



Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society Presents Evan R. Wilson, PhD You Are Invited

Important Notice

This will be our first attempt at holding a hybrid meeting, allowing members to attend both in person and remotely. While we hope all goes well, the process is more complicated than it first appears. If you live locally, we encourage you to attend in person. In either case, we ask for patience.

If you need a ride to the meeting, please ask us.

**WHEN: Monday, December 11th, 2023
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. (Zoom call begins at 6:30)**

WHERE: In Person & Via ZOOM

**Congregation Beth Emek
3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton**

Preregister for ZOOM via link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZctf-2qqzoiGNMh6BGA388k6HVjUiGb7EJo>



Evaluating Unsourced Material

One of the first things we learn in genealogy classes is that it's important to document what we find so that others can follow in our footsteps. "Just trust me!" doesn't (or shouldn't) convince us. But what do we do about all of the published material out there that doesn't explain where its information comes from? We could ignore it, but that would be almost as big of a mistake as simply taking it on faith. Instead, we should read this material like a detective and ask, "Where might this have come from? How valuable of a clue might it be? And where do I go next in my research?" This talk will give you some tools to begin doing that. Plenty of examples will show how fun the process can be.

Evan is a professional genealogist who specializes in the Southeastern U.S., migration, land, and cluster research. He was raised in Birmingham, Alabama, where he first found his love of genealogy. In 2012, he moved to the Bay Area to complete a PhD program in English and Medieval Studies. He now works as a genealogist at Ancestry.com and serves on the board of the California Genealogical Society.

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