



THE LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

BULLETIN FOR March 2011

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SUMMARY OF L-AGS MEETINGS FOR MARCH, 2011

- ❖ General Meeting - Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Patrick Lofft
Topic: Clues Leading to Ancestral Villages
- ❖ Master Genealogist Group - Sunday, March 20, 2011 time 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Note: Changed Day and Time)
Chair: Kay Speaks
Topic: Creating Newspaper Citation Templates—Print Edition, Clippings, Online Images and Transcripts
- ❖ Study Group - Thursday, March 24, 2011 time 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks
Topic: A Tour of the Livermore Family History Center.
- ❖ L-AGS March 2011 Board Meeting - Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 7:00 p.m. (Note: Changed Time)
Members are welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact the corresponding secretary for location. corresponding@L-AGS.org

SPECIAL NOTICE

Please note that the L-AGS yearly membership dues for 2011 were payable January 1st. Since several members have not yet renewed their memberships, Teresa Fraser, our membership chairperson, is experiencing some angst. If you haven't already done so, please mail your dues to L-AGS, P.O. Box 901, Livermore, CA 94551-0901.

DETAILS OF L-AGS MEETINGS FOR MARCH, 2011

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

GENERAL MEETING

GUEST SPEAKERS: Patrick Lofft, genealogist for over 50 years
TOPIC: Clues Leading to Ancestral Villages
DATE: Tuesday March 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>

Mr. Lofft will acquaint us with the variety of American records that he researched to learn the names of the European and Asian villages from which his ancestors migrated across the oceans. He will provide hints that may lead others to track down similar information archived in American records.

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

Tri-Valley TMG Users Group
The Master Genealogist Software

Date: Sunday, March 20, 2011 (NOTE: Changed day and time)
Meeting Time: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
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, tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org
Instructors: Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks
Topic: Creating Newspaper Citation Templates—Print Edition, Clippings, Online Images and Transcripts

A 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. Do not forget to check our blog, "Tri-Valley TMG User Group" at <http://tvmtgug.blogspot.com/>. If you are a L-AGS member and have not received an invitation to join the blog readership, please e-mail Sue Johnston at tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org and she can arrange your access information.

For additional information contact: tvmtg.chair@l-ags.org. The user group e-mail address is tvmtg@L-AGS.org.

Study Group Meeting - Kay Speaks, Chair

Date: Thursday, March 24, 2011
Meeting Time: 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Location: LDS Church Building, 950 Mocho Street, Livermore
Map to the Meeting Site: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Liv-FHC.html>

Topic: Tour the Livermore Family History Center

L-AGS member Frank Geasa, a long time genealogy docent at both the Pleasanton City Library and the Livermore Family History Center (FHC) will conduct a tour of the Livermore FHC. We will explore the materials and equipment available at the center and view demonstrations of their use. We will also learn what Internet genealogy sites are available at the FHC, some of which are unique to the FHCs and others which are commercial subscription sites available free at the FHCs. If you have a flash drive, bring it as time permitting, there will be an opportunity for individuals to use these sites. Note: The FHC is located at the front of the building immediately east of the main entrance.

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.

***** SUMMARY OF L-AGS BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 2011 *****

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

The 2011 Budget was presented by Duncan Tanner and approved by the board.

The Audit Committee found the files to be well organized, correct, and complete. The committee made recommendations, which were completed by Duncan Tanner.

Dick Finn presented the programs for 2011. All are complete except July.

The Study Group will be addressing brick walls in February. In March Frank Geasa will present a tour of the Livermore Family History Center.

The TMG group will be covering newspaper citations.

Tri-Valley Heritage Families Project is led by Dick Finn who was happy to report that the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church records transcription/indexing project of early baptisms, marriages, and deaths is nearly complete. Pat Northam is researching the John Vitaich family. Linda Driver donated her book *The Driver and Cockerton Family Ancestry* to the Pleasanton Library.

Dick Finn announced that the 110th anniversary celebration of the Livermore Fire Department light bulb will be held on June 18th from 12 to 4 p.m. at the firehouse on East Avenue. All are invited to attend.

Patrick Lofft volunteered to chair the L-AGS committee for the Heritage Happening in October, led by the Tri-Valley History Council.

Jane Southwick agreed to serve as the Chairperson of Volunteer Projects.

Teresa Fraser is working on the L-AGS connection to Twitter and Facebook.

The board voted to permanently make the starting time of their meeting earlier, changing it from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held March 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

***** PRESERVE YOUR STORIES IN THE ROOTS TRACER *****

Our Roots Tracer offers all members the opportunity to preserve the stories of their families in print. The theme for the May 2011 issue will be "Mothers." How did your research locate a grandmother's maiden name? 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 quarterly deadline for the May issue is the 15th of April, 2011. ... Patrick Lofft, Editor.

***** SPECIAL EVENTS *****

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 Friends of the Library spring 2011 book sale March 25-27 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 flyers are available at the library front desk or this site:
<http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/volunteer-opportunities.html>

San Mateo Genealogical Society Seminar - The Best Things in Life are Free: Finding & Using Free Online Genealogy Resources.

Time: April 30, 2011 Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Location: Menlo Park LDS Church, 1105 Valparaiso, Menlo Park.

Presented by Susan Goss Johnston, genealogy lecturer and graduate of the National Institute on Genealogical Research. Learn how to dig deeper into free websites and navigate the Deep Web. Lunchtime will include a chance to check out the silent auction items, book sales and the Family History Center. The registration deadline is April 22. A form and more details can be found at www.smcgs.org. Members are \$24 each, non-members \$30 each and late registration is \$36. Lunch is available for \$8.

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
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
July 12, 2011	Not yet finalized	
August 9, 2011	Finding Missing Cousins	Ed Mason
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	Graveyard Rabbits	Cheryl Fleming Palmer
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

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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