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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.

Announcements:

All L-AGS Board Meetings will now be held virtually via Zoom on a permanent basis! This gives more of our members an opportunity to join the board. All other L-AGS meetings are currently being held via a virtual platform and will hopefully be moving to an in-person platform in 2023. Please see meeting information for details.

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.

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Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting:** The 1950 Census: Searching with and without a Name Index & The 1950 Census: One Year Later
Guest Speaker: Stephen P. Morse
When: Monday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. **IN PERSON!**
Congregation Beth Emek 3400 Nevada Court Pleasanton
- ❖ **Let's Talk and Write Genealogy**
Subject: 1950 Census (or whatever you'd like to discuss!)
When: Sunday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: Reports and Q&A**
When: Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 24 at 9:00 a.m.
Chair: Duncan Tanner
- ❖ **Board Meeting**
When: Tuesday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
Members are welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact the president@L-AGS.org for invitation.

GENERAL MEETING:

The 1950 Census: Searching with and without a Name Index & The 1950 Census: One Year Later

DATE: Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m

Location: Congregation Beth Emek 3400 Nevada Court Pleasanton

Speaker: Stephen P. Morse

When the 1950 census was released in April 2022, it didn't have a name index so finding people in the census involved searching by location instead. Now that a name index is available, there are still many reasons for doing locational searches.

The census is organized by Enumeration Districts (EDs), so the location needs to be converted to an ED before the census can be accessed. Steve's One-Step website contains numerous tools for obtaining EDs. Since its release date, many of us have tried to find records in the census and have run into various quirks. This presentation will discuss the things that we have learned since opening day.

Stephen Morse is the creator of the One-Step Website for which he has received both the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Outstanding Contribution Award from the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, Award of Merit from the National Genealogical Society, first-ever Excellence Award from the Association of Professional Genealogists, and two awards that he cannot pronounce from Polish genealogical societies.

In his other life Morse is a computer professional with a doctorate degree in electrical engineering. He has held various research, development, and teaching positions, authored numerous technical papers, written four textbooks, and holds four patents. He is best known as the architect of the Intel 8086 (the granddaddy of today's Pentium processor), which sparked the PC revolution more than 40 years ago.

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

IMPORTANT: Guests are welcome. The meeting will open at 6:30 p.m. for social time. **The General Meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.**

LET'S CHAT AND WRITE GROUP

1950 Census (or other genealogical topics!)

DATE: Sunday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Location: Via Zoom

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 Chat Genealogy list" in the subject line.

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: Reports and Problem Assistance

Date: Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Virtual

(<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 Zoom.

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.

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Board Meeting

Board Meeting Notes from May Meeting

The June General Meeting will be IN-PERSON ONLY at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct, Pleasanton. Don't miss speaker, Stephen Morse, on the 1950 census and the chance to reconnect face-to-face with L-AGS friends.

The Board welcomes new Corresponding Secretary, Pennie Clouser. She was appointed by Julie Liu to fill the position left open when Marilyn Glass moved.

In place of an August General Meeting, the Board is planning a daytime "field trip" to the Oakland Family Search Library. Stay tuned for more information as the date is closer.

There will not be an August issue of The Roots Tracer.

LIVERMORE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

The Livermore California Family History Center located at 950 Mocho Street is now open! The hours are: Mondays from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Thursdays from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Saturdays from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. There are volunteer shifts available. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sandy Clark at: <mailto:live.fhc@gmail.com>

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 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 **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
- 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

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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.

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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
July 10, 2023	Homesteading: Land for All	Christine Cohen
August 14, 2023	TBD	TBD
September 11, 2023	Local History and Genealogy Research at the Library of Congress	Candice Buchanan
October 9, 2023	Teasing Out the Hidden Story Behind the Genealogical Facts	Pam Vestal
November 13, 2023	Flying Under the Radar- Discovering Charles Oli's Aliasn	Mary Kircher Roddy
December 11, 2023	TBD	TBD

Regular Scheduled Events		
General Meeting Tom Mathews, Program Chair	Second Monday 7:00 p.m.	Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg
Let's Chat and Write Genealogy Debbie Mascot	Third Sunday 3:00 p.m. (PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)	Virtual
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Duncan Tanner	Second Friday and Fourth Saturday 9:00 a.m	Virtual