



THE LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

BULLETIN FOR May 2011

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AND GREAT-GRANDMOTHERS ALL*



SUMMARY OF L-AGS MEETINGS FOR MAY, 2011

- ❖ General Meeting - Tuesday, May 10, 2011, 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Lisa Louise Cooke
Topic: Inspiring Ways to Capture the Interest of Non-genealogists in Your Family
- ❖ Master Genealogist Group -
Saturday, May 21, 2011 time 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Chair: Kay Speaks
Topic: Source Citations: Creating TV-TMG Templates for U.S. & International Patents and Trademarks
- ❖ Study Group - Thursday, May 26, 2011 time 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks
Topic: Exploring Internet Archive, www.archive.org
- ❖ L-AGS May 2011 Board Meeting - Tuesday, May 24, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
Members are welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact the corresponding secretary for location. corresponding@L-AGS.org

DETAILS OF L-AGS MEETINGS FOR MAY, 2011

Members please sign in at the membership table upon arrival at the monthly General Meeting. Please have your guests also sign in. Be sure and pick up your 2011 L-AGS Membership Card. Before heading home, please remember to leave your nametag at the membership table.

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

GENERAL MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER: Lisa Louise Cooke

TOPIC: Inspiring Ways to Capture the Interest of Non-genealogists in Your Family

DATE: Tuesday May 10, 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>

If you are researching your family tree but haven't shared it with your family in a way that sparks their interest, then you are only experiencing half of the joy of genealogy. Don't just collect your family history and store it away. Learn how to share your research with your family in innovative ways.

Ms. Cooke's passion for family history goes back to her grandmother's knee. She is the producer and host of the *Genealogy Gems Podcast*, the monthly *Family Tree Magazine Podcast*, video casts for Family History Expos, author of *Genealogy Gems* and the new book *The Genealogist's Google Toolbox* and internationally known speaker.

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

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP
The Master Genealogist Software

Date: Saturday, May 21, 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, tvtnmg.chair@L-AGS.org
Instructors: Kay Speaks and Sue Johnston
Topic: Source Citations: Creating TV-TMG Templates for U.S. & International
Patents and Trademarks

We continue our trek through Elizabeth Shown Mills' book *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace* with creating citation templates for U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) materials and worldwide patent databases.

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://tvtnmgug.blogspot.com/>. If you are a member of L-AGS and have not received an invitation to join the blog readership, please e-mail Kay or Sue at tvtnmg.chair@L-AGS.org to arrange your access.

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

STUDY GROUP MEETING

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011
Meeting Time: 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 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>
Chair: Kay Speaks, study.chair@L-AGS.org
Topic: Exploring Internet Archive, www.archive.org

Internet Archive has added many new features and resources that you will find most useful in your genealogy research. You will be surprised by the number and quality of new genealogy records, some original images, which are waiting to be found! You won't want to miss this Study Group meeting!

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 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.

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. We would appreciate your input and feedback.

SUMMARY OF L-AGS BOARD MEETING APRIL 26, 2011

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

Dick Finn reported that programs are all set for every month.

Teresa Fraser indicated that members not renewing will be dropped from our lists as of May first.

Duncan Tanner reported LAGS assets are \$11,493.

Patrick Lofft indicated that the Roots Tracer is full of articles to be published May first. The theme for the August and November issues is Civil War years 1854 to 1864, including "Bloody Kansas" so get those articles ready to send in by the 15th of July and October respectively.

Heritage Happening in October is set with the Dublin and Livermore libraries. We may also have some presence with Danville and Pleasanton.

Dick Finn reported that the Alma Branch Church records will be published in the future. The Pleasanton Presbyterian Church records will be ready in about a month. Dick's cousin Peter continues to research the Civil War records of people in the Tri-Valley.

Teresa Fraser shared that we now have 55 followers on our Twitter account and we are following 115 people. Teresa sends genealogy information "Retracing the Past" to the followers.

George Anderson reported that we now have copies of the "Record of Deaths in Alameda County, California From 1895-1901".

The Board discussed possible changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

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 August and November 2011 issues will be the Civil War. If you need assistance 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 August issue is the 15th of July, 2011. ... Patrick Lofft, Editor.

HELP NEEDED

After our General Meetings we have all benefited from the refreshments brought by various volunteers. Having these refreshments at the end of our meeting offers a time for our members and guests to become better acquainted, thereby making our organization a friendlier society. While many have brought the refreshments, one person, Mary Maenchen, has been setting up, tending and breaking down the refreshment station for the past 7 years. For this we are extremely grateful to her. At this point Mary understandably would like to turn this function over to another volunteer. You would have plenty of help getting started. We need someone to step forward. Will you? To volunteer or for further information please contact the Chairman of Volunteers, Jane Southwick, at president@L-AGS.org

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

Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree

Time: Friday through Sunday, June 10-12, 2011.

Location: Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA 91505

A full weekend filled with speakers, classes, exhibits and special events.

Further information about this jamboree can be found at

<http://www.scsgenealogy.com/2011jam-home.htm>

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 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
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	The Surprising Findings of Research into the Wilkes Family of Tassajara	David Stephenson
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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