



# e-Bulletin February 2012

## LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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### Happy Valentine's Day!

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.

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>.

## Special Notices

### ❖ L-AGS 2012 Membership Renewal

Annual membership dues were due January 1st. For your convenience, a membership renewal form is at the end 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 February 14th General Meeting.

### ❖ Banner Above

The banner above has changed- did you notice? We are now featuring classic and new L-AGS photos. If you would like the banner to include any of your photos, please send them to Debbie at: <mailto:bulletin.manager@L-AGS.org>. If you have a story about one of the photos, please share it with L-AGS (<mailto:members@L-AGS.org>)! There are large versions of these photos located on the final page.

### ❖ Help Wanted

You will notice a new section in this bulletin- Help Wanted! Please look it over and see how your services can assist L-AGS!

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## Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting: *How to Use the NEHGS Website***  
When: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.  
Guest Speaker: Lisa B. Lee
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: *Birth, Marriage Death, and Baptism Reports***  
When: Sunday, February 19, 2012 - 1:00 p.m.  
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Board Meeting**  
When: Tuesday, February 28, 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:** How to Use the NEHGS Website

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Lisa B. Lee

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 14, 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>

Lisa, a professional genealogist, will discuss how to access the NEHGS website to see digital images, recorded seminars, articles, and research databases covering New England, Canada, and much of the British Isles.

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

# TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

*The Master Genealogist Software*

**Topic:** TMG Census Reports

**Date:** Sunday, February 19, 2012, 1PM – 4 PM (Note Change in Day & Time)

**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:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org>

**Instructors:** Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

In February, we will create TMG census reports! Using the Census Tag, we will create a variety of census reports that can be used as researcher tools. Please be sure to check the L-AGS website, <http://www.L-AGS.org>, for possible change in future dates and times of our meetings.

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://tvmtgug.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:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org>.

The TV-TMG Users Group's public blog is located at <http://tvmtgee.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:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org>. We are researching options for publishing our templates online.

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

### *Writing Group*

Are you thinking of writing about your family history? About your own history? Join us for the writers' special interest group. We're a cooperative group who brainstorm and help each other through different ways to tell our stories. Sunday, February 26 at 3:00 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. to Debbie for the address. <mailto:debbie@mascotmanor.org>. Long-distance or otherwise unavailable members may join us via email!

### *Lunch 'n' Learn*

Starting on March 21, we'll have a weekday genealogy learning session. We'll brainstorm together and learn together- just how lunch should be! Look for details in next month's bulletin.

# SUMMARY OF L-AGS BOARD MEETING

*The December Board Meeting was held on January 3, 2012.*

L-AGS has 223 members. 51 attended the general meeting, two of whom were guests.

L-AGS assets are \$10,899.18.

Over 30,000 names are now in the Heritage Families database. Dick Finn continues to receive queries regarding heritage family members. Several projects are in the works.

L-AGS will add current members' blogs to our website page.

L-AGS is renewing membership with the California State Genealogical Alliance.

L-AGS is donating the two Foxworthy publications to the Salt Lake City Library.

*January Board Meeting held on January 24, 2012*

L-AGS has 186 memberships. 73 of these need to renew. 35 attended the general meeting on January 10th.

L-AGS assets are \$11,620.22.

Dick Finn continues to work with local heritage families.

L-AGS is renewing membership to New England Genealogical Society at the Pleasanton Library. We are also paying for a subscription to the DAR magazine, American Spirit, which will be housed in the Pleasanton Library.

## PRESERVE YOUR STORIES IN THE ROOTS TRACER

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

Begin now with a small article. A few paragraphs are a beginning. Your initial success will be your springboard for braver future articles. Tell all of us the tale of your favorite research discovery. Which of your findings filled you with awe, surprise and pride?

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.

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

If you need assistance composing your story, the Roots Tracer staff <mailto:tracer@LAGS.org> and/or <mailto:managing.editor@L-AGS.org> is willing and able to help you. Written articles should be approximately 300 to 1,000 words. Photos and lineage charts always increase the reader's interest in your revelations. The quarterly deadline for the May issue is the 1st of April, 2012. Patrick Lofft, Editor.

## SPECIAL EVENTS IN AND AROUND TOWN

### *OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS*

**Online Family History Writing Challenge**, 2/1-2/29. See <http://familyhistorywritingchallenge.blogspot.com> for more information.

**Ancestry Workshop**, February 4, 1:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m. Santa Clara Central Park Library. See <http://www.scchgs.org> for more information.

**Macintosh Genealogy Society**, Workshop- February 8, 7:00 p.m. General meeting (Editing Charts)- February 24, 1:30pm. Oakland Regional Family History Center. See <http://www.macgen.org> for more information.

