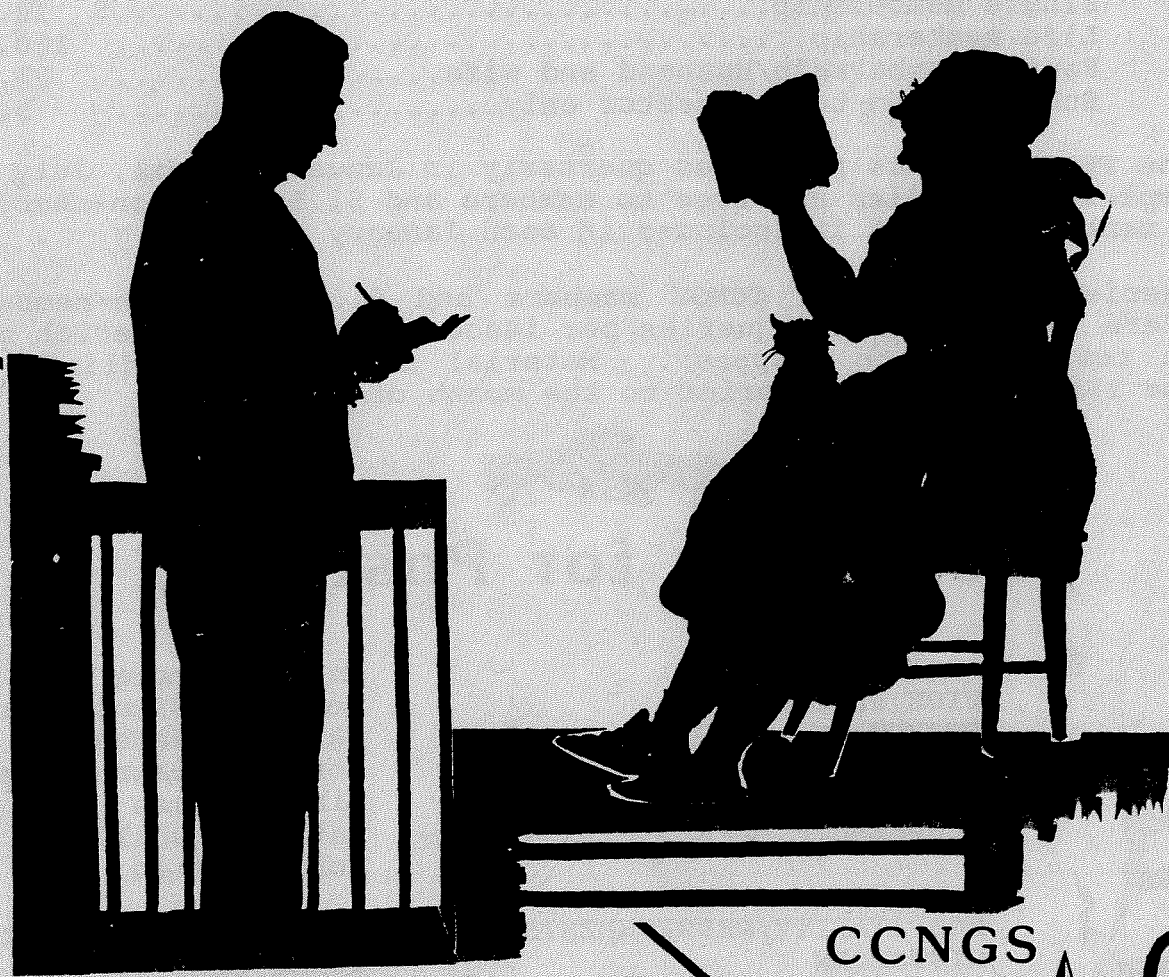


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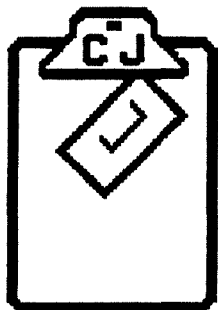
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# President's Message

Hello and welcome to our genealogical society!

As I write this latest message, I notice already half of my term as president is over. Or to put it another way, less than half of my term now remains. Already we have a new secretary, a new membership chair, a new team as newsletter editor, a new sales table chair, and a new location for the library materials.

One of the people I am most grateful for being part of our officer team is Betty McCreless, our vice president, our editor-in-chief, and our seminar chair. She brings to our society her skills which she uses at her position with the North Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce and the other volunteer groups that she belongs to such as the Gem Society.

Our next seminar on Saturday, April 8 promises to be the best I have ever attended. This is due to the tireless efforts of our Betty. Not the least of the differences will be the inclusion of an extensive luncheon buffet in the price of the seminar admission, the availability of genealogical books for sale throughout the day, and the presence of 2 featured speakers.

Another recent innovation is the availability of pencils inscribed with our Society's name. The price is very reasonable at only 25 cents each. Also, you will receive one as a birthday gift with our complements.

Our next general meeting in April will feature the only person in Nevada who is an expert in preserving documents and records. He will instruct us in methods we can use to preserve those very precious documents that we occasionally are fortunate enough to uncover.

Until the next newsletter, have a nice spring, or is it summer already ?

## Carl Jarnberg

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Carole, forgive us for leaving you out!

# a glimpse of the past...

## OUR NEVADA

by Joyce Kelley Morris

### DELAMAR - THE WIDOW MAKER

I visited Delamar with my family from California as an excursion one day in 1976. I knew very little about this place other than it was a ghost town out in our Nevada desert.

