the publications.

Reviewing in the current edition a book entitled "Family Discovery: Are You at Risk?", he observes, "Genealogy is often defined as 'finding out who we are.' This phrase is usually taken in a spiritual sense, but in a broader view, we literally see what our ancestors were, to the extent that names prevail over names. And what our ancestors were is

often something that we wish they were.

Anderson's upcoming column will be the genealogy newsletter available at L. Shewen. Sporting this column was LAGS' recent acquisition of the seven rolls of 1920 Alameda County census. (LAGS) owns all the publicly available censuses of the Livermore-Amador Valley, going back 1890. The censuses aren't made available to the public until 72 years after their issue.

The column gives an interesting view from the 1920 census — the wingtip Carl Weiss family of Livermore. The interesting part is that Mrs. Carl Weiss is, first, an "head" of the family, and Carl Weiss, an "headband." George Anderson comments, "Was she an early feminist?"

LAGS has approximately 700 members. While about half of them are retired people like the Andersons, there are a number of young members too.

According to the Andersons, the next issue will be in the

THE MARCH, 1992