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HELP NEEDED!

July 2024



BUSINESS MANAGER

Duncan Tanner, the L-AGS Business Manager for as long as many of us remember, will be retiring from this position at the end of the year. We need someone to take over to keep our lights on! Join the L-AGS board and use your accounting skills! Or LEARN accounting skills! We need YOU!

ROOTS TRACER EDITOR

Our illustrious Roots Tracer Editor, Patrick Lofft, is retiring from the Roots Tracer at the end of the year. We need someone to come on-board asap to begin the transition. Have you wanted to learn publication and work with a publisher? Are you wanting to assist members in telling their stories? This may be your opportunity! We need YOU!

General Meeting: Avoiding the Most Common Genealogy Mistakes
With: James M. Baker, PhD

Date: Monday, July 8, 2024 7:00 p.m. (Zoom chat starts at 6:30 p.m.)

Location: Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton, CA and via Zoom-
Preregister via ZOOM below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYscOyrrD4pGdI88N7xDMAS1gextKvMAsJ6>

Chair: Program Chair, <mailto:program@L-AGS.org>

Cost: No Charge - Visitors welcome

Details: Please see page 2

Other Special Interest Groups and Meetings

Let's Chat Genealogy

Topic: *What's Next?*

Date: July 14, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Location: Contact Chair for the Link

Chair: Debbie Mascot,

<mailto:bulletin.manager@L-AGS.org>

Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Contact Chair for the Link

Chair: President, <mailto:President@L-AGS.org>

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: Reports and Problem Assistance

Date: Friday, July 5 and Saturday, July 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Contact Chair for the link

Chair: Duncan Tanner,

<mailto:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org>



General Meeting: I Thought He Was My Ancestor: Avoiding the Six Most Common Genealogy Mistakes With: James M. Baker, PhD

This presentation uses case studies to show how to avoid the most common mistakes: trusting the “long-time proven” data; believing family myths; connecting improper “same-name” people; failing the reasonableness test; trusting genealogy “snakeoil” salesmen; and believing all original records.

James M. Baker has been an active genealogist for the past 15 years. He specializes in German, Midwest US, American research, and DNA.

He has written articles for the National Genealogical Society (NGS) Magazine, the NGS Quarterly, and Der Blumenbaum, the journal of the Sacramento German Genealogy Society. He is a former Certified Genealogist (CG), fulfilling the CG requirements in both 2011 and 2016.

He has presented classes and webinars to many genealogy groups including National Genealogical Society, Southern California Jamboree, and Legacy Family Tree Webinars.

Dr. Baker earned a PhD in sociology and social psychology from the University of Utah. He is retired from an aerospace and business management career.

For additional information contact: Tom Mathews, Program Chairperson, email: program@L-AGS.org



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Topics of Future General Meetings

<i>Month</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
August 12, 2024	AI and Genealogy: Trouble Ahead?	Thomas MacEntee
September 9, 2024	Scots-Irish Genealogy	Mark McClaren
October 14, 2024	The Picture Bride Era: The Gentlemen's Agreement of 1907 between U.S. and Japan	Linda Harms Okazaki
November 11, 2024	Bagging a Live One	Mary Kircher Roddy

Board Meeting Summary

June 2024 Board Meeting Summary

Two key Board Members are retiring this year after many years of dedicated service to L-AGS. Retirees are Duncan Tanner, Business Manager, and Patrick Lofft, Roots Tracer Editor. Anyone interested in either position should contact Julie Liu. This would be an excellent time to "shadow" Duncan or Patrick for the rest of the year to become familiar with the position.

There was a successful Heritage Happenings event at the Livermore Library on June 25. Thank you to those members who volunteered as "researchers" to assist participants in family research.

Research Locations

Livermore Family History Center

Location: 950 Mocho Street, Livermore, California

Phone: (925) 443-2750

Web: https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Livermore_California_FamilySearch_Center

Special Notes: The entrance is in the front of the building on the right—there is a sign on the door. If the parking in front of the building is full, there is a large parking lot in the rear of the building.

Pleasanton Genealogy Center

Location: 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, California

Email: docents.chair@L-AGS.org for appointment with docent

Special Notes: 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. Access to Ancestry.com (Library-edition) and Heritage Quest (also available at home with your library card)

L-AGS Publication: The Roots Tracer

We are actively seeking articles and photos for the Roots Tracer. Please see ideas below or submit your own:

- What are 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?
- Do you have an old article to update?
- Do you have any famous (or infamous) ancestors?
- Have you overcome a brickwall? How?
- Have you traveled your roots?
- Do you live in or have an ancestral home?
- Do you have any special family heirlooms with a story?
- Have you used technology in an interesting way to find your roots?
- Have you read a book, poem or found a photograph that inspires you?
- Updated, previously published Livermore Roots Tracer articles

Please submit articles or ideas to rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org.

Elected Leadership

Role	Name, Email
President.....	Julie Liu, president@L-AGS.org
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