As I began my research for this article I remembered that day and what a fun place it was to visit. There were remnants of the town left, portions of a wall, a part of an old safe, rusty cans and a little cemetery.

Knowing very little of this place in 1976 I was unaware of the devastation and heartbreak that the families of Delamar must have gone through during the gold boom of the 1890's. As I began my research for this story, the sad story of Delamar came to light.

Delamar initially began in 1891 with the discovery of gold by farmers of the Pahranagat Valley. Later the next year it was to be organized and called the Ferguson district. In 1893 the principal claims were purchased by Captian John De Lamar of Montana for \$150,000.

During the gold boom of 1892 to 1909 the Delamar mines produced some \$25 million in gold ore. They had a hospital, several churches, an opera house, newspaper, numerous saloons, several general stores, the Pleasant Hour Social Club for young ladies and even the Delamar Brass Band. It is said that in 1897 it was home for 3,000 people.

Something else they had in that mining town was the deadly silica dust. Men died working in the mines and breathing the deadly silica dust that was produced due to improperly ventilated dry process mills. Others died from just being in the town.

As I walked through the small cemetery I was unaware that this was not the main cemetery of Delamar. Just over the hill was the cemetery where some five hundred graves lay. One account even says 600 graves are there.

What tragic stories this larger cemetery must have to tell. Seeing entire families buried there together. Fathers, mothers and their children. All gone long before their time because of this dreadful dust. Many had left Delamar after contracting silicosis from the deadly dust to return to their homes in Utah to die and be buried at home.

A fire almost destroyed the town in May 1900. There was a brief comeback from 1928 to 1934. When the production fell off many of the buildings were taken elsewhere to be used at other mines and some taken back to their beginnings in Pioche.

Delamar is located about 150 miles from Las Vegas. This makes an excellent outing for a day. Pack a lunch, wear walking shoes and read a few articles about the area before you go to get a better understanding of what you will be seeing.

You can read more about Delamar by going to the Nevada State Historical Society at 700 Twin Lakes Dr., Las Vegas. They have an excellent list of articles that will give you all the information you will need before you go.

**THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910 POPULATION**

State \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Name of place \_\_\_\_\_

Ward of City \_\_\_\_\_

Township \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ .1910

Enumerator \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION	NAMES	RE- LA- TION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	MOTHER OF HOW MANY CHILDREN	NATIVITY	CITIZENSHIP	OCCUPATION	EDUCATION	HOME	MISCELLANEOUS
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by Joyce Kelley Morris

George Washington was president at the time of the first U.S. Federal census in 1790. However, he did not live long enough to be included in the second census. At that time I doubt if anyone had any concept of what a census would do for us in our research.

I do not believe it could be said any better than in this quote from the Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy by Val. D. Greenwood:

"There is probably no other single group of records in existence which contains more information about persons and families who lived during the 1800's than do the population schedules of the U. S. federal censuses"

The first census was designed to count the population. With each successive census more information was added. Thus, the later censuses will be of greater help in your research.

Do not limit yourself to just the population censuses in your research. There are many other censuses you can use, the Mortality Schedules, Veterans' Schedules, Agriculture and Manufacturing Schedules just to name a few. The Source, by Arlene Eakle and Johni Cerny is an excellent reference for information on these censuses.

Our thirteenth census fell in the year of 1910. William Howard Taft was President and the following articles appeared in a local newspaper of that time, the Clark County Review:

**CLARK COUNTY REVIEW** Vol. 2, No. 12, March 19, 1910

### **DON'T GET GAY WITH THE CENSUS TAKER**

President Taft has issued his proclamation for the thirteenth decennial census of the United States, which begins April 15th. The following extracts are of interest:

"It is the duty of every person to answer all questions on the census schedules applying to him and the family to which he belongs, and to the farm occupied by him or his family. Any adult refusing to do so is subject to penalty."

"The sole purpose of the census is to secure general statistical information regarding the population and resources of the country, and replies are required from individuals only in order to permit the compilation of such general statistics. The census has nothing to do with taxation, with any army or jury service, with the compulsion of school attendance, with the regulation of immigration, or with the enforcement of any national, state or local law or ordinance, nor can any person be harmed in any way by furnishing the information required.

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There need be no fear that any disclosure will be made regarding any individual person or his affairs. For the due protection of the rights and interests of the persons furnishing information, every employe of the Census Bureau is prohibited, under heavy penalty, from disclosing any information which may thus come to his knowledge."

CLARK COUNTY REVIEW Vol. 2, No. 14, April 2, 1910

## FACTS CONCERNING THE CENSUS TAKER

Condensed for Information to Those Not Familiar  
with Census Procedure and Its Objects

It occurs every ten years.

It is the basis of the distribution among the states of representation in the National House of representatives.

It is also the means by which the United States Government ascertains the increase in the population, agriculture, industries, and resources of the nation.

It is required by the Constitution and by an act of Congress.

The information will be used solely for the general statistical purposes. It will neither be published nor used in any other way to disclose facts regarding any individual or enterprise.

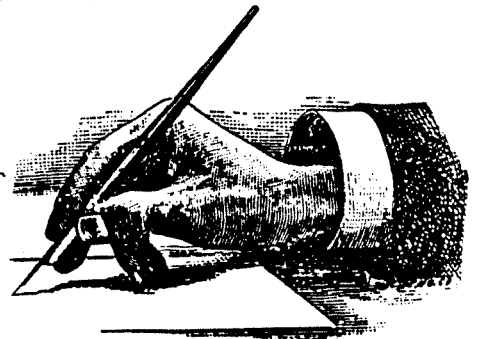
The census is not, never has been, and can not be employed to obtain information that can be used in any way in the assessment of property for purpose of taxation or the collection of taxes, national, state, or local; for deportation; compulsory school attendance; child labor law prosecutions; quarantine regulations; or in any way to effect the life, liberty, or property of any person.

