



e-Bulletin November 2012

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Happy Thanksgiving!

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>.

Special Notices

New Members

Welcome to the new members: Lawrence Annis of Pleasanton, Sue Caraway of Pleasanton, Gloria Lotten of San Ramon, Tom Mathews of Livermore, Garl and Carol Satterthwaite of Pleasanton, Linda Todd of Pleasanton!

December General Meeting

The December general meeting on Tuesday, December 11 is the L-AGS' annual "Member Share" Meeting. Please contact Cheryl Palmer, Program Chair, at <mailto:program@L-AGS.org> to sign up to share your story, genealogy adventure, item, or brickwall.

We will also have a Genealogy Show and Tell before and after the meeting. Do you have a genealogical treasure? A book you wrote, a chart you made, your great grandmother's diary, a blanket your great aunt knitted, a box your third great grandfather brought with him in his travels? Bring it to display at the meeting!

2013 Membership Renewal

The 2012 L-AGS membership year will be ending December 31st. To continue enjoying the camaraderie, education, resources and knowledge benefits of membership in a genealogical society like L-AGS, be sure to renew your membership. Annual membership dues are due and payable by January 1st. For your convenience, the 2013 L-AGS membership renewal form is ***on the last page of this bulletin.***

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Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting: *Life and Death in the Mount Diablo Coal Field***
When: Tuesday, November 13, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Traci Parent
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: *Brain Storm Party!***
When: Sunday, November 18, 2012, 1:00 p.m. **NOTE DATE CHANGE!**
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group: *Blogs—Reading and Writing (no arithmetic!)***
(note: combined with Lunch 'n' Learn Group)
When: Saturday November 10, 2012 – 12:00 p.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Lunch 'n' Learn: *Blogs—Reading and Writing (no arithmetic!)***
(note: combined with Writing Group)
When: Saturday November 10, 2012 – 12:00 p.m. (Bring a bag lunch!)
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meeting**
When: Tuesday, November 27, 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: Life and Death in the Mount Diablo Coal Field

GUEST SPEAKER: Traci Parent

DATE: Tuesday, November 13, 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>

Learn about life and death in the Mount Diablo Coal Field with the recently published *book Rose Hill – A Comprehensive History of a Pioneer Cemetery*.

Researched over three decades by Black Diamond Mines Supervising Naturalist, Traci Parent, this nearly 1,200 page book is the only comprehensive account of the people buried in the cemetery.

With over 600 images, including photographs, diagrams, and contemporary newspaper accounts, the book gives the reader a fascinating look into local history and life as it once was in the coal towns of East Contra Costa County.

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

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: Brain Storm Party!

Date: Sunday November 18, 2012, 1:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **NOTE DATE CHANGE!**

Lunch Meet Up, Noon: The Habit Burger Grill & Panda Express Food Court, Bernal & Valley Avenue Shopping Center, 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, tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org

Instructors: Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

Have you wished for a report that your genealogy software hasn't been able to produce? Let us help you brain storm a way to create a custom TMG report. Last month we saw how Bruce used TMG and individual effort to create his ideal custom report. Bring a sample of your favorite report and let's see what we can create in TMG!

Please be sure to check our TV-TMG blog website, <http://tvmtgreports.blogspot.com/>, before each meeting for up-to-date information regarding our TV-TMG meetings, including possible changes to

current and future meetings. From this website you will find links to our other website resources. Learning assignments and challenges are posted to this website. Sign up to "follow" our new blog, *Exploring Custom Reports with TV-TMG Users Group*. 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 TVTMG chair at <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>. We are researching options for publishing our templates online.

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 private 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, as well as 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>.

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

WRITING GROUP

Blogs-- Reading and Writing (no arithmetic!)

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.

