



# Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society

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**Susan G. Johnston**

**You Are Invited**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 9, 2012 ~  
7:30 PM

**WHERE:** Congregation Beth Emek  
3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton

**COST:** No Charge (Visitors Are  
Welcome)



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## The Records Behind the World War I Draft Registration Cards

On 12 July 1973, a fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis destroyed roughly 80% of the service records for Army personnel discharged between 1 November 1912 and 1 January 1960. This means that the service records of more than 3.2 million World War I soldiers are gone forever. What do we genealogists do when confronted with massive record losses? We look for alternate sources. More than 24 million men registered for the draft during World War I, and those registration cards are incredibly valuable records. Surely there must be other records associated with this draft. Could those records help tell the story of a World War I ancestor's military experiences? My adventures in the records of the Selective Service System (World War I), might help you answer that question for yourself.

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