It has nothing whatever to do with the detection, arrest, prosecution, or punishment of any person, for any suspected, or actual, violation of a law, whether of a city, or state, or the National Government, or a foreign nation.

The census inquiries are defined by an act of Congress. The questions on the schedules are framed by the Director of the Census in conformity with that act. They apply to all persons living in the United States on the 15th day of April, the "Census Day." The same questions are asked about each person. All persons must answer all the questions.

The Census law, with reference to population, requires that the enumerator's questions shall, for each inhabitant call for:

The name, relationship to head of family, color, sex, age, conjugal condition, place of birth, place of birth of parents, number of years in the United States, citizenship, occupation, whether of not employer or employee, and if employee, whether or not employed at the date of enumeration (April 15, 1910), and the number of months unemployed during the preceding calendar



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year (1909). whether of not engaged in agriculture, school attendance, literacy, and tenture of home, and whether or not a survivor of the Union or Confederate Army or Navy; and the name and address of each blind and dumb person.

The same law, with reference to agriculture, requires that the enumerator's question shall call for:

"The name, color, and country of birth of occupant of each, farm, acreage of woodland and character of timber thereon, value of farm and improvements, value of implements, number and value of live stock on farms, ranges, and the acreage of crops and quantity and value of crops and other farm products for the year ending December 31 (1909) next preceding the enumeration.

Census enumerators wearing badges with "U. S. Census 1910" stamped on them, will go house to house and from farm to farm, beginning April 15th. They are not to be regarded as spies, detectives, tax assessors, or the like.

No person shall hesitate, neglect or refuse to answer all the enumerator's questions. He only asks those necessary to fill the schedules which are required by law. Nothing that is told him can in any way be used to the detriment or damage of any person, or his family, or his property.

1790

1800

1820

1840



1850

1880

1900

1910

Vol. 2, No. 16, April 16, 1910

### CENSUS ENUMERATING IS NOW IN PROGRESS

Full and Truthfull Answers Will Work Injury to No One

The census commenced April 15, and must be completed in two weeks in cities and in thirty days in all other areas.

The enumerators will wear a badge inscribed "United States Census, 1910."

The law requires every adult person to furnish the prescribed information, but also provides that it shall be treated confidentially, so that no injury can come to any person from answering the questions.

The President has issued a proclamation, calling on all citizens to cooperate with the Census and assuring them that it has nothing to do with taxation, army or jury service, compulsory school attendance, regulation of immigration, or enforcement of any law, and that no one can be injured by answering the inquires.

It is of the utmost importance that the census of population and agriculture be complete and correct.

Therefore every person should promptly, accurately, and completely answer the Census questions asked by the enumerators.

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**CENSUS QUESTIONS DEMAND AN ANSWER**

Refusal to Answer Punishable by Fine and Imprisonment

Person in Reno, Tonapah and some other places in the State have been foolish enough to refuse to answer the questions of the U. S. Census Enumerators. Such persons should know that they are amenable to the law for such refusal, as otherwise any attempt to take a census would be a joke. Section 10 of the Census Act provides that any person who refuses to answer questions contained in the schedule shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined a sum not to exceed \$100, and if the parties still refuse to answer, to immediately cause their arrest and prosecution.



The law is very plain in the matter and the Supervisor of Nevada and all other states are under oath to enforce it and receive the information required.



