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Happy Father's Day!

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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.

Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting:** *USCIS (U.S. Customs and Immigration Service)*
When: Monday, June 9, 2014 – 7:30 p.m. **NOTE THAT THE MEETING IS MONDAY!**
Guest Speaker: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group:** *2014 Theme- Journal Prompts—Begin with a Military Record*
When: Saturday, June 21, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group:** *Scrivener*
When: Saturday, June 14, 2014 – 2:30 p.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Lunch 'n' Learn**
When: On break until Fall 2014
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meeting**
When: Tuesday, June 24, 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: USCIS (U.S. Customs and Immigration Service)

GUEST SPEAKER: Kay Speaks

DATE: Monday, June 9, 2014 – 7:30 p.m. *NOTE: Meeting is on **MONDAY!***

LOCATION: Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton

Map to the Meeting Site:

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

Although this genealogical resource has been around since 2008, not many researchers have made use of its unique resources until recently. USCIS has five types of files available: A-Files, Alien Registration Forms, C-Files, Registry Files, and Visa Files. Discover the unique information available. Though this is a fee-based resource, these are truly unique records with information and photos you may not be able to access elsewhere. Explore the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Genealogy Notebook! Find out the best way to utilize these resources.

Kay joined L-AGS in 1999. Since then she has been involved in L-AGS special interest groups and county fair project, as participant, leader, or coordinator. She has organized meetings, workshops and seminars for L-AGS, CGS, Chinese American Family History Group, and the Tri-Valley TMG Users Group. Kay has presented a variety of family history topics in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Tulare Counties to historical, genealogical, retirement groups, libraries, museums, special interest groups, including Family History Day 2013 on Angel Island at the Immigration Station where her Chinese family was detainees during the Chinese Exclusion Era. Her family research has been on display at the Museum on Main (Pleasanton), Carnegie Museum (Livermore), and the Alameda County Fair. Kay is a past presenter for the Ed Kinney Lecture Series for the Museum on Main.

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 #5: Begin with a Military Record

Date: Saturday, June 21, 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

Choose a military record that intrigues you, enter the information it contains in your TMG database, and write at least two narrative paragraphs deriving from this record. Did you create a new tag? What source type template did you use? Need ideas for a document? Choose a draft registration or its associated documents; an affidavit from a pension application; an enlistment or discharge paper; a medical record; a military tombstone application. Options are endless in the world of military records.

Our new blog (<http://tvmtgadventures.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-tmq-users-group/source-templates-for-the-master-genealogisttm/paperback/product-20673683.html>.

Kindly R.S.V.P. to <mailto:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org> if you plan to attend the meeting and indicate if you will be bringing a laptop. Contact <mailto:tvmtg.editors@L-AGS.org>, if you have questions. Be sure to check our <http://tvmtgreports.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:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org>
- User group e-mail address: <mailto:tvmtg@L-AGS.org>
- Questions about our book, <mailto:tvmtg.editors@L-AGS.org>
- TV-TMG member private blog pre-August 2011:
<http://tvmtguug.blogspot.com>
- Purchase our TV-TMG book from lulu.com:
<http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/tri-valley-tmq-users-group/source-templates-for-the-master-genealogisttm/paperback/product-20673683.html>

WRITING GROUP

Scrivener

Date: Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.

Location: Livermore Civic Center Library- RSVP for room location

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

In addition to talking about our writing goals and our writing projects, we will discuss the use of the writing program Scrivener in our writing projects. 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

On break until Fall 2014

Date: TBD

Location: TBD

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 May 27, 2014

Heritage Families- Dick Finn reported that Shannon Bagley Ryan will soon be publishing "The Bagleys of Livermore". They are a family that has been in the Livermore area for generations.

Tri-Valley History Council-The next meeting will be July 22 at 2 pm at the Danville Library.

Transcription of the Pleasanton Times is nearing completion. Anyone with outstanding issues is asked to complete them soon.

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)

LIVERMORE ROOTS TRACER NEWS

The May issue of the Livermore Roots Tracer is nearly complete and will be in your mailboxes soon. Be sure and read Pat Northam's article, "Finding Genealogy Gold in Local Records." Her research took her to the Oakland Public Library where she discovered what really happened to her great-grandmother and the circumstances surrounding her death. Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks have compiled a unique list of genealogy resources on the web. This time, their list focuses on social history and your family. Very special thanks to Andi Winters for compiling this month's issue and for having the patience to work with a freshman editor.



Our Camp in the Yosemite Valley, near the famous Yosemite Falls, California.
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August Issue

The theme for the August issue is summer related articles and photos. The photo above is from the Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Online Catalog. What did your ancestors do in the summertime? Write up a few paragraphs and share those stories with us. Send us your photos too. If you don't know what your ancestors did in the summertime, now's the time to find out. Select an ancestor. Think about what they did in the summertime. Where did they live? What

did they do for a living? Do some research. Write up a few paragraphs and submit them for publication. **Please submit all articles for the August issue on or before July 1.**

In addition to summer related articles, we also welcome articles with the following subject matter:

- Updated previously published Livermore Roots Tracer articles
- Famous and Not So Famous Ancestors
- Overcoming Brick Walls
- Traveling to Find Your Roots
- Old House & Building Histories
- Family Heirlooms
- Technology Related Articles
- Book Reviews

Submitting Your Article

You can easily submit your article as an email attachment to L-AGS editor at <mailto:rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org>. Articles should be saved in either Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) or Rich Text format. Use footnotes to cite sources for facts that are not general knowledge. No need to worry about knowing how to cite history sources, our editors can assist you with this task. Photographs should also be emailed as separate files and labeled. Please include possible captions for each item. Photographs, when scanned, should be in either .jpg or .tif format. Finally, provide a short bio (50-60 words) with an email address. Your bio will be placed at the end of your article so that members, readers, and unknown relatives can easily contact you.

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Please feel free to contact L-AGS editor, Teresa Fraser via email <mailto:rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org> or telephone (925) 361-7179 to discuss article ideas or to answer any questions you may have.

SPECIAL EVENTS

OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Angel Island Family History and Reunion Day will be on July 19 on Angel Island. For more information, please see: <http://www.aiisf.org>.

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>.

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
July 14	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

Photos from the Banner on Page 1:



Bill George- Pleasanton Library Research



Marilyn Cutting turning over the gavel to new L-AGS President Patrick Lofft at the January 2014 General Meeting



Susan Goss Johnston at the May 2014 General Meeting



L-AGS Seminar



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