

Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society



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President's Message

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Welcome New Members

Third Quarter 2023

Eleanor Baker	Lois Brown
Marleen Kovacs	Paula Mancini
Karen J. Stewart	Kelley Barrett
Stephanie Duzant	Paul G. Bell III

Current CCNGS Membership: 134

By: Pat Saletore

As we slide into the home stretch of this term for our Board of Directors, I want to highlight some of the accomplishments of the last two years. Our V.P. for Education, John Meyer, has brought back lunch & learn and Beginning Genealogy Classes. John has also worked hard to organize and staff the Heritage Room. As part of that process, he has written a document for standard practices for our volunteers, the management of the Heritage Room, and the documents stored therein.



Our V.P. for Operations, Sherri Sinclair, has provided us with enlightening programming for our meetings.

Our Treasurer, Diane Sinclair, has not only kept our books, but kept us right with the State.

Our Secretary, Craig Smith, has recorded our meetings AND maintained the newsletter. We have also created a document of Standing Rules. This doesn't mean that we made up new rules, but that we have written down what we have perceived as common procedures that have already been in use. This is important, so that a future Board of

President's Message (Continued)

Directors has some guidelines relative to what has been done in the past.

Seeing that our membership was having trouble knowing the names of other members...even if they know the other members—just not their names...we have implemented name tags to wear. PLEASE wear them! This is critical to our organization being a group and not just individuals in a room.

Now I have often referred to the other members of this Board of Directors as a “Dream Team.” This is because each of these directors has fairly obvious strengths for the jobs they have filled. We started this term in a very low point. Not just CCNGS, but EVERY organization took a hit from COVID19. Life seemed to hit the pause button and stayed there for a long time. Sometimes it felt like a slog, but we have climbed up from the effects of the Pandemic. Attendance is up for our meetings, and we are getting new members. It would be easy to say that it was because our “Dream Team” has done a good job, but it is only partly true. Our MEMBERSHIP has done a great job of coming back to the organization. So thanks to all of you who came back to our meetings and have been there for us.

And now a new team is forming, in fact almost complete. I can only hope that they get the kind of support that our Board of Directors has enjoyed.

Election Committee

The CCNGS Board is seeking volunteers to recruit members to serve on the Board for 2023-2024. The Election Committee will be responsible to talk with Society members and find willing members to serve on the next Board beginning October 1, 2023.

If you are interested in serving on the Board or the Election Committee, please contact CCNGS Secretary, Craig Smith, at secretary@ccngs.org



2022-2023 CCNGS Leadership Team

As promised at the May membership meeting, the adjacent organizational chart with a summary of responsibilities

President – Pat Saletore
Overall responsibility for management of Society.

Appoint Committee for financial review every year in October.
Monthly review of all departments
Prepares program for Board meeting and coordinates with Secretary.

Treasurer – Diane Sinclair
Maintains records of all dues, contributions and donations.
Prepares monthly financial report for Board review.

Vice-President of Education

John Meyer

Supervises and works with each committee appointed to provide services needed. Reports monthly to the Board of Directors.

Vice-President of Operations

Sheri Sinclair

Supervises and works with each committee to provide services as needed. Reports monthly to the Board of Directors.

Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society

Membership

Coordinates training and Lunch & Learn Programs.

Library/Heritage Room

Coordinates member volunteers for Heritage Room. Helps with training of volunteers.

Classes

Helps to coordinate classes for members on a regular basis.

Mentors

Helps to coordinate mentor program for members to complete their genealogy. Finds volunteers to help members.

Secretary - Craig Smith

Keeper of the Records of the Society.

Take and keep the minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors and the General Membership Meeting.

Conducts all voting procedures at Society Meetings.

Acts as Parliamentarian at meetings.

Meeting Organization

Coordinates speakers, handouts, program for general meetings.

Events

Helps to organize events such as Christmas Party, Annual Meeting, and other events with organizations as needed and requested by the President. Coordinates speakers and webinars.

Social Media

Coordinates with volunteers to provide information for website, face book and other social media.

Hospitality

Coordinates refreshments, handouts, and other details needed for visitors, members and speakers.

Publicity

Coordinates notices to libraries, groups, associations for programs and membership.

Works with other groups to help with programs.

In Case You Missed It

April 15, 2023

The Perfect Genealogical Field Trip By: Bridget M. Sunderlin, CG

The Speaker, Bridget M. Sunderlin, provided an excellent guide for planning a successful genealogical field trip. A Certified Genealogist®, Bridget provided the group a handout.

