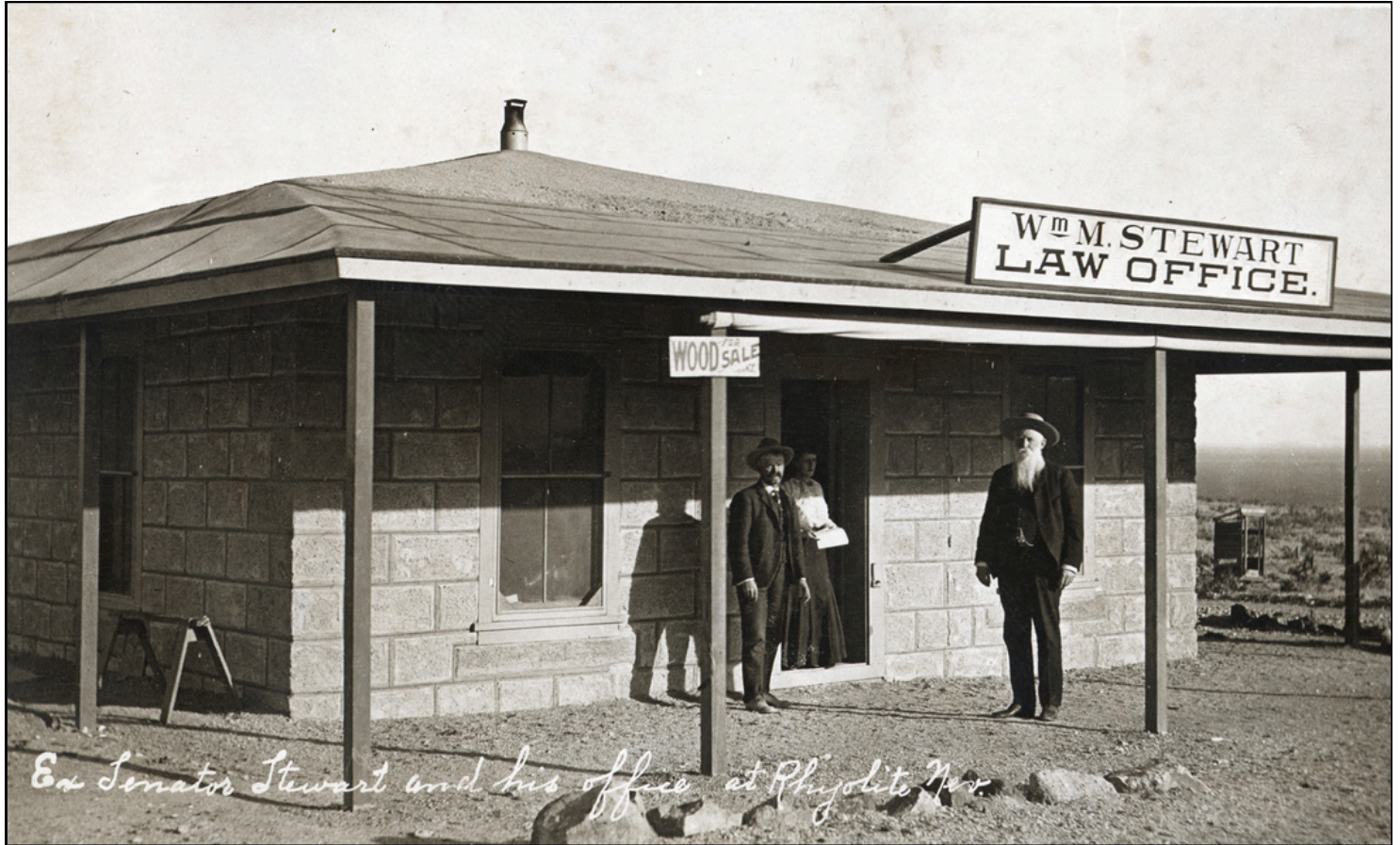


SOCIETY NEWS

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Above Photo: Former Senator, William Stewart poses for the camera with his wife and an unidentified man in front his Law Office in Rhyolite, Nye County, Nevada, 1907-1908. Photography by A.E. Holt. NHS Photo Holt-080.



MUSEUM STORE NEWS

by Tiffany Jones, Admin. Asst./Store Manager

The Nevada Historical Society Museum store is always a wonderful resource for those interested in Nevada history for children and adults.