**Danish Genealogy Workshops**, February 9-February 11. Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City. For more information visit: [http://www.danishmuseum.org/fhgc/gentalks/workshop\\_information.pdf](http://www.danishmuseum.org/fhgc/gentalks/workshop_information.pdf)

**Black Family History Day**, February 11, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Oakland Regional Family History Center. For more information see: <http://aagsnc-feb12.eventbrite.com/?ref=ebtn>

**San Francisco History Expo**, March 3-March 4, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Old Mint. See <http://sfhistoryexpo.org/> for more information.

**Root Cellar Spring Seminar featuring George Morgan**, March 31, 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks. For more information see: <http://www.RootCellar.org>

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>

## HELP WANTED

*Here are some ways you can get involved and stay connected with L-AGS.*

*L-AGS needs you!*

**Study Group Leader.** No experience necessary! Simply plan the date, time, place and focus of the meeting and the fun will follow! Contact Marilyn Cutting or another board member at the next meeting or send an email to: <mailto:President@L-AGS.org>.

**Heritage Happenings Volunteers.** No experience necessary! L-AGS will have events at the Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin libraries in October 2012. We need several volunteers to handle different aspects of each event, such as greeting, guiding and performing look-ups. Training will be provided. Please sign up at the meeting or send an email to: <mailto:President@L-AGS.org>.

**Spies and Snoops!** No experience necessary! If you know of someone who has happy news, is ill, or otherwise requiring L-AGS hospitality, please contact the corresponding secretary at: <mailto:Corresponding@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.*

<b>Topics of Future General Meetings</b>		
<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Topic</i></b>	<b><i>Presenter</i></b>
March 13, 2012	Researching the Valley Pioneer Martin and Related Families	Julie Mooney
April 10, 2012	Getting Ready for the 1940 Census	Steve Morse
May 8, 2012	Historyalogy	David Stevenson
June 12, 2012	Putting the Flesh on the Bones	Ron Arons

<b>Regular Scheduled Events</b>		
<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: <a href="http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg">http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg</a>
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Kay Speaks, TMG Leader	Third Saturday 9 a.m. - Noon	7077 Koll Center Parkway Suite 110 Pleasanton Map: <a href="http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg">http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg</a>

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# 2012 Membership

## Membership Renewal Form

L-AGS annual membership dues are due and payable on or before January 1<sup>st</sup>. 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

Please indicate how you would like to receive *The Livermore Roots Tracer*:

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## Wired libraries expand info reach

High technology opens new doors to data and entertainment for users

By C.K. Maclay  
TIMOTHY WHELAN

If you've seen one library, you have not seen them all.

Specialized collections occupy shelves, racks and computer hard drives at most of Alameda and Contra Costa county's public libraries, but their presence is often an unintentionally well-kept secret.

Even regular library users may be surprised that collections extend far beyond best sellers, children's books, videos and mainstream materials, said Ann Shelton, librarian for Walnut Creek's two libraries.

Want something in Tagalog, Laotian, Russian, Spanish or Vietnamese? Need national trade data for a school or business report? Searching for a company contact or mutual fund performance records? Looking to learn your way around the Internet to keep up with your kids or grandchildren? Ten years ago library users had access to whatever was available in the building, but today their reach is global, said Susan Kent, director of the Los Angeles Public Library.

"I think libraries are working very hard not only to catch up with technology, but to be in the forefront," said Kent, whose library system offers more than 700 databases.

But technology isn't squeezing out paper collections.

"The more technology there is, the more people we have come in to leaving home.

For those who can't get out, Contra Costa libraries this year instituted a books-by-mail service. The system offering patrons books at home for \$3 per item average 10 to 15 orders a week.

Also from home, library card holders can get information in many but not all of the library databases, often through full-text articles. Librarians expect a new database called SIRS, which covers 800 current topics updated twice a year, to prove popular.

Free help is available by phone at 1-800-984-INFO from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Assistant County Librarian Anne Cain said 961,704 "real reference questions" were fielded in 1996-97 through the 800 line and library branches. Not included in the count were such queries as branch hours or locations.

"This is what libraries should be all about," said Janet Hildebrand, librarian in El Cerrito and Pinole. "Whatever you need to improve your lives or your community, you can get it here. There's something for everybody."

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GEORGE W. ANDERSON JR. of Pleasanton uses a CD-ROM at the Pleasanton library for genealogy research.

Reeves said. "It's booked up all the time."

Clayton is the only Contra Costa library offering Eureka, the California Career Information System, a

cents, investors and people investigat companies before job inter- views, Zito said. Information can tapped to reveal the top companies operating in Walnut Creek or other

financial investing. There are Smart Money, Worth, OTC Insight, Investors' Business Daily, Dow Theory Letters, Value Line Mutual Fund Survey and more.



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