



# e-Bulletin October 2014

## LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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### Happy Family History Month!

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 pages.

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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## 2015 Renewal

*It's time to renew your membership for 2015! Please see the last page of the bulletin for your Membership Renewal Form.*

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# PHOTOGRAPHS!

**Calling your favorite ancestral photos.** Please submit to [debbie@mascotmanor.org](mailto:debbie@mascotmanor.org) with the following information. The pictures will be featured in the L-AGS e-bulletin banner and photo pages in the back.

<b>L-AGS Member:</b>	
<b>Relation:</b>	
<b>Name(s):</b>	
<b>Location:</b>	
<b>Year:</b>	

## Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting: Land and Property Records**  
When: Monday, October 13, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.  
Guest Speaker: Vera Broyles
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: Estate Administrations**  
When: Saturday, October 18 – 9:00 a.m.  
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group: Evernote**  
When: Saturday, October 25, 2014 – 2:30 p.m.  
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Lunch 'n' Learn or Study Group**  
When: On break (see notes)  
Chair: TBD
- ❖ **Board Meeting**  
When: Tuesday, October 7, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. (September Meeting)  
When: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. (October Meeting)  
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:** *Land and Property Records*

**GUEST SPEAKER:** *Vera Broyles*

**DATE:** Monday, October 13, 2014 – 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>

Fifty years ago Vera began asking questions of her family members about her ancestry. For the past 26 years, she has been actively assisting others to find their ancestors. Vera was a staff member at the Oakland Family History Center. She has also served at the Sacramento Family History Center and the Orange Family History Center.

Vera will share with us how land and property records can assist you in researching details about your ancestors.

Please join us as Vera shares what she has learned over the years.

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 #9—Estate Administrations—Start with a will or estate proceedings*

**Date:** Saturday, October 18, 9:00 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:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org>

**Instructors:** Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

Our October topic begins with a death and the records generated from administering an estate. What type of record did you use? Did you find your information in an index, loose papers, letter, or old newspaper article used to locate heirs? Did you choose an abstract, a will, an inventory, or a decree of distribution?

What did you find when you analyzed your records? Was more research required in order to complete this assignment? Did you need a new tag? How did you formulate your source citation? Your journal report should be as long or short as your source requires. Write at least a two-paragraph narrative.

Our blog, <http://tvmtgadventures.blogspot.com>, provides the detailed prompt, samples and ideas, and an opportunity for questions and sharing. Visit our website—even if you use a genealogy program other than TMG, and try this exercise!

## WRITING GROUP

*Evernote*

**Date:** Saturday, October 25, 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 note-taking application Evernote and how we can use it in our genealogy and 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/STUDY GROUP

*On break*

**Date:** TBD

**Location:** TBD

**Chair:** TBD

Because we've changed the structure of the writing group to include a study group item, Debbie will no longer be leading the Lunch 'n' Learn. If you wish to take this over (doesn't have to be lunch time), please let Debbie know at <mailto:debbie@mascotmanor.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

*August Board Meeting Summary – September 2, 2014*

Anyone interested in participating in the planning process for Pioneer Cemetery's Master Plan should contact Patrick Lofft for information.

Joy Cohn is taking over the duties of Lulu publishing.

Heritage Happenings is scheduled for October at area libraries and is looking for all skill levels of assistance from L-AGS volunteers.

*(September Board Meeting postponed to October 7-- Summary of September notes will be in next month's eBulletin)*

# 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

We are actively seeking articles and photos for the Roots Tracer. Some items we are looking for are short, entertaining updates about your current genealogy activities. Who are you researching? In what locations? What time period? What other genealogy related activities are you pursuing? Are you travelling? Indexing? Writing? Speaking? Instructing? Volunteering? Let us know. Please submit all articles, updates and columns to <mailto:rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org>.

We welcome articles the following subject matter:

- Updated, previously published Livermore Roots Tracer articles
- Your 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, Poems, and Photographs

### 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, please provide a headshot and short bio (50-60 words) with an email address. Your headshot and bio will be placed at the end of your article so that members, readers, and unknown relatives can easily contact you.

## Author's Rights

By submitting an article for publication in the Livermore Roots Tracer, you agree to grant the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society one-time print publication rights, and the right to publish the article on its website in the Roots Tracer Archive. All other rights not expressly granted in this agreement are fully reserved by you. In addition, you acknowledge that you are the original author and are free to grant publication rights and that your article does not contain material that is consciously libelous or defamatory.