Our *Ghostly Tales* children's books take young readers on extraordinary adventures through historic places in Nevada. Within the pages they'll encounter friendly ghosts, mischievous specters, and mysterious haunted places. Explore the unknown and build a deeper connection to Nevada's Lake Tahoe and Virginia City. Available in the museum store!

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dr. Catherine Magee

Happy Fall!!

Please join me in welcoming Theresa Nielson as our Collections Technician. Theresa comes to us from UNR Special Collections and hit the ground running! We have filled all NHS vacant positions with Kristina Hornback recently joining Team NHS on October 17.

This state biennium saw the NHS retain its insufficient and stagnant state budget. But as you all know, the NHS is the proverbial "little engine that could". Our small staff and docents continue to work hard to bring you excellent programs, events, presentations, and experiences. Your donations to the NHS are what fund our public programming, preservation work, and more. Thank you!

The inaugural presentation for our new multi-year Lake Tahoe Series this past May enthralled our audience with never-before seen items and photographs detailing Glenbrook's history.

Writers' Wednesday continues to be a hit. We have many regular attendees who enjoy talking to authors at the pre-event wine and cheese receptions.

Like last year, most of our Artown events were standing room only. Shery, our Curator of History, did a fabulous job organizing Artown. The photography workshop led by Mark Vollmer was a big hit! In the galleries, our docents shared their fun facts about the collections with visitors. I loved hearing visitors say "I didn't know THAT", or "I will definitely be back".

Organizing, planning, and enjoying our 2023 programming feels like the NHS is finally getting back on track from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to our programming, research facility, and collections processing done by the in-house NHS team, I work with another amazing team you might not know - the team that brings you the Nevada Historical Society Q. Founded in 1956, *The Nevada Historical Society Quarterly* is the only peer-reviewed academic journal dedicated to the history of Nevada.

Assessing financial and author needs, the NHSQ became a hybrid digital/print publication this year with a slightly new name to indicate this change, Nevada Historical Society Q (aka the "Q"). Dr. William Rowley has been with the Q for years and in 2020 stepped back into the role of Editor-in-Chief; we have him to thank for all the great articles!

The entire NHS team thanks you for your support!

Cheers,



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NEW DONATION ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

**Sheryl Hayes-Zorn,
Curator of History**

The Nevada Historical Society would like to thank Marie & Rusty Goe for their generous donation of \$10,000 to purchase a new microfilm reader for our Research Library.

We also received a new large paper cutting board from an anonymous donor. Thank you everyone for thinking of us!



MEET OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER

My name is Theresa Nielson, and I joined the Nevada Historical Society as a Collections Technician in May.

I was born and raised in Reno and graduated from the University of Nevada in May 2021 with a Bachelor's degree in History. I also minored in Museum Studies and Anthropology. I am currently pursuing my Master's degree in Library and Information Science online through San Jose State University.

As an undergraduate, I worked at UNR Special Collections and University Archives as a student assistant. I learned a lot about the library/archive profession and decided to pursue it as a career. I am excited to bring my previous experience to my new position at NHS.

In my free time I enjoy reading, watching movies, going to UNR football and basketball games, and volunteering at the Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts.



NHS Collections Fact

Did you know three of our Dat-so-la-lee baskets were returned to NHS with the help of the FBI back in 1998? Learn more about the story when viewing our baskets in our permanent gallery.

ONLINE MUSEUM STORE NEWS

Tiffany Jones, Admin. Asst./Store Manager



Great news our Museum Store is going online. It will feature vintage casino items, novelty items, and Nevada history books.

The online store is a great opportunity for our members and customers to support the Nevada Historical Society while living outside the State. Stay tuned for more information on the launch date!

NHS WISHLIST

Did you know that people can help support the NHS in many ways: from volunteering; to purchasing items from our wish list, which includes archival supplies, cabinets and equipment; to making generous financial donations.

Here are some items from our list:

- Two new iPads, for our Nevada History Gallery
- Two new touchscreen monitors for our Nevada History Gallery
- Epson scanners, four scanners are needed: three to replace existing photo stations and one for the staff exhibition and video workstation
- Blue board, \$1000 (20 boards, used to build archival housing and support for artifacts)
- Custom cabinet with drawers for hands-on educational component in Nevada gallery
- New exhibition case and funds to enhance our Mountain Men section of the gallery



Above Photo: Tiffany was hard at work pulling weeds and cleaning up the front flowerbeds this summer and fall at NHS.