**LAS VEGAS - 1870 CENSUS**

**ONLY 8 INHABITANTS**

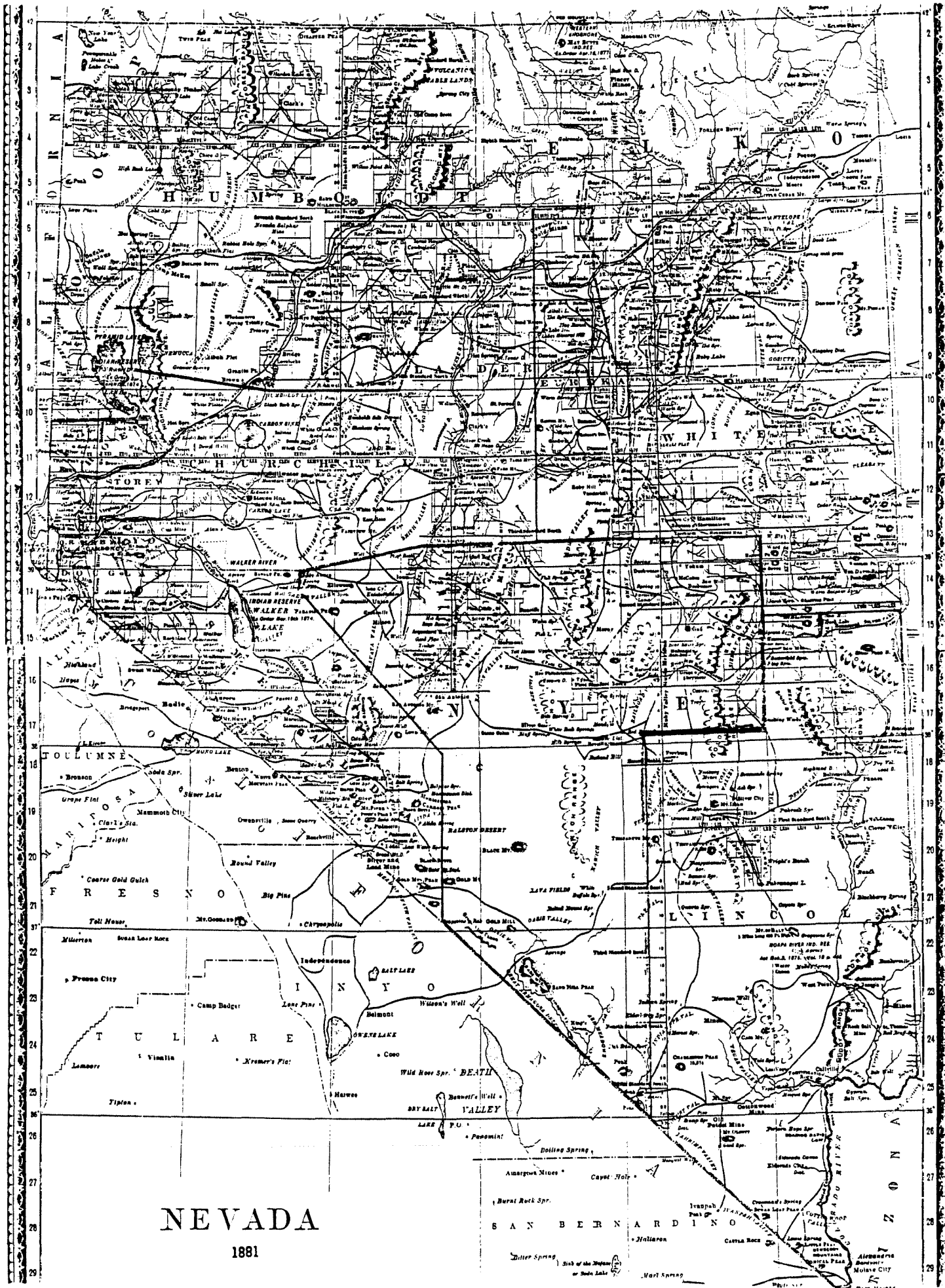
**NOTE: Las Vegas is listed as PAH-UTE COUNTY NEVADA...which was ARIZONA TERRITORY!**



SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Las Vegas in the County of Pahr State of Nevada, enumerated by me on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1870.  
 Post Office: Ray Mail to Arizona J. R. Thompson Ass't Marshal

1	2	3	DESCRIPTION.			7	VALUE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED.		10	FAMILY.		14	15	16	17	18	CIVIL, MILITARY, OR NAVAL RELATIONS.		
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# NEVADA

1881

SAN BERNARDINO

San Bernardino

San Bernardino

SONORA

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Sonora

# GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES AT THE NEVADA STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES,

DIVISION OF ARCHIVES AND RECORDS,  
101 SOUTH FALL STREET, CARSON CITY,  
NEVADA 89710

**CENSUSES:** US CENSUS for Utah Territory for 1850 & 1860; State of Nevada, 1870, 1880, Civil War Veterans 1890, 1900, 1910. Indexes are available for 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890, 1910. Soundex Index for 1900 is available at Nevada State Library. Nevada Territory Census for 1862 for Douglas, Storey, Washoe, Lyon, Humboldt and Ormsby Counties, and for 1863 Lander County. Nevada State Census of 1875 with index.

**TERRITORIAL RECORDS** for Carson County Utah and Nevada Territory, 1855-1862. These records include those of the County Recorder, Clerk of the Probate Court and Clerk of the County Court. Divorces were handled in the Probate Court. These records are indexed in **AN INVENTORY AND INDEX TO THE RECORDS OF CARSON COUNTY UTAH AND NEVADA TERRITORIES, 1855-1861.** (Grace Dangberg Foundation, 1984) These records also include individual court documents regarding divorces, estate settlements and child custody, bonds and oaths of office of elected or appointed territorial officials.

**STATE RECORDS:** Inmate Case files of the Nevada State Prison are on file beginning in 1863 and the record of admittances to the Nevada State Children's (Orphans) Home, 1870-1968. There are some restriction to prison records. Department of Education, retired teacher records containing the names and schools of Nevada teachers that retired from about 1927 to 1949. Secretary of State, License Plate Registrations 1913-1946. Other records groups contain information about elected or appointed state officials, state departments, commissions and other agencies. Adjutant



General, Civil War Muster Rolls and Descriptive Lists 1863-1866 are indexed.

**COUNTY RECORDS:** Duplicate Assessment Rolls for all counties for 1891-1892. Ormsby County Court Records 1862-1926, Assessment case, assessment rolls 1862-1950; Lander County Clerks Record's including court cases, assessment rolls, county commission minutes, 1862-1971; listing of births in Washoe County, 1887-1911 and marriage licenses for 1862-1872. Preliminary listing of Lander County Births and Deaths 1887-1910.

Our **THANKS** to: **CHART AND QUILL**, bulletin of **NORTHWEST NEVADA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.**



## FAMILY HISTORY CENTER RELOCATES

The Las Vegas **FAMILY HISTORY CENTER** has moved next door (Ninth & Clark Streets) to grand new facilities!

Books, film and indexes are now all located on one floor, and easy access. New book cases are in, new readers and a beautiful new computer, all to make family research a real enjoyment!

