



THE LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
BULLETIN FOR February 2011
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***** SUMMARY OF L-AGS MEETINGS FOR February 2011 *****

- ❖ General Meeting - Tuesday, February 8, 2011, 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Linda Driver & Walt Crawford
Topic: Linda Driver and Walt Crawford will be speaking on the research and publication of Linda's new book: Driver and Cockerton Family Ancestry
- ❖ Master Genealogist Group - Saturday, February 19, 2011 9 a.m. - noon
Chair: Kay Speaks
Topic: Using Immigration Manifests Citation Templates - Data Entry Session
- ❖ Study Group - Thursday, February 24, 2011 time 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks
Topic: A Night of Live Online Research--Learn, Explore, Climb Your Brick Wall!
- ❖ L-AGS February 2011 Board Meeting - Tuesday, February 22, 2011, 7:30 p.m.
Members are welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact the corresponding secretary for location. corresponding@L-AGS.org

***** DETAILED L-AGS MEETINGS FOR February, 2011 *****

Visitors are welcome free of charge at all of these meetings.

GENERAL MEETING

GUEST SPEAKERS: Linda Driver (retired library director and software engineer)
and Walt Crawford (internationally recognized writer and speaker)
TOPIC: Researching and publishing a book on the heritage of the Driver and
Cockerton families of the Altamonts
DATE: Tuesday Feb 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.html>

Ms. Driver will give an overview of the pioneer Driver, Cockerton, and related families (including the Sweets) of Irvington and Livermore and then use story details to illustrate how she was able to discover more information on these families. She will discuss some of the challenges she encountered in putting it all together in book form. Walt will then share his experiences using book templates and the steps required to get the book published. This is a meeting you will not want to miss if you have ever thought about publishing a family history.

For additional information contact: Dick Finn, Program Chairperson
Email: program@L-AGS.org

Tri-Valley TMG Users Group
The Master Genealogist Software

Date: Saturday, February 19, 2011

Meeting Time: 9 a.m. - Noon

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

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: Using Immigration Manifests Citation Templates - Data Entry Session

In January we created two templates for passenger manifest citations using *Evidence! Style QuickSheets* by Elizabeth Shown Miles: *Citing Online Historical Resources* and *Citing Ancestry.com Databases & Images*. Bring two images, examples of both types of documents to enter during our workshop. Check the TV-TMG blog for more information and template samples, <http://tvtmgug.blogspot.com/>.

Please note, the March TV-TMG meeting will be held on an alternate date and time: Sunday, March 20, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

If you plan to attend the meeting please email Kay Speaks and indicate if you will be bringing a laptop. Do not forget to check our blog "Tri-Valley TMG User Group" at <http://tvtmgug.blogspot.com/>. To enroll for access to the blog, please e-mail Sue Johnston at tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org.

Study Group Meeting - Kay Speaks, Chair

Date: Thursday, February 24, 2011

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

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

Map to the Meeting Site: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.html>

Topic: A Night of Live Online Research--Learn, Explore, Climb Your Brick Wall!

Bring your Internet enabled laptops and join in a night of live online research. Attendees will connect to a high speed Internet service and research their own family history or help others with their brick wall challenges. Don't have a laptop? There will be several extras available to share. This is your night to explore, climb those brick walls, learning a few research tips and tricks from websites you know and some you have yet to explore. This is a night of interactive sharing. Bring your Livermore or Alameda County Library card to connect to their available genealogy databases, your other favorite online website passwords, and your research challenges! A digital projector will be used for easy viewing by all.

If you aren't already a member of the L-AGS Study Group, please send an email to list.manager@L-AGS.org requesting to be added.

Have you hit a genealogy brick wall? Give the many L-AGS knowledgeable researchers an opportunity to attempt helping you. Email your questions to study.group@L-AGS.org.

If you have any suggestions for topics to be discussed at future Study Group meetings, please email your thoughts to study.chair@L-AGS.org. Your input and feedback is appreciated.

