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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:

<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.

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.
- ❖ **Google+** Follow us!: <https://plus.google.com/u/0/112176337994372346038>
- ❖ **Amazon Smile:** <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2421522>

Request for Volunteer

Arnie Koslow is resigning his Membership Chair Board position due to health reasons. Any member interested in this position should contact Julie Liu (president@L-AGS.org).

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Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting:** *Her Name Was Not Unknown / We're Related to George Washington?*
When: Monday, July 8, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. **NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!**
Guest Speaker: Gena Philibert-Ortega
- ❖ **Let's Talk Genealogy**
When: Saturday, July 27, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group:** *"List of" Reports and Q&A*
When: Saturday, July 27, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.
Chair: Duncan Tanner
- ❖ **Writing Group**
When: Saturday, July 27, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meeting**
When: Tuesday, July 23, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
Members are welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact the Membership Chair for location- <mailto:membership@L-AGS.org>

General Meetings

Beginning in July all General Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm with the doors open at 6:30.

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: Her Name Was Not Unknown / We're Related to George Washington?

GUEST SPEAKER: Gena Philibert-Ortega

DATE: Monday, July 8, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. **NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!**

LOCATION: Congregation Beth Amek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton

Her Name was Not Unknown: Finding Female Ancestors

"What's her maiden name?" "What happened to her after her husband died?" "How do I start researching my great-grandmother?" This presentation will explain techniques, methodology, and resources vital to family history research. Enhance your research skills using a 5-step approach to researching (and finding) female ancestors.

We're Related to George Washington?: Proving (or Disproving) Family Stories

I have them and you have them. In fact, we all have them, that story about our family's brush with greatness. Maybe you're related to Jesse James, or your ancestor was on the Titanic, or you're descended from three brothers who came to America. But is it true? Learn the methodology for proving or disproving that family story.

Gena Philibert-Ortega is an author and instructor whose focus is genealogy, social and women's history. She holds Master's degrees in Psychology, Women's Studies and Religion. Her published works include three books, numerous articles published in magazines and online, & *Tracing Female Ancestors* (Moorshead Publishing). She has been featured at the National Genealogical Society Conference, the Legacy Family Tree Webinar series, and on the PBS series *Genealogy Roadshow* and the Travel Channel's *Follow Your Past*.

For additional information contact: Tom Mathews, L-AGS Program Chair, email: program@L-AGS.org

LET'S TALK GENEALOGY GROUP

DATE: Saturday, July 27, 2019 – 3:00 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, July 27, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

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

Chair: 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 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, July 27, 2019 – 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. Each month, bring 4 copies of your latest writing and the group will bring to the following meeting with their comments.

SUMMARY OF LAST BOARD MEETING

Please review at the General Meeting

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 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 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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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		
Month	Topic	Presenter
August 2019	Restoring and Documenting an Old Cemetery	Bill Hewitt
September 2019	Ciao to Your Ancestors in Italian Civil Records	Karen LaDuca
October 2019	TBD	TBD
November 2019	Meet Your DNA Match	Dawn Kosmakos

Regular Scheduled Events		
General Meeting Tom Mathews, 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
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 Duncan Tanner	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)