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HELP NEEDED!

August 2024



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!

SAVE THE DATE: Heritage Happenings

Heritage Happenings, a L-AGS' semi-annual event at the Livermore Civic Center Library will be held on October 15 and 24 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.. Volunteers are needed to assist individuals in family research. To sign up to help, please visit:

www.L-AGS.org/tvhh

General Meeting: AI and Genealogy: Trouble Ahead?

With: Thomas MacEntee

Date: Monday, August 12, 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

Brickwalls

Topic: *Let's Chat is changing! You can come to chat about genealogy, but we are especially asking you to come with a brickwall or help with a brickwall.*

Date: August 18, 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, August 27, 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, August 2 and Saturday, August 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Contact Chair for the link

Chair: Duncan Tanner,

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



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While AI (artificial intelligence) might be the current “hot” buzz word, the fact is that many genealogy vendors and even genealogists have already been using this technology for years. The AI industry is at a crossroads and within the next five years, it will permeate almost every aspect of business and society. Learn how AI is currently being used to improve the genealogy experience, and whether or not you should seek out other uses of artificial intelligence for your own genealogy research.

What happens when a “tech guy” with a love for history gets laid off during The Great Recession of 2008? You get Thomas MacEntee, a genealogy professional based in the United States who is also a blogger, educator, author, social media connector, online community builder and more. Thomas has over 42 years of experience researching family history.

Thomas was laid off after a 25-year career in the information technology field, so he started his own genealogy-related business called, **High Definition Genealogy**. Currently Thomas shares many of his articles and videos for free at [Genealogy Bargains.com](http://GenealogyBargains.com)!

Thomas describes himself as a lifelong learner with a background in a multitude of topics who has finally figured out what he does best: teach, inspire, instigate, and serve as a curator and go-to-guy for concept nurturing and inspiration. Thomas is a big believer in success, and that we all succeed when we help each other find success.

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



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Topics of Future General Meetings		
Month	Topic	Presenter
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

July 2024 Board Meeting Summary

There continues to be a need to fill the Roots Tracer Editor position that will be vacant when Patrick Lofft retires in December. Any interested member should contact Julie Liu, President, at president@L-AGS.org. This is an excellent time to volunteer and work with Patrick to learn what is required in the position.

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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

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