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March 2025

While we work to find a new editor, this bulletin will feature articles by L-AGS members. Please submit your stories or you're just going to be stuck with Debbie's...



ROOTS TRACER EDITOR

Our illustrious Roots Tracer Editor, Patrick Lofft, has retired from the Roots Tracer. We need someone to come on-board asap to our RootsTracer. 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!

L-AGS Renewal

It's time to renew your L-AGS membership! For only \$25 per year, you support the amazing monthly speakers, the events L-AGS hosts and participates in, and all the other great things that L-AGS does for the genealogical community. Renew now:

<https://www.l-ags.org/application.html>

General Meeting: Grandma Forget me not: The Story of a Milwaukee Pioneer With: Jean Wilcox Hibben – PhD, MA

Date: Monday, March 10, 2025 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/tZYsduiorjgsG9HuhQRKgpaR5Nh3fb9Y91tW>

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

Cost: No Charge - Visitors welcome

Details: Please see page 2

Other Special Interest Groups and Meetings

NEW!---Fourth Friday Finds

Topic: *Genealogy Friends and Finds*

Join virtually to delve into family history stories, finds, and resources.

Date: Friday, March 28, 2025
at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual via Zoom. Register here:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/YjDAbRzeRaapUzEH3ud2uA>

Chair: Debbie Mascot,
<mailto:bulletin.manager@L-AGS.org>



Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2025
at 7:00 p.m.

Location: febContact Chair for the Link

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

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: Database Management

Date: Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Contact Chair for the link

Chair: Duncan Tanner
<mailto:tvtnmg.chair@L-AGS.org>

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Caroline Trapschuh traveled from Bohemia to the United States in 1849; she was only five years old, but the journey made an indelible impression on her young mind and she shared her experiences with her descendants. As a youth, she was part of a pioneer family that settled the then-wilderness city of Milwaukee, associating with some of the notables of the community. She married a successful businessman and Civil War veteran, John Adam Hollander, and gave birth to seven children, raising six to adulthood. Associating with, first, St. Mary's Catholic Church and, later, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, the Hollanders were well-known and much-respected citizens of the community and both, along with many other relatives, are at rest in Forest Home Cemetery. Caroline's story is told by her great-granddaughter, presented in first person. Following her story, the audience will be informed about the research methods used to uncover the details of the immigrant's life, via a

PowerPoint program that displays a number of Hollander/Trapschuh and Milwaukee ephemera, and provides some ideas for audience members to similarly piece together ancestral lives.

Jean Wilcox Hibben; PhD, MA, former So. Cal. college speech professor (MA – Speech Communication; PhD – Folklore), is a national speaker and author. A member of the DAR, she is the former director and current family history consultant for the Corona, CA FamilySearch Center, has worked on background research for two genealogy television programs, and was a host for podcasts on social history. A former Board-Certified genealogist with over 45 years of research experience, she is a former board member of APG and past president of its So. Cal. Chapter; 1st Vice-president of the Corona Genealogical Society, as well as webmaster for that same organization; and participant on a number of other society boards. Jean writes the "Aunty Jeff" column for the Informer, the newsletter of the Jefferson County NY Genealogical Society. Her website: circlemending.org.



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Topics of Future General Meetings		
Month	Topic	Presenter
April 2025	Squeezing All the Facts out of Your DNA Matches	Kate Penney Howard
May 2025	Preserving Family Heritage: Navigating Find-A-Grave and Creating Virtual Cemeteries	Karen LaDuca

Board Meeting Summary- February 25, 2025

The Board approved the 2025 budget which will be presented to the membership in March.

Heritage Happenings was cancelled last year due to lack of sufficient volunteers to assist in genealogical research. The Board is looking at possible solutions to keep this important program going. One possibility is training offered to L-AGS members who would like to volunteer.

With a pause on publishing the Roots Tracer, articles by members can be published in the L-AGS Bulletin. Send articles to Deborah Mascot, debbie.mascot@gmail.com.

The Zoom discussion group, Let's Chat, has been changed to Fourth Friday Finds, chaired by Deborah Mascot. The link will be sent to the membership.

Research Locations

Livermore California FamilySearch Center

Location: 950 Mocho Street, Livermore, California

Phone: (925) 443-2750

Web: <https://locations.familysearch.org/en/us/ca/livermore/950-mocho-st?qp=Livermore%2C+California%2C+United+States&lat=37.68202&lng=-121.76837&r=50>

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 Leadership

Role	Name, Email
President.....	Julie Liu, president@L-AGS.org
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L-AGS Members 65 active memberships

Member Stories

As your family gathers over the Easter holiday....

By Felicia Ziomek

Discuss what medical conditions run in your family. “The future of your health is written somewhere in the past. Knowing your family’s health history is the key to a longer, healthier life.” National Family Health History Day is Nov. 21st.

Your genes affect your risk of developing certain disorders, such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes and some kinds of cancer. Many medical conditions are now more treatable, and it helps to know which ones you may have inherited. Knowing your family’s health history can help your healthcare provider identify traits that may put you at risk for certain health conditions or diseases.

Build a family tree including 3 generations: grandparents, parents, uncles, aunts, siblings, cousins, children, nieces, nephews and grandchildren. Include half-brothers and half-sisters. Determine date of birth and major medical conditions, such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease, stroke and birth defects. Add other conditions too, such as allergies, asthma, vision or hearing loss, and high blood pressure. Note the age of disease onset. For deceased relatives, indicate the cause of death and age at death. After you gather the information, offer to share your findings with other family members so they (in turn) can share them with their doctors. Ask yourself: “How would you like to help save a life?” At the same time, respect your relatives’ privacy and their right to confidentiality.

If you know your family health history, you can take steps to minimize your risk of developing health disorders that run in your family. If there’s a pattern of medical issues in your family, your doctor may refer you to a specialist to determine if you have inherited a form of the disease. For assistance, contact your local genealogy society.