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

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

Bring your bag lunch and come learn about blogs! Sharing our family history and our personal history with family members can be challenging. While books work for some, others require small "snippets" of information at a time in order to retain interest. Rather than mailing these snippets to all the family, a blog can be a great way to communicate. Additionally, the reading of blogs is a great way to gain genealogical news, ideas, and different writing techniques. To join the writing group email list, please send a note to <mailto:changes@L-AGS.org> with "Add me to the Writing SIG list" in the subject line.

LUNCH 'N' LEARN

Blogs-- Reading and Writing (no arithmetic!)

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.

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

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

See the Writing Group description above for details.

DNA MAILING LIST

Join this list to share information with others who are interested in DNA testing for Genetic Genealogy, designing DNA tests to solve genealogical questions, and learning how to understand and use your DNA results. To join the DNA mailing list, please send a note to <mailto:changes@L-AGS.org> with "Add me to the DNA list" in the subject line.

SUMMARY OF L-AGS BOARD MEETING

October Board Meeting held on October 23, 2012

L-AGS now has 222 members. The 2013 membership will begin soon. Membership forms will be in the e-bulletin and the Roots Tracer. 53 people signed in at the October general meeting. 38 members and 15 guests attended.

Heritage Happenings was quite successful. Our volunteers assisted over 75 patrons with research at the libraries of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, and Danville.

The Nominating Committee will present the 2013 slate of officers at the November meeting. Members will vote at the December meeting.

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 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. 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)

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@LAGS.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.

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

HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

Many of you assisted during the Heritage Happenings events throughout the local libraries. You will love to hear that we helped over 75 people through the month of October this year! Many future genealogists were created with your help! Thank you to everyone who participated.

OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Fall Seminar with Thomas W. Jones: Proven Methods for Genealogical Success: Four Lectures, November 3. Menlo Park, CA. For more information, please see: <http://www.smcgs.org>.

Records from the War of 1812 by Susan Goss Johnston, November 3 at 11:00 a.m. Fairfield, CA. For more information, please see: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cascgsi>

Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County 2012 Seminar, November 10 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Modesto, CA. For more information see: <http://cagenweb.com/lr/stanislaus/gssc.html>

Reunion 10's Find and List Commands, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. Oakland, California. For more information see: <http://www.macgen.org>.

Carville by the Sea, November 17 at 10:30 a.m. San Mateo, CA. For more information, please see: <http://www.smcgs.org>.

Slave Research and the Life of William Grimes, November 17 at 1:30pm. Oakland, CA. For more information, please see: www.aagsnc.org.

Secrets to Searching *Ancestry.com*, November 18 at 1:30 p.m. San Francisco, CA. For more information, please see: <http://www.jewishgen.org/sfbajgs>.

Family Tree in *FamilySearch*, November 20 at 10:00 a.m. Alamo, CA. For more information, please see: <http://srvgensoc.org>.

African American Research Workshop, November 28 at 6:00 p.m. Oakland, CA. For more information, please see: https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Oakland_California_Large_Multi-stake_Family_History_Center/Class_Schedule.

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.

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 Mocho Street 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

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>.

Organizers and Helpers. Our Ask Granny program at Heritage Estates was very well-received and we'd like to do more programs at libraries and senior centers. Contact Patrick at <mailto:docents.chair@L-AGS.org>.