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

## 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.*

### 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>.

**Oak Knoll Cemetery.** The Oak Knoll Cemetery Project needs some help. Dick Finn and his cousin in England, Peter Kitchingham, are working on identifying all of the people buried at the old Oak Knoll Cemetery at the corner of Stanley and Wall St. in Livermore. This project will conclude with a book listing all these people and something about their families including photographs of gravestones where available. We have a listing of articles about these people in local newspapers. It would be a great service if a few people would take the time to look up and copy these articles for the project. Microfilm of the papers are at the Livermore Library and the Livermore Heritage Guild. If you can help please contact Dick at <mailto:rwoffinn@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.*

<b>Topics of Future General Meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
November 10	"It Becomes My Painful Duty..." Uncovering the Stories in Letters of Condolence	Susan Goss Johnston
December 8	Hitting the Mother Lode	Teresa Parham
January 12	Vital Records and the Calendar Change of 1752	Janice Sellers

<b>Regular Scheduled Events</b>		
<i>Note: Some meetings have special schedules and locations during summer and holiday seasons.</i>		
<b>Check the specific listings above for details or contact the meeting Leader.</b>		
General Meeting Patricia Northam, Program Chair	Second Monday 7:30 p.m.	Congregation Beth Emek 3400 Nevada Court Pleasanton Map: <a href="http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg">http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg</a>
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Kay Speaks, TMG Leader	Third Saturday 9 a.m. – Noon <b>(PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)</b>	7077 Koll Center Parkway Suite 110 Pleasanton Map: <a href="http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg">http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg</a>
Writing Group Debbie Mascot	One Saturday a Month (TBD)	R.S.V.P. for address



## Photos from the Banner on Page 1:



**From The San Jose Police Department  
by John Carr Jr. and Jarrod J. Nunes**

*The 1884-1885 City of San Jose Police Department.  
Arrow pointed to Matt Coschina, great grandfather of Debbie Mascot's  
husband. He was a constable in San Jose for many years.*

Source: Carr, John Jr. and Nunes, Jarrod J., *The San Jose Police Department* (Charleston, South Carolina: Arcadia Publishing, 2014), p. 11; digital images, *Google Books* (<http://www.Google.com/books> : accessed 24 September 2014.)

### **Direct Link:**

<http://books.google.com/books?id=b45QBAAAQBAJ&lpg=PA11&ots=pHHBi6RzB3&dq=%22Matt%20Coschina%22%20AND%20%22San%20Jose%22&pg=PA11#v=onepage&q=%22Matt%20Coschina%22%20AND%20%22San%20Jose%22&f=false>



**September 2014 General Meeting with Janice Sellers.**



**June 2014 General Meeting with Kay Speaks**

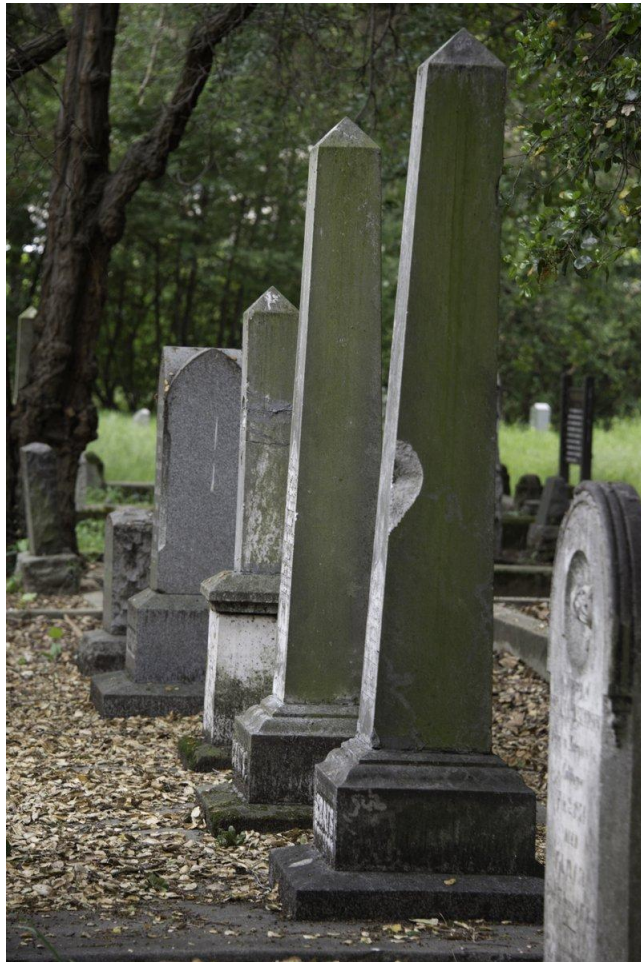




**Beverly Schell Ales, former president of L-AGS and Patrick Lofft, current president of L-AGS**



**Visiting Time at General Meeting  
Arlene Wood and speaker, Sally Stevens**



**Dublin Cemetery**

## L-AGS Membership Renewal Reminder

Dear L-AGS member,

We will begin accepting L-AGS membership renewals for the 2015 calendar year in October. In order to join or renew, please complete the form below, attach your check, bring to the general meeting or mail it to:

### Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society

P.O. Box 901  
Livermore CA 94551

## 2015 Membership Renewal Form

L-AGS annual membership dues are due and payable on or before January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

email  U.S. Mail

*The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society is exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3)(public charity) of the Internal Revenue Code and California Taxation Code 2301g.*

#### Please indicate your membership choice below:

Individual	\$18___
Family (2 or more people at same address)	\$25___
Individual Benefactor	\$40___
Family Benefactor	\$40___
Patron	\$100___

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns:

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