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October 2025

*While we work to find a new editor, this bulletin will feature articles on the last page.
This month, Debbie Mascot shared her first blog post ever from 2010.*

General Meeting: Fishing In Every Pond: Cousin Baiting With: Christine Cohen

Date: Monday, October 13, 2025 7:00 p.m. (Zoom chat starts at 6:30 p.m.)

Location: 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: Friday, October 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual via Zoom.

Chair: Debbie Mascot,

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



Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 28, 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, October 3 and Saturday,
October 25, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Contact Chair for the link

Chair: TBD

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

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We will discuss the many ways to reach out to distant living cousins to help you expand your pedigree chart forward in time. You may find family treasures, photos, DNA test takers and information that will break down a brick wall. We will explore online trees, lineage societies, cemetery indexes, obituaries in newspapers, living people finder websites and social media.

Christine Cohen is a long-time member of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) and currently serves as the Program Director. In addition to WAGS, she is a member of the El Redondo Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (Past 1st Vice Regent), the Society of Daughters of Holland Dames and the Association of Professional Genealogists.



Her interest in genealogy began in 1977 with the airing of the TV mini-series "Roots". Her enthusiasm was piqued when she was given a typed pedigree chart, commissioned by her maternal grandfather, of her Dutch heritage from the New Netherlands in the 1650's. She is a native Californian, a graduate of UCLA in Political Science and has recently retired to pursue my genealogy interest full time.

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

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Topics of Future General Meetings

<i>Month</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
November 2025	Finding Ancestors' Occupations and Business Records, Part 1	Madeline Yanov
December 2025	Finding Ancestors' Occupations and Business Records, Part 2	Madeline Yanov
January 2026	Travel Your Tree: Where Ancestry Meets Adventure	Lisa M. Vogeles
February 2026	Online Resources for Researching British Ancestry	Scott Norrick

Board Meeting Summary- September's Board Meeting Cancelled

Please remember:

Family research assistance with L-AGS volunteers has been finalized with the Livermore Public Library, Civic Center Branch. It will begin in January and will be held the first Wednesday of each month from 10:00 – 1:00. Volunteers are needed! Tom Mathews, Program Chair, is organizing and would like 2 volunteers for each session. If interested contact Tom at program@L-AGS.org.

Articles by members can be published in the L-AGS Bulletin since publication of the Roots Tracer is on hold. 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.....
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Fifteen Years Ago!

by Debbie Mascot

On Sunday, October 24, 2010, I started writing about genealogy in a blog. My last post there was Tuesday, January 5, 2016, when I wrote about my trip to Gettysburg. My life got a bit crazy in 2016 and I lost the time I once devoted to my beloved blog. I still check back on it for data now and again, but I now write for the California Genealogical Society blog and it's soothing that writing bug in me. Someday I'll go back to my blog, but for now, here was my first ever post:

Sunday, October 24, 2010

Why in the World

When I found my grandmother's grandparents, who she knew nothing about, I felt like I'd run a marathon. And won. At that time, I tried to share with others how it made me feel to find them, but unless a person is also interested in family history, it's a bit difficult for them to understand the euphoria. So I thought then about a genealogy blog, but had no idea that it was a real thing. I didn't even Google for it, thinking it was silly.

And then I went to the California Family History Expo and learned there are hundreds of you.

And I want in on the club.

So here we are.

The lines I'm studying are numerous and switch around all the time. That's my favorite part of genealogy- you get bored of one person and you move on and can go back whenever you want.

I'm playing with the idea of daily themes, so we'll try that out tomorrow with Mapping Monday, where I will pick a State.