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LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Happy Holidays!

This is the e-Bulletin from the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society (L-AGS), provided monthly to our members. If you would prefer not to receive this e-Bulletin or other information, please send a message to <mailto:membership@L-AGS.org> and your address will be removed from our distribution list

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 pages.

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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2015 Renewal

It's time to renew your membership for 2015! Please see the last page of the bulletin for your Membership Renewal Form.

PHOTOGRAPHS!

Calling your favorite ancestral photos. Please submit to debbie@mascotmanor.org with the following information. The pictures will be featured in the L-AGS e-bulletin banner and photo pages in the back.

L-AGS Member:	
Relation:	
Name(s):	
Location:	
Year:	

Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting: Hitting the Mother Lode**
When: Monday, December 8, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Teresa Parham
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: Annual Data Entry Party**
When: Saturday, December 20, 2014 – 9:00 a.m. *2014 New Theme—Journal Reports Prompts! Annual Data Entry Party*
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group: No meeting in December**
When: Next Meeting- January 10, 2015 – 2:30 p.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **DNA Group: How to Navigate the FamilyTreeDNA Website**
When: Monday, December 1, 2014 – 12:00 p.m.
Chair: Doug Mumma
- ❖ **Board Meeting**
When: Tuesday, December 2, 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: *Hitting the Mother Load*

GUEST SPEAKER: *Teresa Parham*

DATE: Monday, December 8, 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>

Teresa Parham is the Teen Services Librarian at the Pleasanton Public Library. Her father was born in Santiago, Chile and is a retired Commander in the U.S. Navy. She has lived all over the country and overseas and eventually in California for the past 13 years.

Through dedicated research, her mother discovered that FC Ewer, Teresa's paternal 4th great grandfather, had spent some time in California during the 1850's. According to online records there was a diary in the California Historical Society's North Baker Research Library in San Francisco. Teresa's mother lives in Rhode Island and urged her to investigate on her behalf. What she found there was indeed "The Mother Lode". Now Teresa would discover for herself that her connection to California was actually in her genes.

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

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: *Annual Data Entry Party!*

Date: Saturday, December 20, 2014, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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

Lunch Meet Up, Noon: The Habit Burger Grill & Panda Express Food Court, Bernal & Valley Avenue Shopping Center, Pleasanton

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

Guided Check of TMG Software Setup

December is our annual Data Entry Party! Bring your computer, your questions, your problems, and the information you want to enter into TMG. This is your opportunity to get on-the-spot answers to all those little questions that come up every time we enter data. Part of our December meeting agenda will be a guided check to make sure all members are prepared for the disappearance of Wholly Genes tech support [on December 31st](#).

Our new blog (<http://tvtmgadventures.blogspot.com/>) provides the detailed prompt, samples and ideas, and an opportunity for questions and sharing.

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>.

Contact <mailto:tvtmg.editors@L-AGS.org>, if you have questions.

Please be sure to check our <http://tvtmgreports.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.

Kindly R.S.V.P. if you plan to attend the meeting and indicate if you will bring a laptop. Resources:

- Additional information contact Kay & Sue: <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>
- User group e-mail address: <mailto:tvtmg@L-AGS.org>
- Questions about our book, <mailto:tvtmg.editors@L-AGS.org>
- TV-TMG member private blogpre-August 2011:
<http://tvtmgug.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

On December Hiatus

Date: Saturday, January 10, 2015 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 be on break in December, but will resume in January on January 10. At that meeting, we will discuss our goals. Please spend some time working out your 2015 writing and genealogical goals with some ideas of how to get there. 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.

DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

How to Navigate the FamilyTreeDNA Website

Date: Monday, December 1, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

Location: Livermore Family History Center

Chair: Doug Mumma, <mailto:doug@mumma.org>

We will explore many of the FTDNA site features and tools. Many of us have observed that FTDNA continues to add "features" and improvements" to the site. Whether or not these changes are improvements are in the eyes of the beholder! 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

November Board Meeting Summary – November 4, 2014

Dues for the upcoming year are now due. The board is exploring using Paypal in the future. Kay Speaks will be presenting at a Family History Conference in Santa Rosa Jan 17th 2015. Jane Southwick and the nominating committee are still actively looking for members to fill a couple of board positions. Joy volunteered to do a computer interest group.

General meeting Nov. 10- Summary

Julie Liu announced the nominating committee's slate of officers for election.

- Marilyn Glass and Diane Wiedel for 1st VP in charge of Programs
- Leslie Steuben as Recording Secretary
- Nancy Southwick as Correspondence Secretary

Additional nominations will be accepted until the general meeting Dec. 8th where a final vote will be conducted on the slate of officers.

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)

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 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. Finally, feel free to provide a headshot and short bio (50-60 words) about yourself with an email address. Your headshot and bio will be placed at the end of your article so that members, readers, and unknown relatives can easily contact you.

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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.

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>.

Oak Knoll Cemetery. The Oak Knoll Cemetery Project needs some help. Dick Finn and his cousin in England, Peter Kitchingham, are working on identifying all of the people buried at the old Oak Knoll Cemetery at the corner of Stanley and Wall St. in Livermore. This project will conclude with a book listing all these people and something about their families including photographs of gravestones where available. We have a listing of articles about these people in local newspapers. It would be a great service if a few people would take the time to look up and copy these articles for the project. Microfilm of the papers are at the Livermore Library and the Livermore Heritage Guild. If you can help please contact Dick at <mailto:rwoffinn@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		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
January 12	Vital Records and the Calendar Change of 1752	Janice Sellers
February 9	Indentured Servants	Roger Howland
March 9	WWII Seabees Passed Through Camp Parks/Camp Shoemaker	Steven Minniear

Regular Scheduled Events		
<i>Note: Some meetings have special schedules and locations during summer and holiday seasons.</i>		
Check the specific listings above for details or contact the meeting Leader.		
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

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L-AGS Seminar Photo



L-AGS Seminar with Stephen Morse



November General Meeting with Susan Goss Johnston



L-AGS at the Alameda County Fair

L-AGS Membership Renewal Reminder

Dear L-AGS member,

We will begin accepting L-AGS membership renewals for the 2015 calendar year in October. In order to join or renew, please complete the form below, attach your check, bring to the general meeting or mail it to:

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society

P.O. Box 901
Livermore CA 94551

2015 Membership Renewal Form

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

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ email: _____

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

email U.S. Mail

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Please indicate your membership choice below:

Individual	\$18___
Family (2 or more people at same address)	\$25___
Individual Benefactor	\$40___
Family Benefactor	\$40___
Patron	\$100___

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns:

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