



THE LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

BULLETIN FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

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THE LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY HAS A BRAND NEW PUBLICATION!

Early Records of the Presbyterian Church of Pleasanton, California

Transcription of the church records for births, marriages and deaths from 1891 to 1942, plus transcription of the founding documents and a description of the church and its history.



To order a copy, please visit our publications store at:
<http://www.lulu.com> and put L-AGS in the search box.

SUMMARY OF L-AGS MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

- ❖ **General Meeting** - Tuesday, September 13, 2011 - 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Grant Din
Topic: US Immigration Station, Angel Island
- ❖ **Master Genealogist Group** - Saturday, September 17, 2011 - 9:00 a.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks
Topic: Source Citation—Archived Material: Vertical Files (QCM 102)
- ❖ **Study Group** - Thursday, September 22, 2011 - 7:30 p.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks
Topic: TNG - The Next Generation of Genealogy Site Building! Put your genealogy online quickly and easily.
- ❖ **Board Meeting** - Tuesday, September 27, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.
Members are welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact the Membership Chair for location. <mailto:membership@L-AGS.org>

DETAILS OF L-AGS MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

Visitors are welcome free of charge at all of these 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.

GUEST SPEAKER: Grant Din

TOPIC: US Immigration Station, Angel Island

DATE: Tuesday September 13, 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.html>

The discriminatory legislation that created lengthy interrogations of Chinese and some other immigrants has a silver lining for genealogists. Thousands of files are in the collections of the National Archives. Come learn about some of the records that are available, what the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation has been doing to learn about and share the stories of these immigrants, and take a look at some of presenter Grant Din's own research on his family.

Mr. Din is director of special projects at the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation. He has been an avid family history researcher for over thirty years. He (along with Kay Speaks) was one of the organizers of the Chinese American Family History Conference in Oakland last year. He is a graduate of Yale and Claremont Graduate University. He has worked with nonprofit organization boards and served on their boards for over twenty-five years.

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

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Date: Saturday, September 17, 2011

Meeting Time: 9 a.m. - Noon

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

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

Map to the meeting site: <http://www.l-ags.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.html>

Chair: Kay Speaks, tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org

Instructors: Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

Topic: Source Citation-Archived Material: Vertical Files (QCM 102)

We continue building source templates for artifacts of loose textual material and photographs on related subjects, collected in folders within file cabinets. Also known as family files, when you cite these, your emphasis may be on the author or the subject. Vertical Files, 3.23, pages 137-138 (first edition), Quick Check Model 102 (Author as lead element in Source List).

Kindly R.S.V.P. if you plan to attend the meeting and indicate if you will bring a laptop. Do not forget to check our blog, "Tri-Valley TMG User Group" at <http://tvtmgug.blogspot.com/> for more details about our current and past class topics. Download our current TV-TMG database from August from our private website: <http://home.comcast.net/~zacathan/tvtmg/>.

If you are a L-AGS member and have not received an invitation to join the blog readership, please e-mail Sue Johnston at <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org> and she can arrange your access information.

For additional information contact: <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>. The user group e-mail address is <mailto:tvtmg@L-AGS.org>.

STUDY GROUP MEETING

Date: Thursday, September 22, 2011

Time: 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Location: 7077 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 110, Pleasanton, CA 94566 (**Note Change in Location**)

Map to the meeting site: <http://www.l-ags.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.html>

Topic: TNG - The Next Generation of Genealogy Site Building! Put your genealogy online quickly and easily.

Do you have a GEDCOM file? Do you want to present your genealogy work on a web site but don't know HTML? Whether you are an experienced computer user with HTML, PHP or MySQL experience or a historian, TNG will work for you. Four years ago L-AGS member, Kristina Ahuja, discovered this web software and has been using it ever since. Visit Kristina's website at <http://www.familytreeproject.org>.

There are 8 templates you can use, or you can create your own web site design. If you can upload a GEDCOM, you can have a great website to present your genealogy. TNG can also be used as a stand-alone genealogy software program.

There are many ways to customize your website. L-AGS and SRVGS member, Bill George, has started a TNG Special Interest Group. Members meet monthly, share ideas and solve TNG problems. Bill and Kristina will be our guest speakers, presenting TNG (The Next Generation of Genealogy Software) at the September L-AGS Study Group Meeting.

Read Dick Eastman's review of TNG:
http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2004/06/the_next_genera.html

A list of a few sites using TNG:
<http://lythgoes.net/genealogy/usersites.php>.

Please RSVP if possible so we can make certain we have enough handouts. Do you 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 has many knowledgeable researchers willing to share their expertise! Give them the opportunity to help you by e-mailing your questions to the L-AGS Study Group at <mailto:study.group@L-AGS.org>.

For more information, L-AGS member, Bill George, has written a wonderful summary that you can read here: <http://billgeorge.com/tng.pdf>

Send your suggestions for future Study Group meetings to <mailto:study.chair@L-AGS.org>. We appreciate your input and feedback.

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SUMMARY OF L-AGS BOARD MEETING August 23, 2011

This summary was prepared by Patricia Northam, our recording secretary:

L-AGS now has 222 members. Twelve members are new since January.