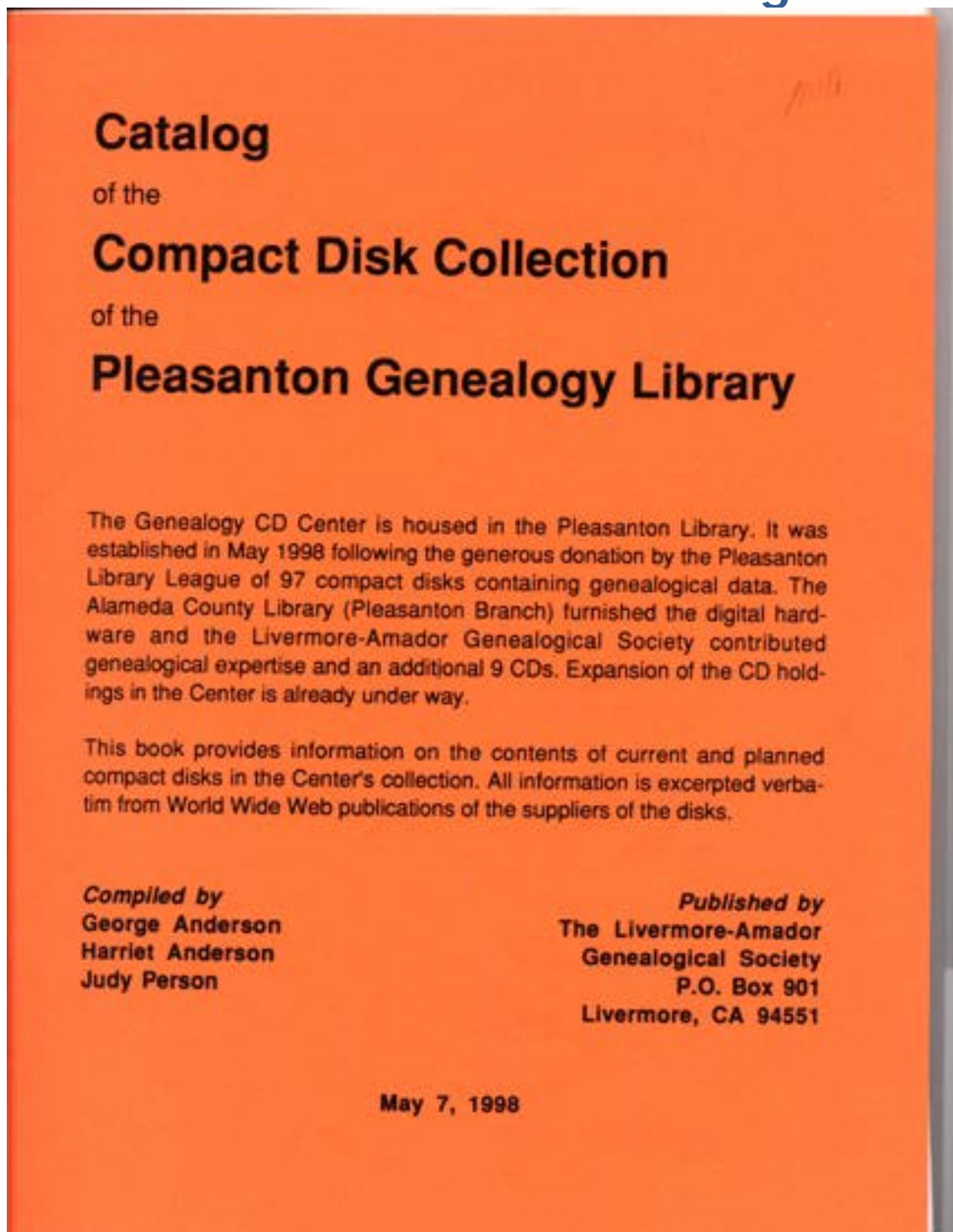
FUTURE L-AGS GENERAL MEETINGS AND OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE

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		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
December 11, 2012	Member Sharing	Members

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 Saturday a Month (TBD)	R.S.V.P. for address
Lunch 'n' Learn Debbie Mascot and Kay Speaks	One lunch hour every other month (TBD)	R.S.V.P. for address

