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LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Happy New Year!

This is the e-bulletin from the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society (L-AGS), provided monthly to those interested in the happenings of L-AGS. If you would prefer not to receive this bulletin, please contact us at the email address below in this box and your address will be removed.

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Special Notices

❖ L-AGS 2012 Membership Renewal

The 2011 L-AGS membership year has ended. To continue enjoying the camaraderie, education, resources and knowledge benefits of membership in a genealogical society like L-AGS, be sure to renew your membership.

The 2012 L-AGS membership year started January 1st. Annual membership dues are due and payable by January 1st. Those in arrears for dues for two months shall be considered past members.

For your convenience, the 2012 L-AGS membership renewal form is on the final page of this bulletin. If you haven't already done so, please take the time to fill it out and mail it in. Or, bring it to the January general meeting on Tuesday, January 10th.

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Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting: *Planning and Executing a Major Genealogy Road Trip***
When: Tuesday, January 10, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Bill Hewitt
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: *Birth, Marriage Death, and Baptism Reports***
When: Saturday, January 28, 2012 – 9:00 a.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Study Group: TBD**
- ❖ **Board Meeting**
When: (December's meeting) Tuesday, January 3, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
(January's meeting) Tuesday, January 24, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Members are welcome to attend board meetings.

GENERAL MEETING

NOTE: Members please sign in at the membership table upon arrival at the monthly General Meeting. Please have your guests also sign in. Before heading home, please remember to leave your nametag at the membership table.

TOPIC: Planning and Executing a Major Genealogy Road Trip

GUEST SPEAKER: Bill Hewitt

DATE: Tuesday, January 10, 2012 - 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>

Bill will discuss how he planned and executed a three week trip back east to get information for a narrative he planned to write on his great, great grandfather Hewitt.

For additional information contact: Cheryl Palmer, Program Chairperson, email: <mailto:programs@L-AGS.org>

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: Birth, Marriage, Death, and Baptism Reports

Date: Saturday, January 28

Lunch Meet Up, Noon: Rage Super Burgers, Bernal & Valley, Pleasanton

Location: 7077 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 110, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Map to the meeting site: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg>

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

Instructors: Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

We begin the 2012 New Year with our new topic—creating TV-TMG reports! January we start with the basics, a report that you will be able to share with your family and friends—birth, marriage, death and baptism. Our TV-TMG Source Template Booklet is being fine-tuned, Sue has requested we bring different types of census reports you may have in your collection to the January meeting.

Kindly R.S.V.P. if you plan to attend the meeting and indicate if you will bring a laptop. Do not forget to check our blog, "Tri-Valley TMG User Group" at <http://tvtmgug.blogspot.com>. This is a great place to record our citation decisions, post notes and ideas from the meeting, and ask and answer questions. Learning assignments and challenges are posted on this website. If you have not received an invitation to join the blog readership, please e-mail Sue Johnston at <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>.

The TV-TMG Users Group's public blog is located at <http://tvtmggee.blogspot.com>. Here is where you will find more information about publishing and sharing our TV-TMG source templates that approximate Mills' Evidence Explained. These templates may be downloaded for personal use by individuals. Societies and groups of individuals wishing to use our templates should contact the L-AGS's TV-TMG chair at <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>. We are researching options for publishing our templates online.

STUDY GROUP MEETING

The Study Group needs a leader! Please let the Board know if you would like head up the Study Group: <mailto:board@l-ags.org>.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Writing Group

Are you thinking of writing about your family history? About your own history? Join us for our first writers' special interest group. We'll be a cooperative group who brainstorm and help each other through different ways to tell our stories. Saturday, January 28 at 2:00 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. to Debbie for the address. <mailto:debbie@mascotmanor.org>.

Lunch 'n' Learn

Starting in March, this group will feature a weekday genealogy learning session. We'll brainstorm together and learn together- just how a lunch should be! Look for it in upcoming bulletins.

Other Groups

Do you talk to another L-AGS member about your common Native American ancestry? Do you reminisce about your Timbuktu heritage? Do you share ideas with each other? Then guess what you have? **A special interest group!** Why not make it official and let others join in. No one needs to be an "expert". Just share ideas. To start a special interest group, all it takes is two.

SUMMARY OF L-AGS BOARD MEETING

The December Board Meeting will not be held until January 3, 2012.

PRESERVE YOUR STORIES IN THE ROOTS TRACER

"Publish or Regret" Will you regret your failure to publish?

February is cupid's month. Tell us a tale about an ancestral marriage. How did you research the details about their romance?

Were you among those who assisted with Tri-Valley Heritage Happenings? Briefly relate one or two anecdotes about your TVHH experiences.

Begin now with a small article. Your initial success will be your springboard for braver future articles. Your tale of ancestral lovers for the February Roots Tracer will be an excellent impetus for your first article.

Our Roots Tracer offers all members the opportunity to preserve their family chronicles in print and on the Internet. Some generations don't care, but other generations will. We want to make sure that, when someone is interested, even 100 years from now, the basic information will be there for them. Our memories are a library of information that could be irretrievably lost. We can honor the struggles that our ancestors went through...they shouldn't be forgotten, especially the women, who are less frequently found in public documents.

If you need assistance composing your story, the Roots Tracer staff <mailto:tracer@LAGS.org> and/or <mailto:managing.editor@L-AGS.org> may be able to help you. Written articles should be approximately 300 to 1,500 words. Photos and lineage charts always increase the reader's interest in your revelations. The quarterly deadline for the February issue is the 15th of January, 2012. Patrick Lofft, Editor.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN AND AROUND TOWN

OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Macintosh Genealogy Society, 1/11, 7:00 p.m. Oakland Regional Family History Center. See <http://www.macgen.org> for more information.

California Genealogical Society Annual Meeting, 1/21, 1:00 p.m. CGS Library. See <http://blog.californiaancestors.org/2011/12/annual-business-meeting-postponed-one.html> 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.

PLEASANTON GENEALOGY CENTER

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. The L-AGS genealogy book collection resides in the Genealogy Section of the Pleasanton City Library. The Pleasanton Library provides subscription genealogy databases Ancestry.com, New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) and Fold3.com (previously Footnote) in the library only and Heritage Quest (in Library & at home) accessibility with library card. A L-AGS docent is available Wednesday 10 AM-1 PM and 6 PM - 9 PM, or by appointment, e-mail: <mailto:docents.chair@L-AGS.org>

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 study 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 FHC 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>

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
February 14, 2012	How to Use the NEHGS Website	Lisa B. Lee
March 13, 2012	Researching the Valley Pioneer Martin and Related Families	Julie Mooney

Regular Scheduled Events		
<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 Cheryl Palmer, Program Chair	Second Tuesday 7:30 p.m.	Congregation Beth Emek 3400 Nevada Court Pleasanton Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Kay Speaks, TMG Leader	Third Saturday 9 a.m. - Noon	7077 Koll Center Parkway Suite 110 Pleasanton Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg
Study Group To Be Determined Study Group Leader	TBD	Location to be determined

2012 Membership

Membership Renewal Form

L-AGS annual membership dues are due and payable on or before January 1st. Please complete this form, attach your check, bring to the general meeting or mail to:

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society

P.O. Box 901

Livermore CA 94551

Email: <mailto:membership@l-ags.org>

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

_____ **YES**, include my name, phone number and email in the 2012 L-AGS Member Directory.

Please check box below to indicate your membership choice:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual	\$18
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (2 or more people at same address)	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual Benefactor	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family Benefactor	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patron	\$100

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