L-AGS assets are now at \$10,911.09.

Patrick Lofft reported that we will need 112 volunteers to help with the Heritage Happening in October. Each time slot needs 2 greeters, 2 guides, and 4 computer helpers. Maps will be posted so visitors can note ancestral roots.

In September the recommended change to the Bylaws, Article VI, Section C, will be voted upon. We hope to have a quorum for this vote of the membership.

Teresa Fraser shared the four choices of logos from which Twitter wishes us to select. Our Twitter logo will have the word "Twitter" with a bird.

The new book, "*Pleasanton Presbyterian Church: Early Birth, Marriage, and Death Records of the Church*," is now available online and on the Lulu website. George Anderson will order copies for L-AGS to donate to the local libraries and heritage groups.

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PRESERVE YOUR STORIES IN THE ROOTS TRACER

Our Roots Tracer offers all members the opportunity to preserve the chronicles of their families in print and on the Internet.

The theme for the November 2011 issue will be the Civil War years, 1854 through 1865. Yes, include tales of your ancestors during the prelude also known as the Border War. Where were your ancestors living during these years? Tell us whether they were involved or living peaceably?

If you need assistance composing your story, the Roots Tracer staff <mailto:tracer@L-AGS.org> and/or editor <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 November issue is the 15th of October, 2011. Patrick Lofft, Editor.

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SPECIAL EVENTS IN AND AROUND TOWN

TRI-VALLEY HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

Each October, L-AGS celebrates National Family History Month. In October 2011, "*Tri-Valley Heritage Happenings*" is a promotional effort by the Tri-Valley History Council on behalf of all the genealogy societies, libraries, museums, historical sites, etc. to promote interest in heritage. How could you be personally helpful?

L-AGS seeks greeters to meet the public at the Library doors and direct them to the proper room. L-AGS seeks genealogy guides who will assist the public to locate the Census Records of their grandparents using either Ancestry.com or HeritageQuest. Training in search techniques will be provided during September.

L-AGS seeks facilitators who will volunteer to bring and use their own Wi-Fi enabled laptop computers at the libraries to assist the public. The libraries already have Wi-Fi. Bringing an otherwise abandoned earlier generation desktop would also be helpful. Respond to: <mailto:volunteer.chair@L-AGS.org>

FRIENDS OF THE PLEASANTON LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library Fall 2011 book sale September 23, 24 and 25. See the Cooperative Efforts section of this bulletin to see how you can help! <http://Friendsofthepleasantonlibrary.org>

OTHER FEATURED EVENTS

Macintosh Genealogy Society, 9/24, 7:00 p.m. Oakland Regional Family History Center. See <http://www.macgen.org> for more information.

Ohio, Gateway to the West, 9/20, 6:15 p.m. Santa Clara Central Park Library. See <http://www.scchgs.org> for more information.

Northern California Family History Expo, 10/7 and 10/8, all day, San Mateo County Event Center. See <http://www.familyhistoryexpos.com> for more information.

Ancestry Day, 11/5, all day, Hyatt Regency in San Francisco. See <http://www.californiaancestors.org> for more information.

OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

The L-AGS genealogy book collection resides in the Genealogy Section of the Pleasanton City Library. There are also computers available with access to Ancestry.com and several other subscription genealogy databases. L-AGS volunteer docents are available for assistance on Wednesdays 10 a.m.-1p.m. and 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. For further information on available services OR to meet with a docent at a mutually arranged date OR to inquire about volunteering as a docent, please contact Patrick Lofft at <mailto:docents.chair@L-AGS.org>
Library location map: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-Library.html>



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.html>



FRIENDS OF THE PLEASANTON LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library Fall 2011 book sale September 23, 24 and 25 is fast approaching. The Friends have made significant contributions to the library in general and have also played a large role in the success of L-AGS efforts at the library.

With the advice of L-AGS own Judy Person, they have donated major sums to purchase suggested genealogy works and to provide subscriptions to several major on-line genealogy sites currently available at the library.

Support from our L-AGS members in the form of Friends membership and volunteer help for the sale would of course be welcome. Membership fees are very nominal - \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a family. Help in sorting and moving books would particularly be appreciated during the week prior to the sale. For more information, please visit <http://Friendsofthepleasantonlibrary.org>



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>
September 13, 2011	Angel Island Immigrations Station	Grant Din
October 11, 2011	Remember the Ladies - Woman Suffrage 1911-2011	Museum of the San Ramon Valley - Bev Lane contact
November 8, 2011	Find-A-Grave, what it is and how to use it to its fullest	Deborah Ann Ratto Dash
December 13, 2011	Member Sharing	L-AGS members

Regular Scheduled Events

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.

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.html
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.html
Study Group Kay Speaks Study Group Leader	Fourth Thursday 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	LDS Church Building 950 Mocho Street Livermore Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Liv-FHC.html

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ADMINISTRATION

The L-AGS Bulletin is produced the first day of each month as a service of the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society. If you have a special event or announcement you would like included in a future bulletin please submit your information by email by the 15th of the month prior to the month you wish it to appear. All items should normally be related to genealogy or local history. L-AGS retains the right to edit any submissions.

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