



Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society

Presents ~

Lisa Gorrell

You Are Invited

**WHEN: Monday, November 14, 2016 ~
7:30 PM**

**WHERE: Congregation Beth Emek
3400 Nevada Court
Pleasanton**

COST: No Charge ~ Visitors welcome



“German Research: Let’s Get Started!”

Nearly 50 million Americans have German ancestry. The earliest Germans came in colonial times. It was land and religious freedom that brought Germans to America. Yet, it wasn’t until 1871 that there was a united Germany. Come hear how to get started in your German research by learning about sources here in the U.S. to help bridge you to the German states of your ancestors.

Lisa Gorrell has been seriously researching her family for more than twenty years. It was the birth of her daughters that began the journey connecting the past and the future generations. One trip to Sutro Library to use microfilm of the 1920 census and finding her grandfather’s family got her hooked. Now, a yearly trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City keeps her going. Besides U.S. Southern and Mid-western states, she researches German, Irish, English, and Swedish families.

She is currently the Recording Secretary for the California Genealogical Society, a board member with the Contra Costa Historical Society & volunteers at their archives at the History Center in Martinez, and a past-president of the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society. She is also the tour leader with the California Genealogy Society’s research trip to Salt Lake City.

Lisa enjoys giving genealogy presentations and writing about her family on two blogs: “Mam-ma’s Southern Family” <http://mam-massouthernfamily.blogspot.com/> and My Trails into the Past”, <http://mytrailsintothepast.blogspot.com/>. She has also written a three-generation family history about her husband’s Swedish ancestors.

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