



THE LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

BULLETIN FOR August 2011

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SUMMARY OF L-AGS MEETINGS FOR AUGUST, 2011

- ❖ General Meeting - Tuesday, August 9, 2011, 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Ed Mason
Topic: Missing Cousins, How to Find Them
- ❖ Master Genealogist Group - Saturday, August 20, 2011, 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Chair: Kay Speaks
Topic: Source Citation-Private Holdings: Artifact (Compiler as lead element in Source List)
- ❖ Study Group - Thursday, August 25, 2011, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks
Topic: English, Scottish and Welch Genealogy Resources
- ❖ L-AGS August 2011 Board Meeting - Tuesday, August 23, 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 August, 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: Ed Mason

TOPIC: Missing Cousins, How to Find Them

DATE: Tuesday August 9, 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>

The goals of genealogy include determining who your ancestors were and finding more about them. Find how one man has uncovered, corresponded with, and met many second, third and fourth cousins who have provided stories, photographs, and writings that were handed down in their families that in turn have smashed some "brick walls."

Mr. Mason earned a BSE from Princeton and an MBA from Harvard. He was a manufacturer's rep and distributor. He has been doing genealogy since 1981. He has been president and held other offices with the San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society.

For additional information contact: Dick Finn, Program Chairperson

Email: program@L-AGS.org

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP
The Master Genealogist Software

Date: Saturday, August 20, 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 Citation-
Private Holdings: Artifact (Compiler as lead element in Source List)

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 August 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, August 25, 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: English, Scottish and Welsh Genealogy Resources

Rick Crume was a presenter at the SoCal Jamboree this year. His presentation on smart strategies for finding English, Scottish and Welsh ancestral records, both free and fee based websites, was jammed packed with information. Depending on the number of attendees interested in this topic, there is enough information for a subsequent meeting.

Broad Categories include: Archives & Libraries, Biography, Cemeteries, Census, Church Records, Civil Registration, Court Records, Directories, Emigration and Immigration, Gazetteers, Genealogy, Land & Property, Maps, Military Records, Newspapers, and Probate Records.

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. Give them the opportunity to help you by e-mailing 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. We would appreciate your input and feedback.

***** SUMMARY OF L-AGS BOARD MEETING July 26, 2011 *****

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

Ed Mason, our speaker for August, will address "Lost Cousins".

L-AGS now has 11 new members since January.

Duncan Tanner reported L-AGS assets are at \$10,817.16.

Patrick Lofft reported that the Heritage Happening in October will be staffed with L-AGS volunteers at the libraries. Patty Upper presented the layout for the posters which will announce the events at the libraries.

The recommended change to the Bylaws, Article VI, Section C, was presented at the general meeting in July and will be read again at the August meeting. In September there will be a vote by the general membership.

Teresa Fraser shared possible Twitter logos for our website. She will work with Doug Mumma on getting it inserted onto our home page as well as discuss how to embed our events into a Google Calendar.

***** 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 November 2011 issue 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 November issue is the 15th of October, 2011. Patrick Lofft, Editor.

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

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 guides 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 facilitators who will volunteer to bring and use their own Wi-Fi enabled laptop computers at the libraries to assist the public.

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
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.

<p style="text-align: center;">General Meeting Dick Finn, Program Chair</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Second Tuesday 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Congregation Beth Emek 3400 Nevada Court Pleasanton Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.html</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Kay Speaks TMG Leader</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Third Saturday 9 a.m. - Noon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7077 Koll Center Parkway Suite 110 Pleasanton Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.html</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Study Group Kay Speaks Study Group Leader</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fourth Thursday 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LDS Church Building 950 Mocho Street Livermore Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Liv-FHC.html</p>

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, Debbie Mascot. She can be reached by email at bulletin.manager@L-AGS.org

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