Above Photo: NHS Docent Alex rehousing photographs.

DOCENT SPOTLIGHT

Sarah Patton, Archivist

Alex Cubbon is a docent working in the Nevada Historical Society's archives, where she processes manuscript and photograph collections. Prior to moving to Reno in 2018, she worked in higher education at UCLA and Stanford as a research assistant, teaching fellow, and program manager. Alex has previously volunteered in the archives department at Holocaust Museum LA.

She has also written articles for the *Routledge Encyclopedia of Modernism* and the *Historic Reno Preservation Society's FootPrints* Newsletter. Alex holds a Bachelor's degree in History from Yale University, and a Master's degree in History from UCLA. She lives in Northwest Reno with her husband, daughter, and their Bengal cat.

Since she started volunteering as a docent at the beginning of 2023, Alex has rehoused and described the Zeb Kendall papers, the Robert George Brown papers, the John and Miriam Chism papers, the Chism Family records, the Pete Petersen scrapbook, and the Old Bridge Ranch records.

We are so grateful for Alex's help in making our collections more accessible to the public and ensuring that they are properly housed and stored for long-term preservation. Her history background and research experience also means she writes excellent biographical/historical notes for the finding aids! Make sure to check them out at the links above.

REVEALING HIDDEN COLLECTIONS

Sarah Patton, Archivist

At the end of June, the Nevada Historical Society library catalog was migrated to Koha/Aspen Discovery. Since then, Theresa has been diligently doing data clean-up to create individual records for books where we have multiple copies of the title (previously this information lived in a private note that was not publicly accessible and also did not allow us to have an accurate item count for our library holdings).

There were approximately 4000 records that needed to be cleaned up, and Theresa has completed them. When finished, we will have a more accurate count of how many books are in the library and how many copies we have of each title.



Item type	Current library	Home library	Collection	Call number	Serial enumeration / chronology	Status	Last seen	Date accessioned	Date last borrowed	Barcode	Public notes	Non public notes
Serial	Nevada Historical Society	Nevada Historical Society	Books	TN23 .M56	1882-1903	Not for loan (Not For Loan)	06/24/2023	09/24/2008		39963000156632		1882- 156632: 1884- 156640: 1885- 156657: 1886- 156665: 1887- 156673: 1888- 156681: 1890- 156699: 1892- 156707: 1900- 156715: 1901 (3 copies)- 156723, 156731, 156749: 1902- 156756: 1903 (2 c)- 156764, 156772.

Left Image: Screenshot of the staff side of the catalog. On the right, in the Non-public notes field, you can see the barcodes for the different years we have of the report, along with the indication that in some cases we have multiple copies.

Right Image: Screenshot of the public side of the catalog for the same title. Outlined in red, you can see that there is only one listing for all of the copies from 1882-1903. Currently, researchers (and staff) wouldn't know that we don't have copies from every year or that we have multiple copies of certain years.

Mineral resources of the United States.
(Book)

Average Rating ☆☆☆☆☆

Contributors

Published
Format
Physical Desc
Status

United States: Bureau of Mines.
Geological Survey [U.S.]
Washington : Government Printing Office, 1883-1933.
Book
79 v. : ill. (part fold.) ; 24-30 cm.
Library Use Only
Nevada Historical Society
TN23 .M56 1882-1903
1 available
Nevada Historical Society
TN23 .M56 1904-1916
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Above Image: Final view of the cleaned-up version of the title. Right Image: Catalog record that lists the individual copies of the title.

REVEALING HIDDEN COLLECTIONS CONTINUED

Sarah Patton, Archivist

Additionally, the new online catalog is very customizable, and we are trying to take advantage of that. I have created an [NHS Finding Aids](#) page, where we are uploading searchable PDF guides to our manuscript collections.

Migrating them from our website to the catalog means that 1) it's easier to upload files, and 2) the finding aids page is included in the catalog search, so it will pop up as a search result, hopefully leading to increased use of our manuscript collections, particularly as we add more finding aids to the page.

In that vein, Theresa has created finding aids for almost 150 small manuscript collections, as well as converting the old finding aids to our new format that is compliant with archival standards, and we are working on getting those uploaded to the catalog.

