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LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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Please share your photos and stories of the photos. If you would like the banner to include any of your photos or if you have a story about one of the photos, please send them to Debbie at: <mailto:bulletin.manager@L-AGS.org>. There are large versions of these photos located on the final page.

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>.

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!!!IMPORTANT NEWS!!!

CHANGE OF DATE FOR FUTURE L-AGS' GENERAL MEETINGS

Our long-time host for the L-AGS general meetings, Congregation Beth Emek, has asked us to consider changing our meeting date from the second Tuesday of each month to the second Monday of each month. As we appreciate the opportunity to use their marvelous facilities, L-AGS has agreed to this change **beginning with the May 12 meeting** of L-AGS.

2014 Membership Renewal

The 2013 L-AGS membership year ended on December 31st. To continue enjoying the benefits of membership in L-AGS, be sure to renew your membership. Annual membership dues were due and payable by January 1st. For your convenience, the 2014 L-AGS membership renewal form is **on the last page of this bulletin.**

Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting:** *Hard Drive Organization: Making Use of Your Computer File*
When: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Tim Cox
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group:** *Prompt #3- Census Records*
When: Saturday, March 15, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group**
When: Saturday, March 1, 2014 – 2:30 p.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Lunch 'n' Learn:** *Creating a Family History Blog- Why and How*
When: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 – 12:00 p.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meeting**
When: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
Members are welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact the Membership Chair for location- <mailto:membership@L-AGS.org>

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: *Hard Drive Organization: Making Use of Your Computer File Folders*

GUEST SPEAKER: Tim Cox

DATE: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 – 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>

Every genealogist has a collection of photographs, scanned images of paper documents, and images downloaded from online sources. What is the best way to organize them on our hard drive? How do we identify each image?

This presentation will show how to name files for easy identification, how to organize folders that make it easy to find the files, and how to properly identify scanned photographs.

Tim Cox has been a family historian and genealogist over more than 20 years. He is the past Education and Events Coordinator for the California Genealogical Society and Library.

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

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: Prompt #3: CENSUS RECORDS – What stories do they tell?

Pick a census record. Write a story based on the information gleaned and where it leads you on your adventure of discovery!

Date: Saturday, March 15, 2014, 9 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

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

Using March's "prompt," select a census record, enter the information it contains in your TMG database and create a journal report. Write at least one paragraph or as much as you wish. Where will the information gleaned from the census lead you with this month's writing escapade? What correlations will you find? Did you need a new tag? How did you formulate your source citation? Did this source generate new questions? We had some wonderful and entertaining written stories last month.

Our new blog (<http://tvmtgadventures.blogspot.com/>) provides the detailed prompt, samples and ideas, and an opportunity for questions and sharing. Don't forget to check it out—even if you don't use TMG!

Please bring a copy of our TV-TMG book, *Source Templates for The Master Genealogists, A Guide for Creating Computerized Genealogical Source Citation Templates*, to all future meetings as it will be our official workshop textbook. You can purchase a copy from:

<http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/tri-valley-tmg-users-group/source-templates-for-the-master-genealogisttm/paperback/product-20673683.html>.

Kindly R.S.V.P. to <mailto:tvvmg.chair@L-AGS.org> if you plan to attend the meeting and indicate if you will be bringing a laptop. Contact <mailto:tvvmg.editors@L-AGS.org>, if you have questions. Be sure to check our <http://tvvmgreports.blogspot.com/> before each meeting for up-to-date information regarding our meetings, including possible changes to current and future meetings, and meeting notes. From this website you will find links to our other website resources. Sign up and "follow" our blog, *Exploring Custom Reports with TV-TMG Users Group*. This is a great place to record our citation decisions, post notes and ideas from the meeting, as well as ask and answer questions.

Resources:

- Free software demo download: <http://www.whollygenes.com>
- Additional information contact: <mailto:tvvmg.chair@L-AGS.org>
- User group e-mail address: <mailto:tvvmg@L-AGS.org>
- Questions about our book, <mailto:tvvmg.editors@L-AGS.org>
- TV-TMG member private blog pre-August 2011:
<http://tvvmgug.blogspot.com>
- Purchase our TV-TMG book from lulu.com:
<http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/tri-valley-tmg-users-group/source-templates-for-the-master-genealogisttm/paperback/product-20673683.html>

WRITING GROUP

Writing Your Personal and Family History

Date: Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.

