

THE LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN FOR July 2011

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SUMMARY OF L-AGS MEETINGS FOR JULY, 2011

General Meeting - Tuesday, July 12, 2011, 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker: David Stephenson Topic: The Surprising Findings of Research into the Wilkes Family of Tassajara

★ Master Genealogist Group - Saturday, <u>July 23</u>, 2011 time 9:00 a.m. - Noon (Note: Changed date)

Chair: Kay Speaks

Topic: Unpublished manuscripts. These manuscripts are a unique piece of writing in its native, published state, which may be handwritten or typescripts. They usually exist in one place.

Study Group - Thursday, July 28, 2011 time 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Chair: Kay Speaks Topic: Libraries and Archives Hidden Genealogical Resources

❖ L-AGS July 2011 Board Meeting - Tuesday, July 26, 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 JULY, 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: David Stephenson

TOPIC: The Surprising Findings of Research into the Wilkes Family of

Tassajara

DATE: Tuesday July 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

Learn about one of the most interesting local early pioneering families, their son Joseph who was the only one from the Tri-Valley to join the Union Army, and the great contributions the family made to the area. Also learn some little known facts about the family and how Mr. Stephenson made these discoveries using his own research and documentation techniques.

Mr. Stephenson is a retired intelligence officer, former high tech executive and entrepreneur, and currently a high school history teacher.

For additional information contact: Dick Finn, Program Chairperson

Email: program@L-AGS.org

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP
The Master Genealogist Software

Date: Saturday, July 23, 2011 (Note: Changed date)

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: Unpublished manuscripts. A family Bible, diary, or letter is a one-of-a-kind record that might be found in an archive, a library, or a private home.

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/ for more details about our current and past class topics. Download our current TV-TMG database from February from our private website.

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, July 28, 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: Libraries and Archives Hidden Genealogical Resources

Nancy E. Loe, MA, MLS, presented this topic at the Southern California Jamboree in June. Her session was about locating genealogical materials held in manuscript collections in libraries and archives worldwide, using online archival portals and digital finding aids. We will discuss key elements of good finding aids and finding these aids online.

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 June 28, 2011 ********

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

David Stephenson will be our speaker at the July meeting.

L-AGS now has a total of 10 new members since January.

Duncan Tanner reported L-AGS assets are at \$11,295.36.

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. Patty Upper has volunteered to make our posters.

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

The Board voted to officially sponsor the Twitter account "to communicate information about L-AGS and other genealogical information and that the Twitter address be placed on all L-AGS promotional materials."

Most of the L-AGS publications will be printed through Lulu in the future. Sandra Caulder will work with George Anderson on this.

Muriel Carmozzi, a long time member of L-AGS, passed away June 16, 2011. Muriel was a charter member of L-AGS, joining in 1977. While she was not very active in the organization recently, some remember that she attended the L-AGS 30th anniversary celebration in December 2007 and that she was always a very pleasant person.

******* 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 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.

TRI-VALLEY HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

Each October, L-AGS celebrates National Family History Month. In October 2011, "Tri-Valley Heritage Happenings" is a promotional effort by the Tri-Valley History Council on behalf of all the genealogy societies, libraries, museums, historical sites, etc. to promote interest in heritage. How could you be personally helpful?

L-AGS seeks greeters to meet the public at the Library doors and direct them to the proper room.

L-AGS seeks genealogy <u>guides</u> who will assist the public to locate the Census Records of their grandparents using either Ancestry.com or HeritageQuest. Training in search techniques will be provided during September.

L-AGS seeks <u>facilitators</u> who will volunteer to bring and use their own Wi-Fi enabled laptop computers at the libraries to assist the public to locate the Census Records of their grandparents using either Ancestry.com or HeritageQuest. The libraries already have Wi-Fi. Bringing an otherwise abandoned earlier generation desktop would also be helpful.

Respond to: volunteer.chair@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

****** FUTURE L-AGS GENERAL MEETINGS AND OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE ********

Topics of Future General Meetings

Date	Topic	Presenter
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	Find-A-Grave, what it is and how to use it to its fullest	Deborah Ann Ratto Dash
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	Second Tuesday	Congregation Beth Emek
Dick Finn, Program Chair	7:30 p.m.	3400 Nevada Court
		Pleasanton
		Map: http://www.L-
		AGS.org/maps/Pls-
		BethEmek.html
Tri-Valley TMG Users'	Third Saturday	7077 Koll Center Parkway
Group	9 a.m Noon	Suite 110
Kay Speaks TMG Leader		Pleasanton
		Map: http://www.L-
		AGS.org/maps/Pls-
		KollCenter.html
Study Group	Fourth Thursday	LDS Church Building
Kay Speaks	7:30 p.m 9:00 p.m.	950 Mocho Street
Study Group Leader		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