Finding Aids for NHS Manuscript Collections		
A finding aid is "a description that typically consists of contextual and structural information about an archival resource" (Dictionary of Archives Terminology). NHS finding aids include information such as the title and date range of the collection; the size of the collection; biographical or historical information about the creator; a summary of the collection's contents; and a listing of collection contents, usually at the folder level.		
NHS manuscript collections with finding aids available online are listed below, with a brief description of their subject matter and/or contents. Click the title of the manuscript collection to open a searchable PDF finding aid in a new tab. For a full list of all of our numbered manuscript collections, click here .		
Collection Title	Collection #	Description
Adelberg & Raymond records	MSNC00376	Correspondence and reports on Nevada mining properties in central Nevada and the Cornstock area, particularly in the Reese River Mining District and Lander County. Most of the reports contain detailed information regarding claims, ledges, and mines.
Amalgamated Pioche Mines and Smelters Corporation records	MSNC00725	Records of the Amalgamated Pioche Mines and Smelters Corporation and the Pioche Pacific Railroad Company, including weekly operating reports, financial statements, invoices, shipping documents, and other financial records.
Balzar (Frederick Bennett) papers	MSNC00686	The Frederick Bennett Balzar papers consist primarily of financial documents, a few certificates and book, photographs, drawings, and a diary Balzar kept during 1928. Balzar's governor's papers are held at the Nevada State Archives.
Belknap (Clayton H.) papers	MSNC00546	Correspondence and business records pertaining to Belknap's law practice and personal business affairs. Most of the correspondence is from R. E. Kelly of the Justice Mining Company in San Francisco. There are also minutes and records from the Como-Eureka Mining Company and political speeches from Belknap's campaign for Storey County district attorney in 1888.

Above Image: Screenshot of Finding Aids page from NHS library catalog. The Collection Titles are links to the searchable PDF finding aids, which detail the collection contents.

BIG CHANGES HAPPENING AT NHS

There are many new remodeling Capital Improvement Projects that will be happening at NHS within the next couple of years.

- Repairing stucco and repainting our building
- New HVAC system
- New roof
- ADA enhancements to the outside of the building: new front and side steps, new ramps
- Retrofit of the Googie fins on the building
- New lighting and security systems inside and outside of the building
- Upgrading our electrical and data lines
- New phone system



Above Photo: Miss Wakayama, Nevada's Friendship Doll, with her traveling accessories. Check out this video about [Miss Wakayama](#).

Holidays and Football Game Closures

Friday, Nov. 10 – Veteran's Day holiday

Thursday, Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving holiday

Friday, Nov. 24 – Family Day

Saturday, Nov. 25 – UNR Home Football Game



Above Photo: The latest exhibition in the NHS Changing Hallway Gallery on *Hello Hollywood, Hello!*, featuring costumes from *Kiss Me Kate* and *Ben Hur*.

EXHIBITION NEWS CHANGING GALLERY

The NHS Changing Hallway Gallery now features the new exhibit, *When Hollywood Came to Reno: MGM's Hello Hollywood, Hello! A Tribute to the Magic World of Movies*.

We have scheduled two fascinating lectures in conjunction with our latest exhibition *When Hollywood Came to Reno: MGM Hello Hollywood, Hello! A Tribute to the Magic World of Movies* in honor of the 45th Anniversary of the opening of *Hello Hollywood, Hello!*

The first talk, *Hello Hollywood, Hello! History & Costumes*, is scheduled for Friday, December 1, 2023, from 5 to 7pm. Karen Burns will talk about the show while bringing in a few costumes currently not on display. We will have light refreshments in our event space from 5-5:30pm before the talk.

The second talk, *Hello Hollywood, Hello! Unique Stories from Former Cast and Crew Panel*, that is scheduled for Saturday, January 13, 2024, from 1 to 3pm. This will be a unique program that will begin with showing snippets from the show before the panel discussion. Karen Burns will be the moderator as former cast and crew members share stories and memories from their time working on the production of *Hello Hollywood, Hello!*

Make sure to check out our second [television interview](#) about the exhibit with Rebecca Kitchen from KOLO 8 News.

The exhibit will be on display **through January 27, 2024.**



Above Photo: Visitors enjoying our changing gallery during the reception on Saturday, October 7, 2023.

Below Photo: Several former HHH cast and crew members catching up during the reception.





