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LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Happy Spring!

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>.

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!!!IMPORTANT NEWS!!!

CHANGE OF DATE FOR FUTURE L-AGS' GENERAL MEETINGS

Our long-time host for the L-AGS general meetings, Congregation Beth Emek, has asked us to consider changing our meeting date from the second Tuesday of each month to the second Monday of each month. As we appreciate the opportunity to use their marvelous facilities, L-AGS has agreed to this change **beginning with the May 12 meeting** of L-AGS.

NEWS

Paul Kasameyer

Former L-AGS member, Paul Kasameyer, passed away on March 22, 2014. He and his wife, Ann, were active in L-AGS, as well as in the Livermore Amador Symphony.

Membership

Those members who have not sent in their 2014 renewals and wish to remain active must do so by the April general meeting. If you aren't sure if your dues are up to date, please contact Tom Mathews via email (membership@L-AGS.org) or phone (925) 371-0789.

Summary of Meetings

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

❖ **General Meeting: Hannam-Mansfield Ancestry**

When: Tuesday, April 8, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.

NOTE: This is our last Tuesday General Meeting! Future General Meetings will be on the second MONDAY of each month.

Guest Speaker: Anne Marshall Homan

❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: 2014 Theme- Journal Prompts**

When: Saturday, April 19, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.

Chair: Kay Speaks

❖ **Writing Group**

When: Saturday, April 12, 2014 – 2:30 p.m.

Chair: Debbie Mascot

❖ **Lunch 'n' Learn**

When: Next meeting in May

Chair: Debbie Mascot

❖ **Board Meeting**

When: Tuesday, April 22, 2014 – 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. Your guests should also sign in. Before leaving the meeting site, kindly leave your nametag at the membership table.

TOPIC: Hannam-Mansfield Ancestry

GUEST SPEAKER: Anne Marshall Homan

DATE: Tuesday, April 8, 2014 – 7:30 p.m. *NOTE: This is our last Tuesday General Meeting! Future General Meetings will be on the second MONDAY of each month.*

LOCATION: Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton

Map to the Meeting Site:

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

Anne Homan will tell us about her family lines of Hannam and Mansfield, which required a wide variety of research. Come join us to learn how you can apply research to your family lines.

Local historian Anne Marshall Homan has lived in Livermore for over 40 years. She earned her teaching credential and M.A. in English literature at Holy Names College in 1973. Anne taught at Livermore High School and retired in 1996. While retired, she has authored *The Morning Side of Mount Diablo*; *Historic Livermore, California, A-Z*; *San Francisco Bay Area Nature Guide*; *Saijiki* about haiku poetry; and 2006-07 and 2011-13, the weekly column on local history for the *Livermore Independent*. Anne is a member of local historical societies as well as the Institute of Historical Study. Anne is hoping to write another book.

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

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: Prompt #4: TOMBSTONE TALES – What stories do they tell?

Pick a tombstone and enter its information in TMG. Then, write a story deriving from that information. Where will this month's research expedition take you?

Date: Saturday, April 19, 2014, 9 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

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

Using April's "prompt," select a tombstone, enter the information it contains in your TMG database, and create a journal report. Write at least two paragraphs. Where will the information discovered from the tombstone lead you in this month's writing adventure? What correlations will you find? Did you need a new tag? How did you formulate your source citation? Did this source generate new questions? Some wonderfully entertaining stories were written these last few months!

Our new blog (<http://tvtmgadventures.blogspot.com/>) provides the detailed prompt, samples and ideas, and an opportunity for questions and sharing. Don't forget to check it out—even if you don't use TMG!

Please bring a copy of our TV-TMG book, *Source Templates for The Master Genealogists, A Guide for Creating Computerized Genealogical Source Citation Templates*, to all future meetings as it will be our official workshop textbook. You can purchase a copy from:

<http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/tri-valley-tmg-users-group/source-templates-for-the-master-genealogisttm/paperback/product-20673683.html>.

Kindly R.S.V.P. to <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org> if you plan to attend the meeting and indicate if you will be bringing a laptop. Contact <mailto:tvtmg.editors@L-AGS.org>, if you have questions. Be sure to check our <http://tvtmgreports.blogspot.com/> before each meeting for up-to-date information regarding our meetings, including possible changes to current and future meetings, and meeting notes. From this website you will find links to our other website resources. Sign up and "follow" our blog, *Exploring Custom Reports with TV-TMG Users Group*. This is a great place to record our citation decisions, post notes and ideas from the meeting, as well as ask and answer questions.