Many of the **CLARK COUNTY NEVADA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** members were on hand opening day, with good wishes and goodies! **JOYCE MORRIS** presented **PRESIDENT BELL** with a beautiful hanging plant from the society. Other plants were given by **EDITH KRAEMER** and **BETTY MCCRELESS!** **CORADEAN CARTER** presented them with a yummy "Good Luck" **CAKE!**

Other members attending with good wishes were: **MARION HAEFNER**, **HARRY BURT** (with his VCR camera), and **MADONNA MCCARTHY.**

Attendants at the **FAMILY HISTORY CENTER** are very special people (volunteers) and will gladly help all. If you haven't been there... **GO!** And look for members of the **CLARK COUNTY NEVADA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY!**

**THEY'LL BE THERE!**

# NEVADA...A BRIEF HISTORY

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1820's Among the first white people to enter in what is now NEVADA were:

Jedediah S. SMITH

Peter S. OGDEN

Kit CARSON

John C. FREMONT

1850 Today's NEVADA was then in the NEW UTAH TERRITORY. The southern part was in NEW MEXICO TERRITORY!

1861 NEVADA became a territory.

1863 The southern tip of NEVADA was in ARIZONA TERRITORY. However it was called PAH-UTE COUNTY NEVADA!

1864 NEVADA became the 36th state.

1866 LINCOLN COUNTY was created and included most of what is now Clark County.

1870 In the 1870 census, Las Vegas, Overton, St. Thomas, Calville Bay and West Point was considered PAH-UTE COUNTY. Only 8 people lived in Las Vegas! (See page 7)

1880-1900 Very little changes made in population and growth. Many people moved in and out, passing on to California.

15 May 1905 Las Vegas became established. Good water, artesian wells, and a main route to California were deciding factors. On this day, 1200 lots were auctioned, some going for as much as \$1,750.00. Total sales: \$265,000.00! The LAND AUCTION TEAM:

Roadmaster - F.A. WATERS

Land & Water Company President -

C.O. WHITTEMORE

Treasurer - Fred RULE

Auctioneer - Ben RHODES

1909 CLARK COUNTY created from Lincoln County.



1910 CLARK COUNTY NEVADA's first census!



## IT'S A FACT!!

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In 1610, the population of the American colonies was 350.

In 1790, the center of the US population was 23 miles east of Baltimore. In 1850, it was 23 miles south east of Parkersburg West Virginia, and by 1890, the center was 20 miles east of Columbus, Indiana.

As few as 5% of the American population lived in the city in 1775.

In 1793, yellow fever desolated Philadelphia.

In 1800, one-fifth of the country's population lived in Virginia. There were no public libraries...and people bathed only once a week!!

## LOTTERIES

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City hall of New York was enlarged, the court house at Elizabeth rebuilt and Harvard University Library was increased in the 1790's by LOTTERIES!!



## PATHWAYS TO THE PAST...

### A GENEALOGY SEMINAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1989



## GRANDMA CLIMBED THE FAMILY TREE

There's been a change in Grandma, we've noticed of late,

She's always reading history, or jotting down some date.

She's tracing back the family, we'll all have pedigrees,

Grandma's got a hobby, she's **CLIMBING FAMILY TREES!**

Poor Grandpa does the cooking, and now, or so he states,

He even has to wash the cups and dinner plates.

Well Grandma can't be bothered, she's busy as a bee,

Compiling genealogy **FOR THE FAMILY TREE!**

She has no time to baby-sit, the curtains are a fright,

No buttons left on Grandpa's shirts, the flower bed's a sight.

She's given up her club work, the serials on T.V.,

The only thing she does nowadays, is **CLIMB THAT FAMILY TREE!**

The mail is all for Grandma, it comes from near and far,

Last week she got the proof she needs to join the DAR.

A monumental project - to that we all agree,

A worthwhile avocation - **TO CLIMB THE FAMILY TREE!**

She wanders through the graveyard, in search of date and name,

The rich, the poor, the inbetween, all sleeping there the same.

She pauses now and then to rest, fanned by gentle breeze,

That blows above the **FATHERS OF ALL OUR FAMILY TREES.**

Now some folks came from Scotland, some from Galway Bay,

Some where French as pastry, some German all the way.

Some went West to stake a claim, some stayed there by the sea,

Grandma hopes to find them all, as **SHE CLIMBS THE FAMILY TREE.**

There were pioneers and patriots mixed with our kith and kin,

Who blazed paths of wilderness, and fought through thick & thin.

But none more staunch than Grandma whose eyes light up with glee.

Each time she finds a missing branch **FOR THE FAMILY TREE!**

Their skills were wide and varied, from carpenter to cook,

And one, alas, the record show, was hopelessly a crook!

Blacksmith, farmer, weaver, judge - some tutored for a fee,

One lost in time, now all recorded **ON THE FAMILY TREE.**

To some it's just a hobby, to Grandma it's much more.

She learns the joys and heartaches, of those who went before.

They loved, lost, laughed and wept, and now for you and me,

They live again in spirit, **AROUND THE FAMILY TREE!**

At last she's nearly finished, and we are each exposed,

Life will be the same again - this we all suppose.

Grandma will cook and sew, serve crullers with our tea,

We'll have her back just as before, **THAT WRETCHED FAMILY TREE!**



continued...



### FAMILY TREE continued...

Sad to relate, the Preacher called and visited for a spell,

We talked about the Gospel, and other things as well.