NOTES FROM THE DOCENT COUNCIL BOARD

Lorraine Petersen, NHS Docent Vice President

Sometimes you just have to “toot your own horn,” as the saying goes. The Tour Docents were truly amazing during Artown. They engaged the gallery visitors and shared interesting bits of history. Many of the guests came back for the other lectures and visited the galleries again and again to talk with the docents.

And if you haven’t visited the galleries lately, do so. Shery has developed wonderful new signage for many of the gallery artifacts. I visit the galleries often to read the labels and continue to learn.

We will be electing our 2024 Docent Council Board members soon. Please consider being a Docent Council Board member. And continue to share ideas to make our volunteer group among the best.

NEW ARTIFACT DONATION



Left Photo: Basket Bouquet, Nevada Women’s book and individual women’s names attached to a smaller handmade basket with handwritten notes inside.

Right Photo: Detail of women’s names attached to the smaller basket.

We would like to acknowledge one of our newest donations from the Nevada Women’s History Project (NWHP), a beautiful Nevada art piece called the **Basket Bouquet**. This basket was created by artist and basket weaver Mary Lee Fulkerson in 1996.

The basket was created for the *Great Basin Basket Makers* group show during women’s history month, which was the inspiration for the basket theme.

The basket is made of fortune-cookie type slips of paper with the names of Nevada women on them. The tall and striking piece is adorned with symbolic representations of many women who contributed personal stories. Oversized mementos and letters have been collated into a book.

Fulkerson wrote to women in the arts, government, serving their communities, and those that empower others in small and large ways across the state of Nevada. Fulkerson asked each woman for two things: a symbol depicting who they are and the names of two other women who influenced them. Each woman answered the call and included letters to explain their choices that Fulkerson compiled into a book.

Fulkerson incorporated their symbols into the basket and began writing the influential women’s names around the basket’s rim and on the basket itself.

Fulkerson created the basket into the shape of a fluted vase. She used willows, twigs, and dowels to serve as branches to hold the symbols that were placed on them. Fulkerson said that she met many wonderful Nevada women through the NWHP, and she felt that “the basket is a way to weave us all together.”

Mona Reno, a NWHP member, and Mary Lee Fulkerson’s family are donating funds to purchase a case to display this unique Nevada basket.

NEWS FROM THE DOCENT COUNCIL BOARD

Pam Walker, NHS Docent President

Hello Docents! Hope you are all enjoying the autumn weather that we are experiencing.

School tours have started up and, as always, we need more docents who are not afraid of fourth graders to join the Education Docents and lead tours. Anyone is welcome to shadow one of the tours and then join in to lead tours at a later date. Please check with Kristina Hornback, Curator of Education, if you have any questions or would like to participate in the tours.

October was a busy month for the Docent Council. Instead of a speaker coming to us, we headed out to the Stewart Indian School to visit the Cultural Center and listen to stories from former students. We can't talk about the history of Nevada, and America, without talking about the history of the Native tribes. The culture clashes between those that passed through and then eventually settled in Nevada, and those who already lived here, was not pretty and should not be forgotten or overlooked.

If you receive an email or phone call from Sue Moore-Fry, don't ignore it. She has kindly (or perhaps bravely) agreed to head the election committee this year. It is time to start thinking about electing a 2024 Docent Council Board, and Sue will be talking to you about serving on the board. Don't shy away. It's not difficult and doesn't take that much of your time, but it is necessary. The Board takes care of all the little bits of business that make the Docent Council events fun and easy for you. Just like any other organization you have ever been a member of, people have to step up and do the work to make it work.

These elections take place at the December Docent Council meeting. This year there is a conflict at the Museum on the regular meeting day, so the meeting day has been changed. We will meet for a "pastry potluck" on Saturday, December 9th at 10:30am at the Museum. Watch for the *D.C. Bee* in your email; there will be a reminder and more information regarding the December meeting.

That's all for now, thanks for taking a few minutes to catch up on what's happening with the Docent Council!



Above Photo: Frederick Joseph Wiseman, early aviator who participated in an early exhibition at the State Fairgrounds in Reno, October 1910. NHS Photo NYE-01073.

THIS WAS NEVADA SERIES

Fred Wiseman: Reno's First Aerial Barnstormer

Phillip I. Earl

Although Ivy Baldwin made Nevada's first flight in Carson City on June 23, 1910, it is Fred Wiseman who holds the honor of having made the first flight in Reno's history. As was the case with many aviators, Wiseman was a bicyclist and an automobile racer before turning to flying. Inspired by a visit to the Wright brothers' facilities in Dayton, Ohio in 1909, he built his own machine on a ranch near Fulton, California.

