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LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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BREAKING NEWS!!!!

THE LIBRARY HAS A BRAND NEW PUBLICATION!

Merced Applications for Delayed Birth Certificates, 1943-1954

Book 1: 1943-1954

Book 2: 1955-1961

Books 3 & 4 [combined] 1962-1975

Books 5 & 6 [combined] 1975-1997

Due to the generous donation of a L-AGS member, the L-AGS collection at the Pleasanton Library now houses these six books. Delayed birth certificates can be a wealth of information. If your ancestor was born in a time before mandatory registration of birth, they may not have a regular birth certificate.

However, with the passage of the Social Security Act and the Railroad Retirement Act, our ancestors may have needed to prove the date of birth to collect benefits. In these cases, they would pull together their own "proofs" of birth and submit them to the State to receive an official Delayed Birth Certificate (*my great grandparents had state census records, applications for life insurance, voting records and school papers attached to theirs*).

Even if you don't have Merced ancestors, please check out this collection in the Pleasanton Library and familiarize yourself with what you may find for your own ancestors in their home counties.

Happy Thanksgiving!

This is the e-bulletin from the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society (L-AGS), provided monthly to those interested in the happenings of L-AGS. If you would prefer not to receive this bulletin, please contact us at the email address below in this box and your address will be removed.

If you have a special genealogy or local history event or announcement you would like to see included, please submit via email to:

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

Special Notices

❖ L-AGS Book "Sale"

Last month at the general meeting there were a number of books and CDs available for mere donations. Did you gather any? If not, make sure to visit that same table at the November meeting on November 8, as L-AGS will be offering more books!

❖ Special Interest Groups

Do you talk to another L-AGS member about your common Native American ancestry? Do you reminisce about your Timbuktu heritage? Do you share ideas with each other? Then guess what you have? **A special interest group!** Why not make it official and let others join in. No one needs to be an "expert". Just share ideas. To start a special interest group, all it takes is two.

Some upcoming 2012 member-lead special interest groups:

- *Lunch 'n' Learn meetings*
- *Family History Writing and Sharing*

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Summary of Meetings

Visitors are welcome free of charge to each of these meetings.

❖ General Meeting: *Find-A-Grave*

When: Tuesday, November 8, 2011 - 7:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Deborah Dash

❖ The Master Genealogist Group: Source Citation— U. S. Military & Pension Records

When: Saturday, November 19, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.

Chair: Kay Speaks

❖ Study Group: NO NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER MEETING

❖ Board Meeting

When: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

Members are welcome to attend board meetings.

GENERAL MEETING

NOTE: Members please sign in at the membership table upon arrival at the monthly General Meeting. Please have your guests also sign in. Before heading home, please remember to leave your nametag at the membership table.

TOPIC: Find-A-Grave: What is it? How can it help your research?

GUEST SPEAKER: Deborah Dash

DATE: Tuesday, November 8, 2011 - 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton

Map to the Meeting Site:

<http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg>

Find-A-Grave is a resource for finding the final resting place of family, friends, and even famous people. There are now over 70 million graves listed on Find-A-Grave. It has three main purposes: (1) a graves registration website, (2) a memorialization/remembrance site, and (3) a genealogical resource.

Ms. Dash will speak of her involvement in Find-A-Grave, experiences photographing in graveyards, what information can be found on the website, how to photograph gravestones, and how we can help this most useful project.

Deborah Dash is a very active Find-A-Grave volunteer. She has added over 44,000 memorials and over 66,000 photographs to the website. She finds cemeteries to be peaceful, historic places and she enjoys reading the inscriptions (the older the better). She is also a site administrator.

For additional information contact: Dick Finn, Program Chairperson Email: <mailto:programs@L-AGS.org>

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: Source Citation- U.S. Military & Pension Records

Date: Saturday, November 19, 2011- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Lunch Meet Up, Noon: Rage Super Burgers, Bernal & Valley, Pleasanton

Location: 7077 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 110, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Map to the meeting site: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg>

Chair: Kay Speaks, <mailto:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org>

Instructors: Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

November & December – U.S. Military & Pension Records, Pages 595-606
The final episodes of our study of Elizabeth Shown Mills' Evidence Explained!

