The Nevada Historical Society (NHS) is the oldest cultural institution in the state of Nevada. It was created in 1904 with newspaper publisher Robert Fulton as president and Jeanne Elizabeth Wier as executive secretary.

Wier became chairman of the Department of History and Political Science at the University of Nevada in 1940 and was Director of the NHS until 1950.

Wier was the driving force behind the organization and collected materials of importance to Nevada's history — newspapers, manuscripts, photographs, maps, books and artifacts. Wier kept the collection in her home until the first permanent NHS facility opened on at that time N. Center Street in 1913.



# **Nevada Historical Society**

1650 North Virginia Street Reno, Nevada 89503 775-688-1190

http://nvhistoricalsociety.org

Museum & Store: Tuesday—Saturday 10am—4:30pm

Library: Tuesday—Saturday 12pm—4pm

The NHS is part of the Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs, Division of Museum & History









# NHS School Tours

# **History on Wheels Program**



# Learn more about these free programs

History comes alive at the NHS!

For more information—Contact Education Curator 775.688.1190 ext. 223 shayeszorn@nevadaculture.org

### School Tours-Nevada History Gallery

Learn about Nevada's past at Nevada's oldest cultural institution.

Explore the history, artifacts and customs of Native Americans, frontier people, miners and farmers. Discover daily life, history of transportation in Nevada meet Nevada's Japanese Friendship Doll.



**Planning your School Tour** 

A field trip to the Nevada Historical Society can be integrated into Nevada history curriculum throughout the year.

Museum exhibits give students the opportunity to ask questions about the past and find their own answers. The Nevada Historical Society is currently the only history museum in Reno that offers tours to school groups free of charge.



#### Things to keep in mind

Tours at the Nevada Historical Society are subject to availability of volunteers. Please have a date and time in mind for your visit, and one or two alternate dates when scheduling your tour.

Due to the proximity of other great resources such as the Fleischmann Planetarium, the W.M. Keck Museum, and the Wilbur May Museum. Most schools and groups find pairing with another museum maximizes bus space, learning opportunities and field trip time.

Please arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the start of your tour. Tours last 60 minutes (45 minutes for second grade and under.) Due the size of our galleries, we can accommodate a total of 45 students at one time.

Teachers or parent volunteers must accompany children during the entire tour.



# **History on Wheels-Classroom Program**

This outreach program offered by our educational docents, **brings history to your school.** 

Choose from one of three programs:

Native Americans Early Mining History Mountain Men and Early Explorers