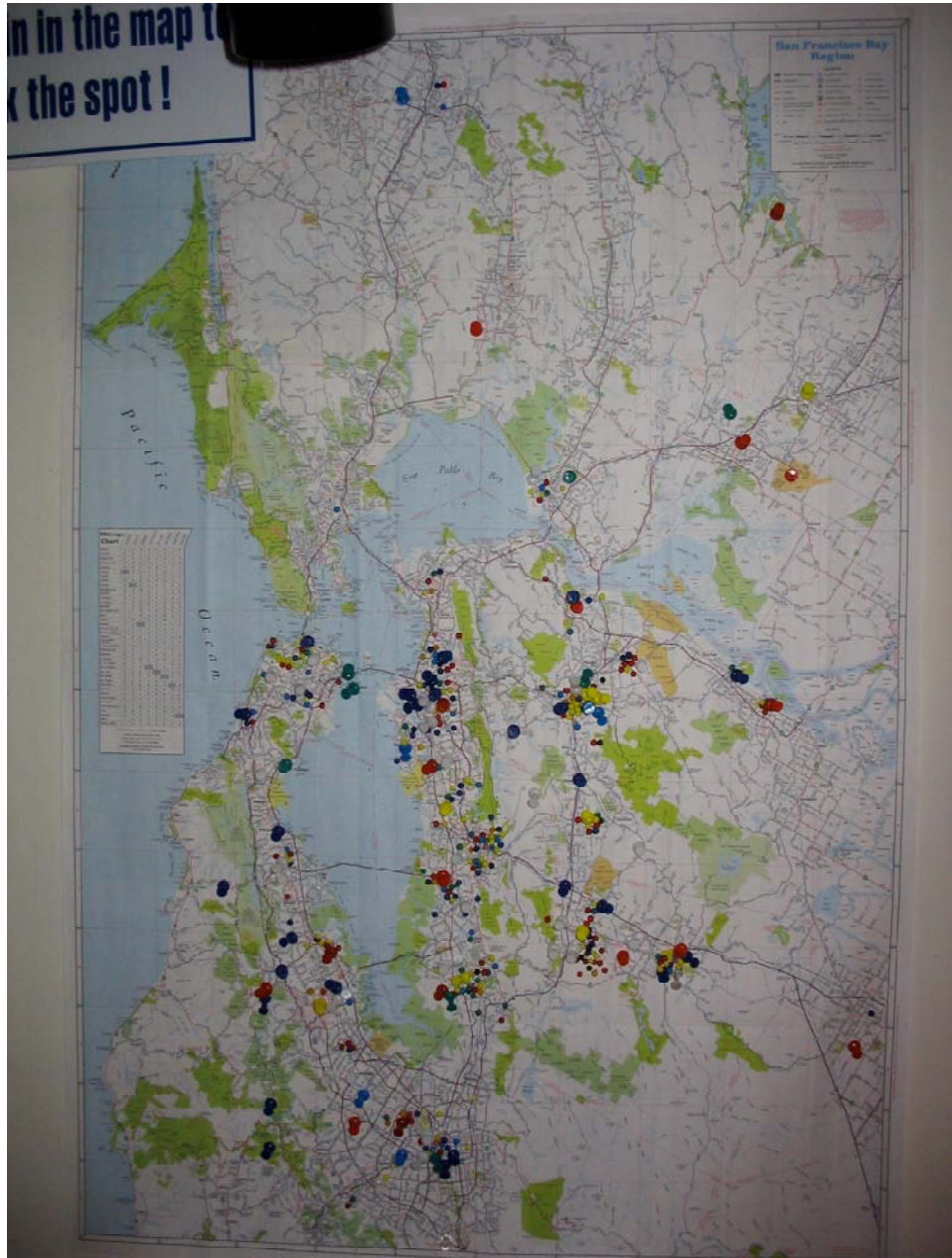
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Wood's History of Alameda County
History published in 1883
Index compiled as a WPA project in 1936

Index reprinted by
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2013 Membership

Membership Renewal Form

L-AGS annual membership dues are due and payable on or before January 1st. Please complete this form, attach your check, bring to the general meeting or mail to:

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 901
Livermore CA 94551
Email: membership@l-ags.org

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please check box below to indicate your membership choice:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual	\$18
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (2 or more people at same address)	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual Benefactor	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family Benefactor	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patron	\$100

Please indicate how you would like to receive *The Livermore Roots Tracer*:

email U.S. Mail