Kindly R.S.V.P. if you plan to attend the meeting and indicate if you will bring a laptop.

NEW!!! The TV-TMG Users Group has a new public blog, <http://tvmtgee.blogspot.com> where we are publishing and sharing our TV-TMG source templates that approximate Mills' Evidence Explained.

STUDY GROUP MEETING

Thank you and farewell as Study Group Chair

From Kay Speaks: Tonight's Study Group meeting was my last, as I informed the L-AGS Board this year would be my last as Study Group Chair. As we don't meet in November and December due to the holidays, Thursday's meeting was effectively my last meeting. Over the last 10+ years, I have enjoyed teaching L-AGS members about different genealogy topics and research techniques. I've loved every minutes of it and I've enjoyed interacting with L-AGS members. I greatly enjoy sharing genealogy research techniques and the how-to of genealogy! Don't be surprised if you see an e-mail inviting L-AGS members to drop by for a night or afternoon of data entry or to share new websites or research techniques. In the meantime, I plan to spend time working on my personal genealogy, help others learn to research their Chinese American family history, as well spend more time on my other two passions—photography and writing poetry. Thank you all for years of support over the past ten+ years of L-AGS Study Group! If you are interested in leading the study group, please contact Jane Southwick at .

The Study Group's website will continue to be available for your genealogy and computer interest questions. Please send your emails to study.group@L-AGS.org. Have a genealogy brick wall? Let the Study Group help you brainstorm your research options. Use our L-AGS Study Group list [for any genealogy topic discussion or computer interest questions](#). L-AGS is blessed with people willing to share their knowledge and expertise! E-mail the forum at: study.group@L-AGS.org.

Thank you, Kay, for all your years in Study Group. We all appreciate all you've done.

SUMMARY OF L-AGS BOARD MEETING

October 25, 2011 - This summary was prepared by Anne Les, Acting Recording Secretary:

Upcoming Programs:

November 8 : "Find a Grave"

December 13: Members sharing. *Still need some volunteers to share their story.*

Financials: Assets of \$9,831.

Approximately \$70 was made at the sale of books on October 11th meeting

Membership: 43 attending October meeting, including 3 guests.

The Four volumes of Delayed Births of Merced County have arrived for use of L-AGS.

The study group will be discussing DAR resources.

Patrick Lofft will be starting a beginning TMG group in the New Year.

Kay Speaks will be resigning from Study Group to help the Chinese Genealogy Society get on its feet.

The Roots Tracer is about to go to press. Articles are always welcome for this and the next issue.

Heritage Happenings has almost been completed and has stirred quite a bit of interest, including some wishes for having quarterly sessions at the various libraries and the Pleasanton Senior Center.

L-AGS program flyers list will now add Tracy and Danville Libraries.

Twitter is still growing and drawing interests from other societies.

Some new business topics were put on the list for the next board to discuss.

PRESERVE YOUR STORIES IN THE ROOTS TRACER

***"Publish or Regret"** Will you regret your failure to publish?*

Begin now with a small article. Your initial success will be your springboard for braver future articles. Your tale of ancestral lovers for the February Roots Tracer will be an excellent impetus for your first article.

Our Roots Tracer offers all members the opportunity to preserve their family chronicles in print and on the Internet. Some generations don't care, but other generations will. We want to make sure that, when someone is interested, even 100 years from now, the basic information will be there for them. Our memories are a library of information that could be irretrievably lost. We can honor the struggles that our ancestors went through...they shouldn't be forgotten, especially the women, who are less frequently found in public documents.

If you need assistance composing your story, the Roots Tracer staff [mail to: tracer@LAGS.org](mailto:tracer@LAGS.org) and/or <mailto:managing.editor@L-AGS.org> may be able to help you. Written articles should be approximately 300 to 1,500 words. Photos and lineage charts always increase the reader's interest in your revelations. The quarterly deadline for the February issue is the 15th of January, 2012. Patrick Lofft, Editor.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN AND AROUND TOWN

TRI-VALLEY HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

During October (aka Family History Month), L-AGS members assisted by members from the San Ramon Genealogical Society and Daughters of the American Revolution assisted many dozens of persons to begin their family history research at the Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton Libraries and the Pleasanton Senior Center. Thanks to those who so generously gave their time to infect new comers with our addictive hobby.