The heathen folk, the poor, and then 'twas fate, it had to be,

Somehow the conversation turned, **TO GRANDMA AND THE FAMILY TREE.**

We tried to change the subject, we talked of everything,

But then in Grandma's voice we heard, that old familiar ring.

She told him all about the past, and soon 'twas plain to see,

The Preacher too was nearly snared **BY GRANDMA & THE FAMILY TREE.**

From the Pasadena Society Newsletter -  
Author unknown

### KANSAS NEWSPAPERS of the 1850s

The Kansas Historical Society's research center in Topeka has microfilm copies of virtually every newspaper published. Write to them for details: Kansas State Historical Society, Memorial Bldg., Topeka, KS 66603.

Keep in mind that your families may have made news (birth, marriage, death) as the passed through Kansas!

From 1821 to 1854, this area was known as unorganized territory, inhibited mostly by Indians. But then Fort Leavenworth, Kansas Territory, became an important and protected stop-over and outfitting place for the trail west. If your ancestors traveled west during the 1850s, give these newspapers a look.

From **SAN MATEO COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY**...Our **THANKS** to the Genealogical Association of Sacramento!



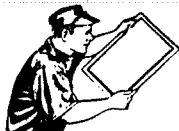
## BITS & PIECES

**MICHIANA ROOTS** is a weekly genealogy column carried each Sunday by **THE SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE**. The column offers a **FREE QUERY SERVICE** to researchers all over the country. Send your query to:

**MICHIANA ROOTS**, The South Bend Tribune, 225 W. Colfax, South Bend, IN 46626. Ancestors should have lived in North Central Indiana, Southwestern Michigan or Northeast Illinois.

The column also carries research advice and genealogical news. The first four years (1972-77) of the column have been collected in book form and can be ordered for \$15.00 at the same address. Please make checks payable to Carol Collins, the column's editor.

Our **THANKS** to **NEWS FROM THE NORTHWEST**, Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists!



### NEW YORK STATE ARCHIVES BROCHURE

The New York State Archives, State Education Dept, is offering a brochure and 7 page article on records of genealogical interest.

Send SASE to: New York State Archives, State Education Dept., Albany, NY 12230. Our **THANKS TO IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY!**

### DOUBLE DATING

By the **JULIAN CALENDAR**, or old style, New Year's Day was the 25th of March, March being the first month in the year. September, October, November and December were, as their names imply, the seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth months of the year. By the Gregorian calendar or new style, which was introduced 1582, New Year's Day was changed to January 1. Great Britain did not fully adopt the new style until September, 1752, but prior to that date, commencing about 1700, used both old and new style, or **double dating**. For example: Capt. James Babcock died Jan. 17, 1736, old style, or Jan. 17, 1737, new style, and is written Jan. 17, 1736-37.

## GOODIES...



### FROM ILLINOIS

Looking for an Illinois OBITUARY? The STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will search for a maximum of four. Send no money, they will bill you. If you would rather make the search yourself, you can obtain the microfilm on inter-library loan. Write: Illinois State Historical Society, Old State Capital, Springfield IL 62706

Our THANKS to St. Clair Illinois Genealogical Society..  
via Yorba Linda Genealogical Society Bulletin!

The Illinois State Genealogical Society is offering a FREE copy of "COUNTIES OF ILLINOIS, Their Origin and Evolution", with 23 maps showing the original and present boundary lines of each county. Write: Secretary of State, Springfield, IL 62756

Our THANKS to North San Diego County Genealogical Society..  
via Yorba Linda Genealogical Society Bulletin!



### SEAMAN'S PROTECTION CERTIFICATES

If your American ancestor went to sea in the 1800's, he may have applied for a Seaman's Protection Certificate to protect him from impressment by Great Britain and other powers. The certificate program lasted from 1796 to 1897. The applicant presented proof of his citizenship and paid a fee of 25 cents. The application was preserved at the office of the collector of customs where he applied, but every three months the collector sent a list of the seamen to the Secretary of State in Washington, abstracting each seaman's age, birthplace, height, complexion, hair color and scars. In the 1930's, WPA workers compiled an index of all these quarterly abstracts. You may write to the address below to check for your ancestor. If he is found, you will be advised of the cost for photocopying. Write: Civil Archives Division, National Archives & Records,

Washington D.C. 20408. You are then on your own to find the original document in a local repository or National Archives Regional Branch.

Our THANKS to NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY...

via Yorba Linda Genealogical Society Bulletin



## GENEALOGISTS SPECIAL ROOM RATE IN SALT LAKE!

If you are planning a trip to THE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER in Salt Lake between April 15, 1989 and May 31, 1989, Howard Johnson Hotel is offering a super special. \$38.00 single or double! Ask for the GENEALOGISTS SPECIAL! Phone 800-366-3684!

They are NEXT DOOR to the library!

### SOCIAL SECURITY SEARCHES

Early SOCIAL SECURITY files include many people born in the 1860s and 1870s and many naturalized citizens. Copies of the applications are available IF THE APPLICANT IS DECEASED. Form SSA-L997 must be completed and sent with a copy of the deceased's death certificate to: Health and Human Services, Social Security Admin., 4-J-9 West High Rise Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235. Do NOT send money! You will be billed! Fees are \$2.00 if you know the deceased's Social Security Number and \$6.00 if you do not!

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# LOOK WHAT I FOUND...so can you!

