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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.

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>.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: NOVEMBER MEETING

Date change for November L-AGS General Meeting

The L-AGS meeting in November will be on Monday, November 5, 2018. Please mark your calendars.

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Your purchases on Amazon will bring dollars to L-AGS.

L-AGS will receive 0.5 percent of Amazon purchases if you go to

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2421522> and activate L-AGS as the charity.

Social Media Links

Join us on the following social media sites:

- ❖ **Facebook Page** Like this!: <https://www.facebook.com/Livermore.Amador.Genealogical.Society/>
This will hold announcements and meeting information.
- ❖ **Facebook Group** Join this!: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1142643925760388/>
We will hold discussions here.
- ❖ **Twitter** Revisited! Follow this!: <https://twitter.com/LAGSociety>
We are working on adding and "re-tweeting" genealogical information from the tech world.
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National Family History Month

In celebration of "National Family History Month", the L-AGS Genealogical Society is again holding outreach events during the month of October at local libraries to promote public interest in family heritage by helping visitors look for their ancestors in census and other records. We call these events "Tri-Valley Heritage Happenings". L-AGS needs volunteers to participate and assist in these events. The positions and functions needed are listed below:

L-AGS seeks "**greeters**" to meet the public at the library doors and direct them to the proper location in the library. No knowledge or use of computers is required.

L-AGS seeks genealogy "**guides**" who can use the library supplied computers to assist the public to locate the census records of their family using the available software on the Library computers. If the "**guide**" desires, they may bring their own computer.

L-AGS seeks "**facilitators**" who will volunteer to bring and use their own Wi-Fi enabled laptop computers at the libraries to assist the public.

Dates:

Sunday, October 7, 2018- **Pleasanton Public Library** from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 10, 2018- **Livermore Public Library** from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 11, 2018- Pleasanton Public Library from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 17, 2018- Livermore Public Library from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 18, 2018- Pleasanton Public Library from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting:** *Military Service – An Important Part of Your Family’s Story*
When: Monday, October 8, 2018 – 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speakers: Patrick Lofft
- ❖ **Let’s Talk Genealogy**
When: Saturday, October 20, 2018 – 2:00 p.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group:** *Reports and Problem Assistance*
When: Saturday, October 27, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks/Duncan Tanner
- ❖ **Writing Group**
When: Saturday, October 20, 2018 – 3:00 p.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meeting**
When: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 – 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: *Military Service – An Important Part of Your Family’s Story*

GUEST SPEAKER: Patrick Lofft

DATE: Monday, October 8, 2018 – 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 7:00 p.m.)

LOCATION: Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton

Map to the Meeting Site:

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

Patrick’s interest in Genealogy dates back over 50 years to his early days when he didn’t know that hobbyists around the world had already developed standard forms for Family Group Sheets, Pedigree and Ancestor charts. Over the intervening years, he has progressed from maintaining his records on columnar pads with a number 2 pencil and pink pearl eraser through a multitude of genealogy computer data bases. He currently uses The Master Genealogist.

Patrick earned his B. S. in Business Administration at Canisius College in Buffalo. He served two and a half years in military service at Fort Bliss, Texas. Patrick then completed his MBA at Temple University in Philadelphia.

Patrick retired in January 2005 from the position of Manager, Internal Control with the U. S. Postal Service’s Bay Valley District following 40 years in postal managerial positions on both coasts in fields such as accounting, engineering, human resources and safety & health.

As his three children and five grandchildren live in Maryland and Ohio, he often travels to those east coast locales. His wife, Charlotte, is the first cousin of his late wife, Joan.

For additional information contact: Kay Speaks/Julie Liu, L-AGS Program Chair, email: program@L-AGS.org

Refreshments following the program.

LET’S TALK GENEALOGY GROUP

DATE: Saturday, October 20, 2018 – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Livermore Civic Center Library- RSVP for room location

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

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.

Join us to discuss anything and everything genealogy. Have a question? Have a brick wall? Have a new find or new source? Come meet and share with others.

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: Reports and Problem Assistance

Date: Saturday, October 27, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: San Ramon. Contact the group chair for directions (<mailto:tvvmg.chair@L-AGS.org>).

Chair: Kay Speaks/Duncan Tanner, <mailto:tvvmg.chair@L-AGS.org>

This month we will continue to look at simple reports for the "list of" type, We want to think about the relationship between report output options, filter options and the data available. The group is always available to help with a variety of TMG questions. As usual the meeting will be available on the web using Join.me

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 & Duncan: <mailto:tvvmg.chair@L-AGS.org>
- User group e-mail address: <mailto:tvvmg@L-AGS.org>

The TV-TMG book, Source Templates for The Master Genealogists, A Guide for Creating Computerized Genealogical Source Citation Templates, is available. Purchase information is provided below. Contact <mailto:tvvmg.editors@L-AGS.org>, if you have questions.

- 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/sourcetemplates-for-the-master-genealogisttm/paperback/product20673683.html>

WRITING GROUP

DATE: Saturday, October 20, 2018 – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Livermore Civic Center Library- RSVP for room location

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

To join the email list, please send a note to <mailto:changes@L-AGS.org> with "Add me to the Writing Group list" in the subject line.

Meet with us to discuss your biographical or genealogical writing goals and accomplishments.

SUMMARY OF LAST BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting Summary for August 28, 2018

Tom Mathews, President is still looking for members to form a nominating committee for upcoming elections. The Board discussed the open positions for next year (President, Programs, Membership).

LIVERMORE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

Several L-AGS members, both LDS and non-LDS, volunteer as docents at the Livermore 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. 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 950 Mocho Street, Livermore complex are often used for these. Note: The entrance is in the front of the building on the right—there is a sign on the door. If the parking in front of the building is full, there is a large parking lot in the rear of the building.

Center location map: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Liv-FHC.jpg>

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))
- 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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L-AGS editor via email <mailto:rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org> 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 of each month 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>

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.

Topics of Future General Meetings		
Date	Topic	Presenter
November 5, 2018 NOTE DATE CHANGE!	How to Discover What Was Unique About Your Ancestors' Lives	Gene Block
December 10, 2018	Labor Omnia Vitae: How Your Hard Work Can Conquer All at the Sutro Library	Dvorah Lewis
January 14, 2019	British Online Genealogy	Christine B. Green
February 11, 2019	Tips for Breaking Brick Walls	Lisa Gorrell
March 11, 2019	DNA Examination	Sue Severson
April 8, 2019	Please Sir, May I Have More Ways to Learn How to do My Family History	Virgina Kysh

Regular Scheduled Events		
General Meeting Kay Speaks/Julie Liu, Program Chairs	Second Monday 7:30 p.m.	Congregation Beth Emek 3400 Nevada Court Pleasanton Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg
Let's Talk Genealogy Debbie Mascot	Third Saturday 32:00 p.m. January – October (PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)	Livermore Civic Center Library (RSVP Please)
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Kay Speaks/Duncan Tanner, TMG Leader	Fourth Saturday 12:00 p.m	San Ramon
Writing Group Debbie Mascot	Third Saturday January – October 3:00 p.m. (PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)	Livermore Civic Center Library (RSVP Please)