



# Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society

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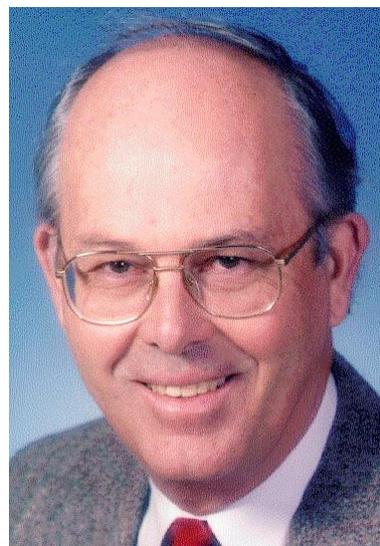
## Richard Finn

**You Are Invited**

**WHEN:** Monday, February 8, 2016 ~  
7:30 PM

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

**COST:** No Charge ~ Visitors welcome



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## Oak Knoll Cemetery, Livermore, abandoned but not forgotten

Richard Finn and his cousin Peter Kitchingham, of London, England, have spent several years researching hundreds of people buried at the first formal cemetery in the Livermore-Amador Valley, Oak Knoll Cemetery. Those buried there include members of the last wagon train over the Sierras in the terrible winter of 1846, the founder of Alameda County, a person buried at three different places, and ancestors of many people still living in the Livermore Valley including many Mendenhall, Bernal, Cockerton, Harlan, Christensen, and many more. Richard will give a brief history of the cemetery and why it was closed. He will speak about the methods that he and Peter used to determine who was buried at the cemetery and gain knowledge about those people. These methods should be useful for anyone researching their own families.

Richard has lived in the Livermore Valley since 1959 when he started work at Sandia National Laboratories/California from where he retired in 1996 as manager of Integrated Design Services and Engineering Information Management. In retirement he has spent a great deal of time studying his family history including publishing family histories. The last several years Richard has been researching Tri-Valley pioneer families with the help of his cousin Peter. They have developed a database of over 35,000 names of pioneers and their descendants. Richard has been president of both L-AGS and the San Ramon Genealogical Society.

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