Location: Livermore Civic Center Library- RSVP for room location

Chair: Debbie Mascot, <mailto:writing.chair@L-AGS.org>

We will talk about our writing goals and our writing projects. To join the writing group email list, please send a note to <mailto:changes@L-AGS.org> with "Add me to the Writing list" in the subject line.

LUNCH 'N' LEARN

Creating a Family History Blog- Why and How

Date: Wednesday, March 19 – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Livermore Civic Center Library- RSVP for room location

Chair: Debbie Mascot, <mailto:writing.chair@L-AGS.org>

Debbie will share genealogy finds **due directly to personal blog posts** she made. She will also show you how to set up a (free) blog of your own. R.S.V.P. to <mailto:writing.chair@L-AGS.org> so that the correct room and number of materials can be ordered. Space will be limited.

DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

Join this discussion Group to share information with others who are interested in DNA testing for Genetic Genealogy, designing DNA tests to solve genealogical questions, and learning how to understand and use your DNA results. For those members who would like to join the DNA mailing list, please send a note to <mailto:changes@L-AGS.org> with "Add me to the DNA list" in the subject line.

SUMMARY OF LAST BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting on February 25, 2014

The annual budget has been prepared by Duncan Tanner and approved by the L-AGS board and will be presented to the general membership at the Mar. 11th, 2014.

Dick Finn received a note of thank you for his work with Diane Echols.

Stoneridge Center Genealogy Club will be meeting at the Pleasanton Library for a tour of the genealogy resources and basic instructions in how to start a genealogy search. Volunteers are needed to assist on Mar. 25th from 10-1.

STARTING IN MAY, THE GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY.

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))
- Fold3.com (previously Footnote)
- Heritage Quest (in Library & at home)

PRESERVE YOUR STORIES IN THE ROOTS TRACER

"Publish or Regret." Will your descendants regret your failure to publish? Share with all of us the tale of your favorite research discovery. What ancestral anecdote will you share during holiday gatherings? Write up the Family History anecdote that will captivate the attention of your holiday table. Optimistically, you are drafting your first article for the Roots Tracer.

Written articles should be approximately 300 to 1,000 words. Photos and lineage charts always increase the reader's interest in your revelations. 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 unborn generations will. We want to make sure that, when a descendant or distant cousin is interested, even 100 years from now, the basic information will be there for them in the Library of Congress as well as on the World Wide Web. 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.

Do you know that the Roots Tracer is online soon after each issue is published? You can find the current and past issues from 1978 through 2013 here: <http://www.L-AGS.org/tracer/archives.menu.html>.

SPECIAL EVENTS

OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The **MacGen group**, a group for MacIntosh genealogy users, meets the second Wednesday and the fourth Saturday 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>

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.

TRI-VALLEY HISTORY COUNCIL EVENTS

A new page on the L-AGS Web site shows some of the upcoming history-related events being staged by member organizations of the Tri-Valley History Council (TVHC).

History-Related Events:

http://www.L-AGS.org/History_Events/HC_events.html

Tri-Valley History Council:

<http://www.L-AGS.org/HistoryCouncil>

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 special interest 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 Mocho Street FSC 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

Library Docent. Docent needed one Wednesday morning a month from 10am to 1pm. Contact the docent chair at <mailto:docents.chair@L-AGS.org>.

Proofreaders. Multiple projects need proofreaders. Contact Dick Finn at <mailto:rwfinn@yahoo.com>.

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
April 8	My Ancestry	Anne Homan
May 12	Writing Your Family History One Byte at a Time	Susan Goss Johnston
June 9	USCIS (U.S. Customs & Immigration Service)	Kay Speaks

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 Patricia Northam, 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
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Kay Speaks, TMG Leader	Third Saturday 9 a.m. – Noon (PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)	7077 Koll Center Parkway Suite 110 Pleasanton Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg
Writing Group Debbie Mascot	One Saturday a Month (TBD)	R.S.V.P. for address
Lunch 'n' Learn Debbie Mascot and Kay Speaks	One lunch hour every other month (TBD)	R.S.V.P. for address

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2014 Officers Introduction



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L-AGS at the County Fair



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Teresa Costa Fraser speaking about Maps

2014 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: membership@l-ags.org

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

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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