



THE LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

BULLETIN FOR June 2011

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AND GREAT-GRANDFATHERS*



SUMMARY OF L-AGS MEETINGS FOR JUNE, 2011

- ❖ General Meeting - Tuesday, June 14, 2011, 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Bert Donlon
Topic: Donlon Family History - and how I found it
- ❖ Master Genealogist Group - Saturday, June 18, 2011 time 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Chair: Kay Speaks
Topic: Source Citations: Continuation of TV-TMG Templates for U.S. & International Patents and Trademarks with a review of Source Elements and Source Element Groups.
- ❖ Study Group - Thursday, June 23, 2011 time 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks
Topic: Southern California Jamboree Conference Review
- ❖ L-AGS June 2011 Board Meeting - Tuesday, June 28, 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 JUNE, 2011

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.

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

GENERAL MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER: Bert Donlon

TOPIC: Donlon Family History - and how I found it

DATE: Tuesday June 14, 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>

Learn how one man researched one of the very early Irish families of the Tri-Valley and Oxnard areas and how his firm belief that it is up to us to write and preserve our family histories led him to not only write four family history books but also generate a family history CD. Learn his research and documentation techniques.

Mr. Donlon began his interest in family history in 1998. He retired as a high school teacher that year and now lives in Sun City Roseville.

For additional information contact: Dick Finn, Program Chairperson

Email: program@L-AGS.org

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP
The Master Genealogist Software

Date: Saturday, June 18, 2011
Meeting Time: 9:00 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: Kay Speaks and Sue Johnston
Topic: A Study of Elizabeth Shown Mills' *Evidence Explained*.
Source Citations: Continuation of TV-TMG Templates for U.S. &
International Patents and Trademarks with a review of Source Elements
and Source Element Groups.

As requested, we will review our EE TV-TMG Source Templates Booklet and Source Elements Guide with examples of the templates created by the TV-TMG Users Group during past sessions.

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

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

STUDY GROUP MEETING

Date: Thursday, June 23, 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
Topic: Southern California Jamboree Conference Review

Several L-AGS members will be attending the Southern California Jamboree Conference held in Burbank, June 9-12. See the announcement under Special Events below. There is a Family History Writers Conference June 9 followed by a three full days of genealogy related classes besides networking opportunities and vendor displays. This is the largest genealogy conference on the West Coast. A schedule of classes can be found at:
<http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/2011jam-Schedule.htm>.

If you will be attending this Study Group please RSVP if possible so we can make certain we have enough handouts.

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 MAY 24, 2011 *****

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

Bert Donlon will be our speaker at the June meeting.

L-AGS now has a total of 218 members. Seven are new since January.

Duncan Tanner reported L-AGS assets are at \$11,530.45.

Heritage Happening in October is set with dates and times with the libraries. Patrick Lofft indicated we need volunteers to act as greeters, computer helpers, and set up. Brochures and a handout of free websites will be shared with those attending.

Frank Geasa announced that new software has been installed on the scanner/printer system at the Livermore Family History Center used to copy images from microfilm to flash drives. He also indicated the LDS indexing projects are currently on hold.

The Board voted to recommend a change to the Bylaws, Article VI, Section C. This will be presented at the general meetings in June and July. In August there will be a vote by the general membership.

The Board discussed possible future projects. We will need volunteers to assist with these various projects.

***** 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 August and November 2011 issues 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 (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. Photos and lineage charts always increase the reader's interest in your revelations. The quarterly deadline for the August issue is the 15th of July, 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

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.scgsgenealogy.com/2011jam-home.htm>

***** HELP NEEDED *****

The Tri-Valley Heritage Happening (see above) will require a large number of volunteers. Preliminary plans call for L-AGS to offer on-line genealogy look-ups the same as we successfully did for a number of years at the Alameda County Fair. Besides those volunteers doing computer look-ups we will also require greeters, pin map tenders, and general logistic helpers as well as set-up and take-down teams. While October is still a few months off, it is not too early to start thinking about how you might want to contribute to this endeavor. For further information please contact the Chairman of Volunteers, Jane Southwick, at president@L-AGS.org

***** 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>

Topics of Future General Meetings

Date	Topic	Presenter
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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