You may also catch L-AGS on television! See the On Demand section on your television for Channel 30 and look for our members discussing family history!

OTHER FEATURED EVENTS

Ancestry Day, 11/5, all day, Hyatt Regency in San Francisco. See <http://www.californiaancestors.org> for more information. Please note that L-AGS member, Susan Goss Johnston, will be giving a presentation about breaking down your brick walls that you don't want to miss!

Jewish Family History Open House, 11/13, 1:00-5:00 p.m., Oakland Family History Center. See <http://www.sfbajgs.org> or contact <mailto:publicity@sfbajgs.org> with any questions.

Elohi: The Cherokee Oral History, 11/15, 6:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Santa Clara Central Park Library. See <http://scchgs.org> for more information.

Putting Flesh on the Bones by Ron Arons, 11/22, 10:00 a.m., Danville Family History Center. See <http://srvgensoc.org> for more information.

OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Macintosh Genealogy Society, 11/9, 7:00 p.m. Oakland Regional Family History Center. See <http://www.macgen.org> for more information.

You may visit our L-AGS website for a listing of other local societies: <http://www.L-AGS.org/lagslinks.html#GenealogicalSocieties>

The San Francisco Bay Area Genealogy Calendar blog also features a number of meetings and events within 75 miles of San Francisco: <http://sfbagenealogy.blogspot.com>

COOPERATIVE EFFORTS

In an effort to provide the local area with the best possible resources and capabilities in genealogy, L-AGS participates in ongoing cooperative endeavors with several organizations.

L-AGS GENEALOGY BOOK COLLECTION AND LIBRARY

The L-AGS genealogy book collection resides in the Genealogy Section of the Pleasanton City Library. The Pleasanton Library provides subscription genealogy databases Ancestry.com, New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) and Fold3.com (previously Footnote) in the library only and Heritage Quest (in Library & at home) accessibility with library card. A L-AGS docent is available Wednesday 10 AM-1 PM and 6 PM - 9 PM, or by appointment, e-mail: <mailto:docents.chair@L-AGS.org>

LIVERMORE LDS FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

L-AGS is not affiliated with the Mormon (LDS) Church. L-AGS does however partner with the Livermore LDS Family History Center (FHC) for various non-denominational genealogical events such as educational seminars, guest speakers, indexing projects and study groups. LDS facilities at their Mocho Street, Livermore complex are often used for these. Several L-AGS members, both LDS and non-LDS, volunteer as docents at the FHC. They are available to assist you in your genealogy research. The FHC has several subscription research sites not readily available elsewhere. The FHC is open Mondays 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday evenings 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. and Saturday 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. For further information please contact the center at (925)443-2750 during these hours.

Center location map: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Liv-FHC.jpg>

FUTURE L-AGS GENERAL MEETINGS AND OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE

Note: Some meetings have special schedules and locations during summer and holiday seasons. Check the specific listings above for details or contact the meeting Leader.

Topics of Future General Meetings		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
December 13, 2011	Member Sharing	L-AGS members
January 10, 2012	Planning and Executing a Major Genealogical Road Trip	Bill Hewitt

Regular Scheduled Events		
<i>Note: Some meetings have special schedules and locations during summer and holiday seasons. Check the specific listings above for details or contact the meeting Leader.</i>		
General Meeting Dick Finn, Program Chair	Second Tuesday 7:30 p.m.	Congregation Beth Emek 3400 Nevada Court Pleasanton Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Kay Speaks TMG Leader	Third Saturday 9 a.m. - Noon	7077 Koll Center Parkway Suite 110 Pleasanton Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg
Study Group To Be Determined Study Group Leader	Fourth Thursday 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. No meeting in November or December	Location to be determined

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2012 Membership Membership Renewal Form

L-AGS annual membership dues are due and payable on or before January 1st. Please complete this form, attach your check, bring to the general meeting or mail to:

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society

P.O. Box 901

Livermore CA 94551

Email: membership@l-ags.org

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

_____ **YES**, include my name, phone number and email in the 2012 L-AGS Member Directory.

Please check box below to indicate your membership choice:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual	\$18
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (2 or more people at same address)	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual Benefactor	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family Benefactor	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patron	\$100

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