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by Joyce Kelley Morris

In this issue, our "Look What I Found" article comes from Madonna DOSS McCARTHY. Madonna has been a member of CCNGS since 1984. This is her story:

How many of you have dreamed of finding an old suitcase full of old documents on your family? That is what I found last year when I went to Denver, CO.

My husband was Walter James "Mick" McCARTHY, he was born 12 September, 1918 in Denver, CO. His father was Walter James McCARTHY and his mother was Edna Genevieve YOCOM. Edna was born 20 June 1897 in Springfield, IL.

Mick was left an orphan at the age of four and was raised by both of his grandmothers and an uncle, Harold YOCUM.

Uncle Harold YOCUM died about fifteen years ago and when Mick's cousin Keith RUMMERFIELD and his wife Donna helped with his estate they found an old suitcase under the house. It was watersoaked and they took it home and put it away and never opened it.

When I went to Denver last summer I stayed with Keith and Donna for a night. They live next to Keith's mother, Garnet YOCUM RUMMERFIELD in the mountains outside of Golden, CO. Mrs. RUMMERFIELD turned 97 years of age last December.

Keith and Donna are retired now and have just started to work on their genealogy. Knowing that I have been doing genealogy for years, they waited until my visit to open the old suitcase.

To our surprize and joy when we opened the suitcase we found wills, deeds, marriages, divorce papers, guardianship papers, Union Army discharge papers and old pictures. Aunt Garnet even knew who was in the pictures!

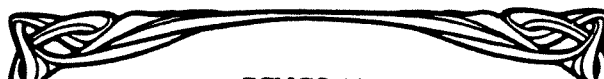
That night at midnight we were at the store making two copies of all the papers. One for me and the other for Mick's cousin in Sparks, NV. There was over fifty copies!

The information has taken us back to Mick's great-great-great grandfather Jacob YOCUM born 17 December 1787 in Bourbon County, KY. He married Mary BOOTH the 15th of November 1810 in Bourbon County, KY. They later moved the family to Sangamon County, IL in 1828.

I have found a book at the Family History Center here in Las Vegas on the YOCOM, YOKUM, YOKAM, YOCHUM and YOCUM families. Jacob's father was George YOCUM.

I always say it is the luck of the Irish that I have found out so many things on the families for which I am doing genealogy.

(Editor's note: This is not the first time that the luck of the Irish was fallen on Madonna. She has told us other stories of how she has found treasures like this. I wonder if she would like to share it? Maybe with someone with the maiden name of KELLEY?



# QUERIES

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BRATTON, COOK, DANLEY: William Henry (pos Henderson) BRATTON b 1881, in one of three locations; Florence, Al., Paris, TX., Oklahoma City, OK. His mother's name, Nancy COOK, who is rumored to be full or part Cherokee Indian, m a DANLEY. The COOK ch pos b illegitimate before this m to DANLEY. Reply to Carole L Moran 142 Ronald Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89110

THRASHER: Need info on THRASHER, (pos William) b NY. c 1820. dau Marian Cecil (called May) THRASHER b 1845 NY., m George Elliott HILLS 1865 in Oceana Co., MI. Both d 1900-1901 in Lauderdale Co. AL. ch b 1867 MI., 1871 IN., 1875 KA., 1878 Butler Co. MO. Will Answer All!! Reply to Betty Cassimus MCCRELESS 6261 Carey Ave.; Las Vegas, Nevada 89115 205-452-8066

WHITELEATHER, HUFF, ALLAN: Looking for WHITELEATHER who came from Germany to fight against George Washington but changed sides.

Looking for HUFF, Abagile who m George WYANT, OH. or IO.

Looking for ALLAN who came from Beith, Scotland to USA? I pick them up in IO., NE., and KA. Where were they between Scotland and IO.? Reply to Catherine Marshall 1741 Ferrell, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106

RHODES, O'BRIEN: Nathaniel, son of John and Elizabeth (THURBER) RHODES b Cumberland, Providence Co., RI. 8 Dec 1792. Lived in West Milford, Passaic Co., NJ. d there. When Did He Die ??

Jeremiah O'BRIEN b England 1830 or 1840 m Ellen RUSSELL. Naturalized 7 Nov 1858 in Passaic Co. Lived in Paterson, Passaic Co., NY. When did She Die ??

Ellen (RUSSELL) O'BRIEN dau of James and Jane (BAXTER) RUSSELL b Scotland m Jeremiah in Paterson, Passaic Co., NJ. When Did She Die ?? Had two ch Margaret b 29 June 1858 and Charles b 23 Sept 1861. Reply to John O'BRIEN 5033 Pacific Grove Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130

BOTTLE, BURGESS, PETTITT SHERMAN: Seeking info on Mary Ann BURGESS who d 2 Sept 1893 pos in Ashford Kent, England.

Seeking info on John George BURGESS b 19 July 1858 in South Willesborough, Ashford Kent, England. Son of John and Martha, he d 29 Aug 1927 in Minneapolis, MN. bur IOOF Cem. Rock Falls, IL.