Resources:

- Free software demo download: <http://www.whollygenes.com>
- Additional information contact: <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>
- User group e-mail address: <mailto:tvtmg@L-AGS.org>
- Questions about our book, <mailto:tvtmg.editors@L-AGS.org>
- TV-TMG member private blog pre-August 2011: <http://tvtmgug.blogspot.com>
- Purchase our TV-TMG book from lulu.com: <http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/tri-valley-tmg-users-group/source-templates-for-the-master-genealogisttm/paperback/product-20673683.html>

WRITING GROUP

Writing Your Personal and Family History

Date: Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.

Location: Livermore Civic Center Library- RSVP for room location

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

We will talk about our writing goals and our writing projects. For this meeting, we will also talk about blogs—why to have one and how to start one. To join the writing group email list, please send a note to <mailto:changes@L-AGS.org> with "Add me to the Writing list" in the subject line.

LUNCH 'N' LEARN

To be determined

Date: Next meeting in May

Location: Livermore Civic Center Library- RSVP for room location

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

DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

Join this discussion Group 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. For those members who would like 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 LAST BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting on March 25, 2014

Patrick Lofft recently led a group of Stone Creek residents in a tour of the Pleasanton Library's genealogical resources with the assistance of Frank Geasa, Julie Liu and Library volunteer Judy Persons.

Teresa Costa Fraser is finalizing a set of guidelines for writing submissions to the Roots Tracer.

Renewal notices will be sent out by Tom Mathews to any L-AGS members who have not yet renewed their membership.

STARTING IN MAY, THE GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY.

PLEASANTON GENEALOGY CENTER

A L-AGS docent is available at the Pleasanton City Library Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 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. Over 100 of the genealogy volumes may be checked out. Obtain information at the reference desk. The L-AGS genealogy reference book collection of 1,000 volumes resides in the Genealogy Section of the Pleasanton City Library. The L-AGS and the Friends of the Pleasanton Library provide access to the following subscription genealogy databases:

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

ROOTS TRACER NEWS

Do you know that the Roots Tracer is online soon after each issue is published? You can find the current and past issues from 1978 through 2013 here: <http://www.L-AGS.org/tracer/archives.menu.html>.

SPECIAL EVENTS

OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The **MacGen group**, a group for Macintosh genealogy users, meets the second Wednesday and the fourth Saturday in Oakland, California at the Oakland FamilySearch Center. Please see <http://www.macgen.org/> for more information.

The **San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society** meets the third Tuesday of every month in Danville, California at the Danville FamilySearch Center. Please see <http://srvgensoc.org/> for more information.

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.

TRI-VALLEY HISTORY COUNCIL EVENTS

A new page on the L-AGS Web site shows some of the upcoming history-related events being staged by member organizations of the Tri-Valley History Council (TVHC).

History-Related Events:

http://www.L-AGS.org/History_Events/HC_events.html

Tri-Valley History Council:

<http://www.L-AGS.org/HistoryCouncil>

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 FSC 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:rwfinn@yahoo.com>.

Transcribers. A few months ago L-AGS initiated a project to transcribe the genealogical information from The Pleasanton Times newspapers, 1929 through 1934. The project got off to a rapid start. A small group of volunteers are working industriously. As there are a few issues remaining which have not yet been claimed, I once again seek to recruit a dozen or so additional transcribers. My original appeal for an army of volunteers achieved a squad, but hardly an army. Contact Patrick Lofft at <mailto:pmlofft@comcast.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		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
May 12	Writing Your Family History One Byte at a Time	Susan Goss Johnston
June 9	USCIS (U.S. Customs & Immigration Service)	Kay Speaks
July 7	Cemeteries Are Not A Dead Subject	Virginia Kysh
August 11	Western Migration During the Gold Rush Era	Sally Stevens
September 8	Where There's A Will: Probate Records Can Prove Family Connections	Janice Sellers
October 13	Land and Property Records	Vera Broyles
November 10	"It Becomes My Painful Duty..." Uncovering the Stories in Letters of Condolence	Susan Goss Johnston

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 Patricia Northam, Program Chair	Second Monday 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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L-AGS Recording Secretary, January 2014



January 2014 General Meeting



Pleasanton Library 2009





Alameda County Fair