



# e-Bulletin July 2015

## LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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### Happy Independence 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.

If you have a special genealogy or local history event or announcement you would like to see included, please submit via email to:

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*Note: In the banner above is a photo of a statue from the Pleasanton Library called, "Girl Reading." This has a very special connection to L-AGS as it is there in memory of L-AGS member, Judy Person's daughter, Sarah Anne Lees (named after her 4th great-grandmother). It was sculpted by a Utah sculptor named Dennis Smith, as is the similar one of the girl reading to a boy.*

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# Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting:** Getting Organized (What a Mess!)  
When: Monday, July 13, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.  
Guest Speaker: Debbie Shields
- ❖ **Digital Genealogy Group**  
When: Thursday, July 23, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.  
Chair: Joy Cohn
- ❖ **Let's Talk Genealogy**  
When: Saturday, July 18, 2015 – 3:00 p.m.  
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group:** *Working with the VCF*  
When: Saturday, July 18, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.  
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group**  
When: Saturday, July 18, 2015 – 2:00 p.m.  
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Yankee Genealogy Interest Group**  
When: Thursday, July 23, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.  
Chair: Joy Cohn
- ❖ **Board Meeting**  
When: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 – 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:** Getting Organized (What a Mess!)

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Debbie Shields

**DATE:** Monday, July 13, 2015 – 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 do you need to be organized? In order to find things! We will discuss what needs to be organized, different ways to sort things and how to figure out what works for you.

Debbie Shields has been doing genealogy research for more years than she cares to admit. She has had several careers: Chemist, full-time Mother, computer programmer and accountant. Her books, computer files, file cabinets and the inside of her head are very tidy, but her home and inside of her car are a mess! She is currently the Secretary of the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society, manages their member database and teaches part of their semi-annual beginner's seminar. Debbie has also been past President, Vice President, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor.

For additional information contact: Marilyn Glass or Diane Wiedel, Program Chairpersons, email: <mailto:program@L-AGS.org>.

# DIGITAL GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP

**Date:** Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Livermore Family History Center- 950 Mocho Street, Livermore, California (parking in the rear). Enter through the northeast doors and follow the signs to Room 11.

**Chair:** Joy Cohn, <mailto:digitalgig-chair@L-AGS.org>

The L-AGS Digital Genealogy Interest Group is a group where members can meet and collaborate with other to compare their methods, tools and resources for digital genealogical research using online services such as Ancestry, Myheritage, Wikitree or others. Meetings are on the fourth Thursday of each month with the exception of November and December. The meeting format will be open discussion with participation by all members. Members will be encouraged to share their successes, ideas and ask questions in a collaborative environment. While this group is not intended to be for computer support, technical advice is an acceptable topic.

We have room for approximately 18 in this room. Please RSVP if you will attend.

## 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.

## LET'S TALK GENEALOGY GROUP

**Date:** Saturday, July 18, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Livermore Civic Center Library- RSVP for room location

**Chair:** Debbie Mascot, <mailto:talkgenealogy.chair@l-ags.org>

This L-AGS special interest group will be an email list and monthly meeting where members can discuss their current genealogy pursuits and endeavors. They can share their triumphs and also discuss ideas for getting over hurdles. We will share techniques, skills, and technology that assist in reaching our goals. There will be no formal presentation at the general meetings of this group-- it will be a round-table sharing event. To join the email list, please send a note to <mailto:changes@L-AGS.org> with "Add me to the Let's Talk Genealogy list" in the subject line.

## TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

*The Master Genealogist Software*

**Topic:** TBD

**Date:** Saturday, July 18, 2015, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Location:** TBD

**Lunch Meet Up, Noon:** TBD

**Map to the meeting site:** TBD

**Chair:** Kay Speaks, <mailto:tvtmq.chair@L-AGS.org>

**Instructors:** Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

Be sure to check our blog, *The Continuing Adventures of the TV-TMG Users Group* (<http://tvtmgadventures.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" the blog. It's a great place to view TMG screenshots, find detailed instructions, post notes and ideas from each meeting, and ask and answer questions.

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. Purchase information is provided below. Contact <mailto:tvtmq.editors@L-AGS.org>, if you have questions.

Kindly R.S.V.P. if you plan to attend the meeting and indicate if you will bring a laptop. Resources:

- Additional information contact Kay & Sue: <mailto:tvvmg.chair@L-AGS.org>
- User group e-mail address: <mailto:tvvmg@L-AGS.org>
- Questions about our book, <mailto:tvvmg.editors@L-AGS.org>
- 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

**Date:** Saturday, July 18, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Livermore Civic Center Library- RSVP for room location

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

During this meeting, we will discuss our writing accomplishments over the last month and our goals for the next. 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.

## YANKEE GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP

**Date:** Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Livermore Family History Center- 950 Mocho Street, Livermore, California (parking in the rear). Enter through the northeast doors and follow the signs to Room 11.

**Chair:** Joy Cohn, <mailto:yankeegig-chair@L-AGS.org>

The L-AGS Yankee Genealogy Interest Group is a regionally focused genealogy interest group and provides a welcoming place where members can meet and collaborate with other to compare their methods, tools and sources for genealogical research in Northern states, Maine to Minnesota, West Virginia to Kansas. Meetings are on the fourth Thursday of each month with the exception of November and December. The meeting format will be open discussion with participation by all members. Members will be encouraged to share their successes, ideas and ask questions in a collaborative environment.

We have room for approximately 18 in this room. Please RSVP if you will attend.

## SUMMARY OF LAST BOARD MEETINGS

*June Board Meeting Summary – June 23, 2014*

L-AGS received a thank you letter from the Federation of Genealogical Societies for contributing to the Preserve the Pensions project to digitize the pension files from the War of 1812. More donations are being requested to continue the project. The Board also discussed local places to post announcements of our meetings and events. Any suggestions should be sent to the President at: <mailto:president@L-AGS.org>

## 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, feel free to provide a headshot and short bio (50-60 words) about yourself 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.

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## 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>.

**Person with a Scanner and Time Wanted!** There are years' worth of L-AGS Board Meeting Minutes that could use some digitizing (to clear space from the Recording Secretary's home!). If you have a scanner and time, please let the President know at: <mailto:president@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.*

<b>Topics of Future General Meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
August 10	Four Main Reasons Why We Hit Brick Walls In Our Research When the Records Are Available	Gene Block
September 14	DNA and Genealogical Research	Garl Satterthwaite

<b>Regular Scheduled Events</b>		
<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 Marilyn Glass and Diane Wiedel, Program Chairs	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>
Digital Genealogy Joy Cohn	Fourth Thursday 7:30 p.m.	Livermore Family History Center 950 Mocho Street Livermore
Let's Talk Genealogy Debbie Mascot	Third Saturday 3:00 p.m.	Livermore Civic Center Library (RSVP Please)
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	Third Saturday 2:00 p.m.	Livermore Civic Center Library (RSVP Please)
Yankee Genealogy Joy Cohn	Fourth Thursday 6:00 p.m.	Livermore Family History Center 950 Mocho Street Livermore