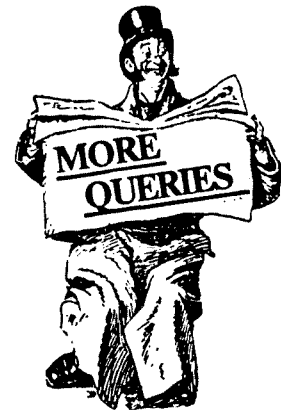
Seeking info on Ettie Pettitt SHERMAN who d 17 Nov 1976 around Syracuse, NY. She is sister to John George and Mary Ann BURGESS. Will Answer All !! Reply to CoraDean Carter 6904 W. Conifer Ln. Las Vegas, Nevada 89128 702-363-2934

METTAM, SUTTON, PHELPS, BARKER, BRASHEARS, SHAFFER: James Frederick SHAFFER Jr. b ? Baltimore, MD. d 15 Jan 1961 m Marian METTAM 22 Feb 1912 only ch Frederick Mettam SHAFFER b 1 Feb 1917 d 24 July 1970. All from Baltimore, MD. Need info on James Frederick SHAFFER Sr. & his father. Reply to James F. SHAFFER III, 4329 Malaga Dr. Las Vegas, Nevada 89121





McPHERSON, PRIEST: Seeking info on par and ch of John J. McPHERSON b Aug 1833/34 IN. d 18 Oct 1912 IA. and Martha C. PPIEST b c 1840 IN. bur unknown IA. m 23 Aug 1857. As a child, Martha lived with Wm. J. Black fam (a tailor in Richland, IA.) c 1847 or 1857 and was sometimes known as Martha BLACK. Believe John left Hendricks/Morgan Co., IN. c 1852/53 for Keokuk Co., IA. Reply to Robert Lorenzen 1601 So. Sandhill Rd. #75, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104



SHAFFER, DAVID, METTAM, RUDKIN: Need info on ch of John Hodge DAVID of Bennetsville, SC. b 29 Jan 1779, d 14 Aug 1854.

Need info on par of Rebecca RUDKIN, b 18 Jan 1782 m Joseph METTAM 14 Jul 1804, both from Montsorrel, Leichester, England Reply to James F. SHAFFER III, 4329 Malaga Dr. Las Vegas, Nevada 89121-6518

McCONNEL, JOPPSEY, NEWPORT, COON: Seeking info on par and ch of William McCONNELL b c 1807 PA. d 9 Sept 1873 Keokuk Co., IA. and Mary JOPPSEY b c 1807 OH. d ? probably m PA. Believe resided in Juanita Co. PA. 1820's-40's. Moved to Keokuk Co., IA c 1847. Believe Wm. a farmer and was Baptist Minister at Tallyrand, IA. c 1852. Believe both bur in abandoned Reed Cem., Keokuk Co., IA.

Seeking info on par and ch of Jess NEWPORT b c 1806 OH. d 28 July 1871 IA. and Elizabeth (Betsy) COON b c 1807 OH. d ? Keokuk Co., IA. Believe they lived in Fountain Co., IN. c 1830's-40's Moved with family to Keokuk Co., IA 1847. Reply to Robert LORENZEN, 1601 So. Sandhill Rd. #75, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

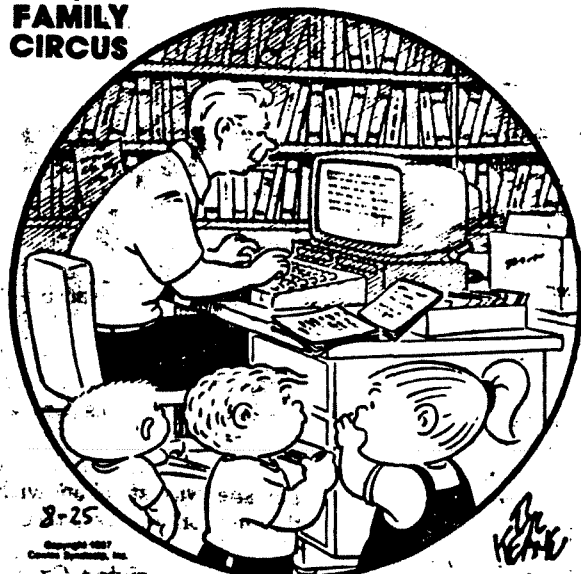
BROWN: Charles BROWN pos b 1802 in VT., d 9 Mar 1868. Charles and Dorothy BROWN res Grandville, Kent Co., MI. 1853-1880. Seeking info from any New England Genealogical Researchers. Reply to Janet BROWN BEYES, 2305 Oakwood Ave. North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030

BAUR, PENDERGAST: John Lawrence BAUR b 21 June 1865 Chicago, IL. m Frances PENDERGAST 20 Nov 1889 had two ch Marie b Mar 1891 and Monica b Dec 1893 Sterling, IL. div bet 1900/1902 When and Where?? Will Answer All! Reply to CoraDean B. CARTER 6904 W. Conifer Ln. Las Vegas, Nevada 89128 702-363-2934

**SOAP.** Pour twelve quarts of boiling water upon five pounds of unslacked lime. Then dissolve five pounds of washing soda in twelve quarts of boiling water, mix the above together, and let the mixture remain from twelve to twenty-four hours, for the purpose of chemical action. Now pour off all the clear liquid, being careful not to disturb the sediment. Add to the above three and a half pounds of clarified grease, and from three to four ounces of rosin. Boil this compound together for one hour, and pour off to cool. Cut it up in bars for use, and you are in possession of a superior chemical soap, costing about three and a half cents per pound in ordinary times.

Our THANKS to SOUTHERN NEVADA CIVIL WAR HISTORICAL SOCIETY!

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"You better be quiet or Granddad will leave you out of the family history he's writing."

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Guest Speaker:  
Barbara Mc Kinlay  
Los Angeles, California  
• Records before 1850  
• Naturalization Records

#### **AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:00 PM**

Guest Speakers:  
Richard & Marilyn Haynes  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
• Records of the Civil War  
• Relics of the Civil War



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