The design was based upon his study of the Wright brothers' planes, but it included some elements of the Curtis biplane and closely resembled a craft developed by a famous French aviator, Farman. Wiseman tested his machine for the first time at Santa Paula, California on May 30, 1910, before a large crowd of Memorial Day celebrants.

Wiseman's appearance in Reno was promoted by City Councilman Charles Sadlier, owner of the Overland Hotel, and a contract for a series of flights was negotiated in late October of 1910. To convince himself and his financial backers in Reno that Wiseman could get a machine off the ground, Sadlier took a ride with the aviator at Petaluma and sent pictures back to Reno.

To read the full article, [Fred Wiseman](#).

NHS 'Q' UPDATE

Catherine Magee, Director

I am excited to inform you about the upcoming changes we are making to the *Nevada Historical Society Quarterly*. In 2023, we are changing the publication's name to the Nevada Historical Society 'Q' (aka "The Q") and moving to an online publication with an end of year "best of" print publication mailed out in December.

We are extremely excited about partnering with Project MUSE to host the Nevada Historical Society Q, where you will get online access with your paid subscription to the Q. You will have immediate access to uploaded content as soon it is vetted and approved. Not only will you find expanded articles and color graphics—all the online content is compliant with US and international accessibility standards!

Our mission is our passion—to preserve, share, and protect Nevada's cultural heritage for the enrichment of all generations, and the Nevada Historical Society's publications are one way we ensure we fulfill our mission.

Below are answers to some frequently asked questions. We look forward to serving you for another 120 years!

I love the Nevada Historical Society Quarterly, why change?

Throughout our 120-year history, the Nevada Historical Society has met the needs of our constituents by updating and changing our publications, including the *Nevada Historical Society Biennial Reports* (1907–1970), the *Nevada Historical Society Papers* (1913–1926), and the *Nevada Historical Society Quarterly* (1957–2022).

We are changing to meet the needs of readers, historians, and scholars with both online and print access. The *Nevada Historical Society Quarterly* began in 1957 and has since become a respected peer-reviewed journal dedicated to Nevada's history. Our readers rely on us to ensure our articles are factual, educational, and enthralling. This is done through the peer-review process and editing. The submitted articles are sent to experts in the field to review for accuracy, validity, and originality. The editorial process also ensures readability and accuracy. Both these processes take time; no longer will scholars and authors have to wait months or even a year for a print publication—content and articles will be published on the *Nevada Historical Society Q* page of the Project MUSE website as soon as they have been reviewed and approved.

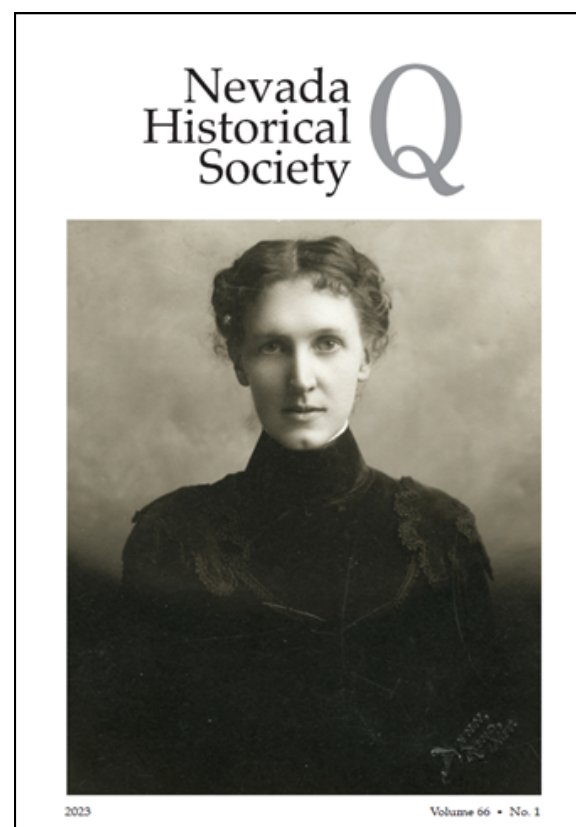
The changes will make the Q broadly accessible, fiscally responsible, and enable expanded content. Academics will relish having their Q articles globally discoverable.

How will this affect my current membership and subscription?

