



THE LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

BULLETIN FOR April 2011

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SUMMARY OF L-AGS MEETINGS FOR APRIL, 2011

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- ❖ General Meeting - Tuesday, April 12, 2011, 7:30 p.m.  
Guest Speaker: Cath Madden Trindle  
Topic: California Cousins
- ❖ Master Genealogist Group -  
Saturday, April 16, 2011 time 9:00 a.m. - Noon  
Chair: Kay Speaks  
Topic: Source Citations: Creating TV-TMG Templates for Directories
- ❖ Study Group - Thursday, April 28, 2011 time 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Chair: Kay Speaks  
Topic: Passenger Lists & Manifest Annotations Mini Workshop
- ❖ L-AGS March 2011 Board Meeting - Tuesday, April 26, 2011, 7:00 p.m.  
Members are welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact the corresponding secretary for location. [corresponding@L-AGS.org](mailto:corresponding@L-AGS.org)

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DETAILS OF L-AGS MEETINGS FOR MARCH, 2011

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

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GENERAL MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER: Cath Madden Trindle

TOPIC: California Cousins

DATE: Tuesday April 12, 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>

Some came to make their fortune, others for the climate. Few families lack a California connection. Ms. Trindle will speak on finding records of family members who traveled west. She is a very well known researcher and speaker, writes regularly for genealogy newsletters, and is a member of a number of genealogical societies both in the United States and internationally.

For additional information contact: Dick Finn, Program Chairperson

Email: [program@L-AGS.org](mailto:program@L-AGS.org)

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TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP  
The Master Genealogist Software

Date: Sunday, April 16, 2011  
Meeting Time: 9:00 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, [tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org](mailto:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org)  
Instructors: Kay Speaks and Sue Johnston  
Topic: Source Citations: Creating TV-TMG Templates for Directories

We continue our trek through Elizabeth Shown Mills' book *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace* with creating citation templates for directories. The most common are business, professional, church, city and county directories. Directories are useful for placing people in a certain place at a certain time. City directories are particularly useful in locating where people lived and worked between federal census years. They frequently also have listings of businesses, government offices, churches, societies and miscellaneous items such as maps of election districts.

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 Kay or Sue at [tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org](mailto:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org) to arrange your access.

For additional information contact: [tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org](mailto:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org). The user group e-mail address is [tvmtg@L-AGS.org](mailto:tvmtg@L-AGS.org).

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#### STUDY GROUP MEETING

Date: Thursday, April 28, 2011  
Meeting Time: 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Location: LDS Church Building, 950 Mocho Street, Livermore  
Map to the Meeting Site: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Liv-FHC.html>  
Chair: Kay Speaks, [study.chair@L-AGS.org](mailto:study.chair@L-AGS.org)  
Topic: Passenger Lists & Manifest Annotations Mini Workshop

As a follow up to Kay's September 2010 general meeting lecture on Passenger Lists & Manifest Annotations, we will have a mini workshop on deciphering annotations and markings on **your** passenger lists. You will discover the clues left behind on the manifest and their accompanying detained passengers and crew lists. This is **not** a session on "finding" these documents. This meeting is all about the annotations on these documents and what they mean. These clues may help you knock down your brick wall! Bring copies of your passenger lists. If possible, email a digital copy of your passenger lists to [study.chair@L-AGS.org](mailto:study.chair@L-AGS.org) a week prior to the meeting so Kay can review them. We will start our session using these as examples.

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

Have a genealogy brick wall? Let the Study Group help you brainstorm your research options. Use it as a vehicle to discuss **any** genealogy or computer interest topic or question. L-AGS is blessed with people willing to share their knowledge and expertise. Email your brick wall details to [study.group@L-AGS.org](mailto: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](mailto:study.chair@L-AGS.org). We would appreciate your input and feedback.

\*\*\*\*\* SUMMARY OF L-AGS BOARD MEETING MARCH 22, 2011 \*\*\*\*\*

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

Kay Speaks will guide the Study Group on deciphering annotations on immigrant ship lists at the April meeting.

In April, the TMG Group will be working with Kay Speaks on directories and templates.

Dick Finn reported that information about some of the Heritage Families in the Tri Valley before 1900 can often be accessed from online sources through Google Books.

Teresa Fraser gave an update about the L-AGS Twitter account. Twitter will send messages from L-AGS as well as provide access to genealogy links.

Patrick Lofft reported that the Heritage Happening in October will be supported by the Dublin Library every Saturday and Sunday in October.

If you have an Alameda County Library card, you may access some genealogy websites for free at home by logging onto their system with your card. You may also access the websites in the library.

George Anderson reported that the Record of Deaths in Alameda County, California From 1895-1901 will be published for L-AGS through Lulu. Seven of nine copies will be donated to local libraries and guilds.

Frank Geasa is working on a LDS indexing project, cleaning up data from some Ancestry files. We are looking at a possible training workshop on indexing data.

Discussion took place regarding the posting of obituary lists. More information regarding this next month.

\*\*\*\*\* IN MEMORIAM \*\*\*\*\*

Dorothy Nell Harrell, a long time member of L-AGS, passed away peacefully at her Livermore home on March 3, 2011. Some will remember Dorothy as a faithful, contributing participant at our Family Tree Maker Group meetings. Dorothy remained an avid genealogist to the very last.

Editor's Note: On the Sunday before she passed Dorothy called me to ask how she could get the latest copy of Family Tree Maker. One of her sons was installing a new computer for her and she wanted the newest version of the program on it. I explained to her son how to get it, which he said he would do. I hope the anticipation of using the new computer and software brightened her last days.

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PRESERVE YOUR STORIES IN THE ROOTS TRACER

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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](mailto:tracer@L-AGS.org)) and/or editor ([managing.editor@L-AGS.org](mailto: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.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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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](mailto:history.rep@L-AGS.org)

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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.

The presentation will be 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](http://www.smcgs.org). Members are \$24 each, non-members \$30 each and late registration is \$36. Lunch is available for \$8.

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COOPERATIVE EFFORTS

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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.

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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](mailto:docents.chair@L-AGS.org))  
Library location map: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-Library.html>

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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>

\*\*\*\*\* 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
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

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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: <a href="http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.html">http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.html</a>
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Kay Speaks TMG Leader	Third Saturday 9 a.m. - Noon	7077 Koll Center Parkway Suite 110 Pleasanton Map: <a href="http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.html">http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.html</a>
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: <a href="http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Liv-FHC.html">http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Liv-FHC.html</a>

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ADMINISTRATION

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ENJOY APRIL FOOLS'DAY

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](mailto:bulletin.manager@L-AGS.org)

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