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June 2025

While we work to find a new editor, this bulletin will feature articles on the last page. This month I will talk about my friendship with Duncan Tanner through the years I've been active in L-AGS. He will be sorely missed.

General Meeting: Hidden Treasures: Unleashing the Full Potential of the FamilySearch Website With: Jamie Lee McManus Mayhew

Date: Monday, June 9, 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

Fourth Friday Finds

Topic: *Genealogy Friends and Finds*

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

Date: CANCELLED FOR JUNE

Location: Virtual via Zoom.

Chair: Debbie Mascot,

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



Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025
at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Contact Chair for the Link

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

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: Database Management

Date: Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Contact Chair for the link

Chair: TBD

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

General Meeting: Hidden Treasures: Unleashing the Full Potential of the FamilySearch Website With: Jamie Lee McManus Mayhew

This presentation will guide you through new and advanced features and methods in FamilySearch. We will touch on FamilySearch Experiments including Full-Text Search and User-Owned Trees. We will explore the New FamilySearch Catalog and see what changes have been made. We will provide you with newly released tools that will enhance your use of the FamilySearch website.

Jamie Lee McManus Mayhew is a California native with deep Southern roots, a speaker, family genealogist, genealogical educator, occasional blogger, and professional researcher. She is active in numerous societies and organizations, is currently the president of the APG Writers SIG, a director of the Genealogical Speakers Guild, and Director of the Oakhurst FamilySearch Center. She has served as president of the California State Genealogical Alliance, The Southern California Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists, and the Genealogical Society of North Orange County, California. She holds a BA in Sociology, an MA in Educational Technology, and a Professional Learning Certificate in Genealogical Studies (PLCGS).

For additional information contact: Tom Mathews, Program Chairperson,
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Topics of Future General Meetings		
Month	Topic	Presenter
July 2025	Look Locally: Finding the Women in Our History	Candice Buchanan
August 2025	Travel Your Tree: Where Ancestry Meets Adventure	Lisa M. Vogele
September 2025	Germans to America's Midwest, 1848-1900	Scott Norrick
October 2025	Fishing in Every Pond: Cousin Baiting	Christine Cohen
November 2025	Finding Ancestors' Occupations and Business Records, Part 1	Madeline Yanov
December 2025	Finding Ancestors' Occupations and Business Records, Part 2	Madeline Yanov

Share Your Genealogy

I was recently contacted by a second cousin because she read one of my stories in the Roots Tracer. I had posted a photo of my great grandfather and me in a rocking chair. SHE HAS THAT ROCKING CHAIR!. Although we do not have an editor for the Roots Tracer (VOLUNTEER NEEDED!), we are still publishing stories that will be archived on our website for all to find when doing Google searching. Please feel free to send your stories to me: Debbie.Mascot@gmail.com. And check out stories in the last page(s) of these ebulletins!

Board Meeting Summary- May 27, 2025

There was a lot of discussion this meeting about the loss of Duncan and how to fill his shoes.

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.

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

President.....
First VP and Program Chair.....
Second VP & Membership Chair.
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Duncan Tanner

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L-AGS Members 70 active memberships

Duncan Tanner

I was a member of L-AGS for a few years and then I became inactive and then I came back and wanted to be more active. I co-lead a lunch and learn with Kay Speaks, I created the L-AGS writing group, and then, later, created the Let's Chat group and combined it with the writing group and did weekly chats during covid. Now they remain combined, but moved to monthly and changed the name.

Throughout ALL of this, Duncan Tanner, our business manager, was my biggest cheerleader. He came to every meeting and always contributed. In the beginning, when we'd meet at restaurants or the library, Duncan was there. His soft voice and smart wit made our table the quietest and the smartest. When I moved the meetings to my home when I lived in Livermore, Duncan was always there. My shy kid would stay in her room when my genealogy friends came over, but my outgoing son was always there, even coming to the other meetings with me, because "Duncan will be there." He loved Duncan as we all did.

It was about 4 months into my monthly hosting of the writing group/chat group when I learned that Duncan was allergic to cucumbers. I prepared a cucumber water with cookies each time and I always wondered how one could take a cookie, but no water. In his Duncan way, he told me at that meeting, "I'm fine. I'm just allergic to cucumbers." But he never asked for plain water as he didn't want to be a bother.

That was Duncan.

At one of those dining room table meetings, Duncan shared his story of the Great Pumpkin. We were all howling with laughter and as we were wiping the tears, my stoic son said, "When's he coming back?" (See https://www.l-ags.org/tracer/vol_37_3.pdf for Duncan's story).

There was a time I knew him to walk miles each day which inspired me to do the same. He was always smiling and always helpful, often sending links or information after each meeting.

On Monday, May 19, 2025, Duncan passed away. Never wanting to be a bother, Duncan will have no services. We don't need to have services to remember Duncan; his work will live on in L-AGS for many, many years to come and he will live on in our hearts for eternity.



