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December 2025

*While we work to find a new editor, this bulletin will feature articles on the last page.
This month, you get to hear about Debbie's drinking problem.*

Renewal Time!

It's time to renew your L-AGS membership and we've made it easy by creating a form and allowing payment via PayPal. If PayPal isn't your thing, there are other options. Visit this page of our website to learn more:

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

General Meeting: What Did Daddy (and Mommy) Do? Locating Family Members in Old Business Records – Part II With: Madeline Yanov

Date: Monday, December 8, 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: On hiatus until January 2026

Location: Virtual via Zoom.

Chair: Debbie Mascot,

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



Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 2, 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, December 5, and Saturday,
December 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Contact Chair for the link

Chair: TBD

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

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Part II delves deeper into the lives of ancestors who worked in more specific industries such as railroads, mining, garment factories, farming, and civilian government roles—as well as those involved in unions. In this presentation, we'll explore a wide variety of records, including employment, union memberships, business archives, and government documents. These sources reveal more than just job titles—they offer glimpses into daily routines, workplace communities, and social connections. Learn how to locate these records to uncover the experiences, challenges, and contributions of your ancestors, giving new context and richness to their life stories.

Madeline Yanov, the proprietor of Time Travel Genealogy, brings over 35 years of extensive genealogy experience, specializing primarily in American research. Given that many Americans are descendants of immigrants, she possesses a deep understanding of European genealogy, particularly focusing on Irish, British, Slovak, and Russian ancestry, with a little German on the side. She has been instrumental in locating and facilitating reunions between adoptees and their birth parents.

Beyond her professional pursuits, Madeline is passionate about travel, relishing opportunities to meet people, hear their family stories, and share her profound love for history and genealogy with anyone eager to learn.



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

Topics of Future General Meetings		
Month	Topic	Presenter
January 2026	Travel Your Tree: Where Ancestry Meets Adventure	Lisa M. Vogelee
February 2026	Online Resources for Researching British Ancestry	Scott Norrick
March 2026	Finding Your American Ancestor Using Canadian Records	Kathryn Lake Hogan

Board Meeting Summary- November 5, 2025

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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)

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Role

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 First VP and Program Chair.....
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Wine Tasting

By Debbie Mascot

As a devout member of the Livermore community (despite now living in Tracy), I adhere to my strict duty and regimen of regular wine tasting at our local establishments. In doing so, it's been really fun to learn some local history.

This past weekend, a visit to 3 Steves left me with the knowledge that one of the Steves has moved away and that they have begun a new (delicious) Townsend label to honor the area where they are now located. Alex, the son of a remaining Steve, told me how they conducted extensive research in the area of town they are in, and they found that the farm there was noted as Townsend—likely due to the area, as no last name was found.

Next door at JMC Cellars, where Jess is now the winemaker, I remembered going there when it was the Big White House and learning that the Big White House was actually in town, not at the tasting room.

If you are in the mood for history (and wine), I highly recommend visiting our local wineries and asking about their history. You will see how they intertwine and how you can not only make family trees out of the different tasting rooms, but also out of the grapes they feature!

My 2026 Resolution is to visit every Livermore Valley winery and my drinking problem is how to fit them in! Care to join me for a glass?!?