AUDIT OF L-AGS FINANCES

On January 20 an audit committee of Marilyn Cutting, Richard Lerche and Frank Geasa met with Larry Hale to conduct an audit of the Society finances for 2010.

The audit examined the transactions for the year matching the deposits and expenditures to the bank register. This was done using the listings of receipts along with the invoices for expenses, both of which were well organized and appear complete.

The audit also matched the balances at the end of the year as shown by the register and by the December 2010 bank statement. The conclusion was that the financial situation of the society is correct as stated.

Summary of L-AGS Board meeting January 4, 2011

This summary was prepared by Patricia Northam, the recording secretary for 2011.

Past board and newly elected board met with committee chairs.

Patrick Lofft reported that the Roots Tracer February issue theme will be presidents and romance. The possibility of introducing new members through the Tracer was also covered.

Dick Finn is working with the Arnett and Stanley families through Tri-Valley Heritage Families Project.

Discussion took place about the format and needs of our Study Group. More discussion will continue at our next board meeting when Kay Speaks is able to attend.

Teresa Fraser volunteered to find samples on the use of social media to promote L-AGS.

There was much discussion regarding volunteer projects. Mary Dillon and George Anderson will work on a job description and a list of projects

PRESERVE YOUR STORIES IN THE ROOTS TRACER

Our Roots Tracer offers all members the opportunity to preserve the stories of their families in print. If you need assistance in composing your story, the Roots Tracer staff (tracer@L-AGS.org) and/or editor (managing.editor@L-AGS.org) may be able to help you. Written articles should be approximately 300 to 1,500 words. Photographs and/or lineage charts always make any article more readable. The next quarterly deadline is the 15th of April of 2011. ... Patrick Lofft, Editor.

SPECIAL EVENTS

LATE ENTRY:

L-AGS own Anne Homan and Dick Finn will be speaking tonight at the Livermore Library

Topic: Livermore 1906 - During and After the Big Quake

Time: Tuesday, February 1 at 7:00 in the Livermore Library

Location: Livermore Library

Map: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Liv-Library.html>

TRI-VALLEY HERITAGE HAPPENING

L-AGS will be a participant in the Tri-Valley Heritage Happening in October 2011. This month long event will take place under the auspices of the Tri-Valley History Council, a network of local history centers, historic sites, libraries, museums and genealogical societies dedicated to preserving the History of the Tri-Valley. The emphasis will be on that history and the organizations working to preserve it for current and future generations. If you have thoughts or questions related to how L-AGS might contribute to this event, please contact Dick Finn, Program Chairperson at history.rep@L-AGS.org

FRIENDS OF THE PLEASANTON LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The next Friends of the Library semi-annual book sale will take place March 25-27, 2011. While the Friends have made significant contributions to the library in general, they 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 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 flyers are available at the library front desk or this site: <http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/volunteer-opportunities.html>

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.

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

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 located 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>

OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS

To see what is happening with other genealogy groups around the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento Areas visit our L-AGS website at:

<http://www.L-AGS.org/lagslinks.html#GenealogicalSocieties>

FUTURE L-AGS GENERAL MEETINGS AND OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE

Topics of Future General Meetings

Date	Topic	Presenter
February 8, 2011	Driver & Cockerton Family Ancestry	Linda Driver & Walt Crawford
March 8, 2011	Clues Leading to Ancestral Villages	Patrick Lofft
April 12, 2011	California Cousin	Cath Madden Trindle
May 10, 2011	Inspiring Ways to Capture the Interest of Non-genealogists in Your Family	Lisa Louise Cooke
June 14, 2011	Donlon Family History	Bert Donlon

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

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 at least 7 days before the beginning of 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.

The information contained in the Bulletin is gathered and distributed by the E-Bulletin Manager, Frank Geasa. He can be reached by email at bulletin.manager@L-AGS.org

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