Our partner, Project MUSE, will provide online access with your Nevada Historical Society membership at the Individual level and higher. In conjunction with paid online access, the NHSQ "best of" will be printed and mailed to members once a year.

Where do I find current information about the changes?

Visit the [Nevada Historical Society](https://www.nevadahistory.org/) website for updates and the [Project MUSE](https://www.projectmuse.com/) website to whet your appetite for expanded benefits to come.



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WHERE GAMING HISTORY FINDS A NEW HOME

Debra Brastoff, Collections Manager

Did you know the company that made most of the casino chips in the United States from 1945 to 1965 was also an almost unknown manufacturer of pool balls?

Burt Company of Portland, Maine produced compression molded pool balls starting in 1912. This process used massive presses to force air bubbles out of the composition material and remove any internal voids that would unbalance a ball. Priced out of the pool ball market by Belgium manufacturers, Burt Company transitioned to producing chips full time after World War II using the same technique. Many United States gaming device retailers contracted with Burt Company for the production of chips.

The Nevada Historical Society recently received a new donation of Burt Company artifacts. The newly acquired chip molding cups and the hobs used to make the molding cups are a welcome addition to the more than 2000 artifacts and the manuscript collection preserving the Burt Company's place in gaming history here at the Nevada Historical Society.

To learn about dice and chip manufacturing, come visit the Nevada Historical Society American Gaming Archives (AGA) Exhibit in the Nevada gallery.

DOCENT ORIENTATION

On Friday, September 15, 2023, NHS offered our latest new docent orientation session. Six new volunteers have joined the NHS Docent Council.

NHS has been looking for new volunteers for our educational department to assist with school and adult tours. We have four new volunteers that are starting to learn our tours by shadowing school tours. The Research Library has two new volunteers with existing experience with manuscripts and maps.

Our next class will be in the new year. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering, please email our Curator of Education, Kristina Hornback, at khornback@nevadaculture.org.



Above Photo: Group photo of chip molding cups and hobs

Middle Photo: Clockwise from top left: T. K. Specialty Horseshoe hob, Horse Head Left hob, MGM Grand cup, Marion & Co. Elephant cup, and a Dunes cup.

Below Photo: Pool ball mold set that weighs 950 lbs.



NHSQ HISTORIC ARTICLE



Above Photo: Colonel Teddy Roosevelt's visit to Reno, 1911.
NHS Photo WA-12121.

Nevada's Bull Moose Progressives: The Formation and Function of a State Political Party in 1912

Eric N. Moody

IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION of 1912 the Progressive party nationally outpolled one of the two major political parties and became, in terms of popular support, the most successful of American third-party movements.

Its success was, however, ephemeral, for it lacked a unique and lasting foundation upon which any political institution of permanence must be based. Its cause—**progressivism**—was at least partially shared by both major established political parties. Its vitality, its very survival depended upon the leadership of one man. The Progressive party was very much Theodore Roosevelt's party and when he declined to lead it, it sickened and died, its adherents drifting to one or the other of its rivals.

Necessarily, then, it was of an artificial and contrived nature. Its impetus and its organization extended from the national leadership to the states, to the local levels. The Progressive party, unlike the major political parties of American history, did not derive its effective strength from, and channel its support through, a hierarchical party structure reliant upon genuine "grass roots" organization and backing.

NHSQ Fall 1973 issue, pages 157 - 179.

<http://epubs.nsla.nv.gov/statepubs/epubs/210777-1973-3Fall.pdf>



Nevada Day Beard Contest

Above Photo: Z.T. Wilcox had one of the longest beards at 8.5 Feet in length. A resident of Carson City, he competed in many contests over the years. It is said that he would wrap his beard around a piece of cardboard and tuck it under his waistcoat. A Nevada Day tradition, the annual beard contest is still held in Carson City during the Nevada Day celebrations. NHS Photo Bio W-00 Wilcox, Z.T.

REDISCOVERING NEVADA'S STORIES

Sheryl L. Hayes-Zorn,
Curator of History

As I was thinking of ways to acknowledge Nevada's veterans, I remembered this understated image dated to the 1940s.

What were these veterans celebrating in Reno? Would I be able to unearth their story using Newspapers.com?

On the back of the photograph, it lists

the names of the band members posing on the front steps of the Washoe County Courthouse and that Clara Betty is in the photograph. I knew that Harry Sampson was a Paiute and member of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. The photo had to be dated to 1945 or later, after the end of World War II.

This group photo is documenting a special event in Reno. The officials between the columns are seen talking and laughing while the band members are proudly holding their instruments while looking at the camera. Their band uniform and military hats help to identify the organization as the Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW.

Reno celebrated Armistice Day to honor the state's veterans on Sunday, November 11, 1945. The community gathered to watch the parade that came down Virginia Street and ended at the Courthouse. A memorial service was held, followed by a free luncheon for veterans at the State Building, former home of NHS. Afterwards, there was a veteran sponsored University of Nevada football game, and an evening banquet held at the Cedars.

This photo was most likely taken before or after the luncheon as the Nevada Historical Society (NHS) location was across the street from the Courthouse. I believe Clara Beatty would have wanted to document this special occasion.

Above Photo: Paiute marching band members on the front steps of the Washoe County Courthouse. Front row, left to right: Robert Johnson, Raymond Abraham, Hastings Poncho, Dewey Joe, Carl Tobey, Robert Cromwell. Top row: Harry Sampson, Simon Harris, Bill Smith, and Buster Phoenix. Clara Beatty is the woman on the left. NHS Photograph, ETH-00674.



EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH



Photo Above: Pam Walker, Lorraine Petersen, Neil Carlson, Catherine Magee, and Karen Hofstadter

Celebrate Washoe Lake Event

May 20, 2023

In May, our director Catherine and our wonderful educational docents participated in the *Celebrate Washoe Lake* annual event. It was one of those rare HOT early days, and we persevered because there were so many visitors to our table. The event was very successful, as we were able to help promote NHS and Nevada history.

NHS Collections Fact

Did you know that our American Gaming Archives (AGA) is the largest collection of manufacturing records pertaining to gambling and gaming in America? With the information available, you can research chips by size, design, font, and so much more!

DOCENT COUNCIL LECTURES

The NHS Docent Council has a great lecture series scheduled for this fall. The **Meeting and Lecture** occur the first Thursday of the month at 10:30am. Please attend if you would like to learn more about the Docent Council organization.

11/2/2023 10:30am Meeting and Lecture

LRTC, Large Animal Rescue Non-Profit Organization

12/9/2023 10:30am Meeting, Election, and Brunch

General Election and Holiday brunch with pastries

1/4/2024 10:30am Meeting and Lecture

Speaker, Sheryl Hayes-Zorn, *Early Nevada Women Stories*

Hours of Operation

Museum & Store: Wed. – Sat. 10am–4pm

Research Library: Thurs. – Sat. 12–4pm*

*Reservations Required – **reserve** a seat!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Make sure to check our website and Facebook page for these and other upcoming events. Limited seating is available in our Event Space, so make sure to arrive early.

11/8/2023 5-6:30pm Writers' Wednesday

John M. Glionna and Randi Lynn Beach, *Outback Nevada: Real Stories from the Silver State*. Refreshments before 5:30pm talk.

11/11/2023 1-2:30pm Nevada History Lecture

Emerson Marcus, Historian & PIO, *75th Anniversary of the Nevada Air National Guard, 1948–2023. Veteran's Day Lecture!*

11/16/2023 12:00pm High Noon Lecture (Zoom)

Chuck Weller, historian, *Stories from Reno in World War II*.

12/1/2023 5-7pm Exhibition Lecture

Karen Burns, *MGM Hello Hollywood, Hello! History & Costumes*. Learn about the history of the show and costumes.

12/13/2023 No Writers' Wednesday**12/21/2023 12:00pm High Noon Lecture (Zoom)**

Home Is Nevada: Animal Ark Video, Neal Cobb guest. Dick Stoddard & Neal Cobb are the hosts for this original video. It has never been aired!

1/10/2024 No Writers' Wednesday**1/13/2024 1-3pm Exhibition Lecture**

Karen Burns, *MGM Hello Hollywood, Hello! Unique Stories from Former Cast and Crew Panel*. Karen Burns will be the moderator as former cast and crew members share stories and memories from their time working on the production of *Hello Hollywood, Hello!*

1/18/2024 12:00pm High Noon Lecture (Zoom)

Steve Ellison, historian, *The Reno You Know: Local History Comes to YouTube*.

1/27/2024 Last Day of Exhibition

When Hollywood Came to Reno: MGM's Hello Hollywood, Hello! A Tribute to the Magic World of Movies.