Her Website is: <https://www.berootedgenealogy.com>

She may also be contacted at Email: bridgetsunderlin@berootedgenealogy.com.

May 20, 2023

Searching For United States Immigration Records By: Terry Conway

Finding immigration records, such as passenger manifests, requires significant preparation before searching online databases. Understanding how the United States records are organized is key. First, the immigrant's original name, date range of immigration and likely port of origin and port of arrival is identified. Even with ample preparation, sometimes work around searches of naturalization records or emigration records are needed to uncover the information. Immigration record searches sometimes require modification based on the travel time period. "Searching for United States Immigration Records" provides an effective step by step search approach.

Terri Conway Professional Biography:

After retiring in 2020 from a career in corporate human resources, Terri Conway continued to pursue her passion for genealogy. She gained experience researching her own family that had immigrated to Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Her ancestors primarily immigrated to the United States between 1830-1930, originating in eastern Europe, Germany and the British Isles. Lengthy and difficult to spell surnames are the norm in Terri's family. In August 2021, Terri earned her certificate in genealogy from Boston University and began volunteering at the Family Search Center in Las Vegas. During the past few years, Terri has focused on helping others to locate immigration records as well as research eastern European ancestry.

June 17, 2023

Thinking of Becoming a Board Certified Genealogist By Elisa Scalise Powell

The presentation today was a recorded seminar from Heritage Family Tree. The topic was "Becoming a Board Certified Genealogist." The Speaker, Elisa Scalise Powell, provided an excellent overview of the requirements to become a certified genealogist.

Lunch and Learn's A Learning Opportunity

CCNGS hosts quarterly Lunch and Learns. These programs offer our members and the general public an opportunity to learn and improve their genealogy knowledge and skills centered around specific subjects.

On April 26th we had a great presentation of two of the leading genealogy software programs. CCNGS Treasurer, Diane Sinclair, provided the group with an insight to these software applications and how to effectively use each of the programs. Diane explained the difference between the two programs and users might consider using them versus the other commercially WEB-based family tree programs.



Friday, June 9, 2023

"Interviewing Family Members and Recording Family Histories."

Presented by Pat Saletore.

Our President, Pat Saletore provided a presentation on how to arrange and encourage family members to share their personal and family histories. What questions should you ask and how do you keep a conversation going so information is recorded for future generations? Oral records are an important part of family lore, traditions, and history. What tools are easily available for this purpose and how do you retain this information for the future?

Future Lunch and Learn's Save the Dates

Saturday, July 15, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - Paseo Verde Library Meeting Room - **Beginning Genealogy Course.**

Learn how to do genealogy research and build a family tree from the information you have collected. The course is designed for beginners and will help individuals become familiar with genealogical terms and where to search for ancestral information. There will be a half-hour break for lunch.

Nevada Southern Branch Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims

Wins Small Branch Award

CCNGS member, Dr. Linda Miller, Past Governor of the Nevada Southern Branch National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, brought home the small branch plaque after the 113th General Court Meeting April 17, 2023 in

Washington, D.C. The Robert Orr Harris Award is named after the first Governor General in 1908. This is the first time that this award was given. A plaque was given with the name of the branch. The plaque is kept for a year. However the branch is allowed to apply again.

The lengthy application includes ten categories that need to be covered. Each category receives up to five points. The categories include branch meetings, speakers, community affairs, newsletter, media coverage, donations to National Society Projects, website, representation at General Court and special project completion.

CCNGS was able to help in the categories of community affairs, media coverage and special projects. Our newsletter, thanks to our editor Craig Smith, covered some of the activities of another CCNGS and Pilgrim member Gary Parriott and his patriotic activities. CCNGS was also the recipient of two genealogical society books from members. Two more were given on May 19 from Gary Parriott on his Duvall family and Paul Bell on his Gervais family.

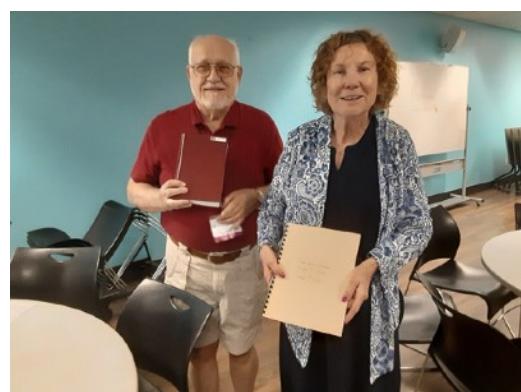
To become a member, you must prove your ancestors immigration to America before 1700 as defined by the Society. Check with Dr. Linda Miller if interested and receive a brochure.



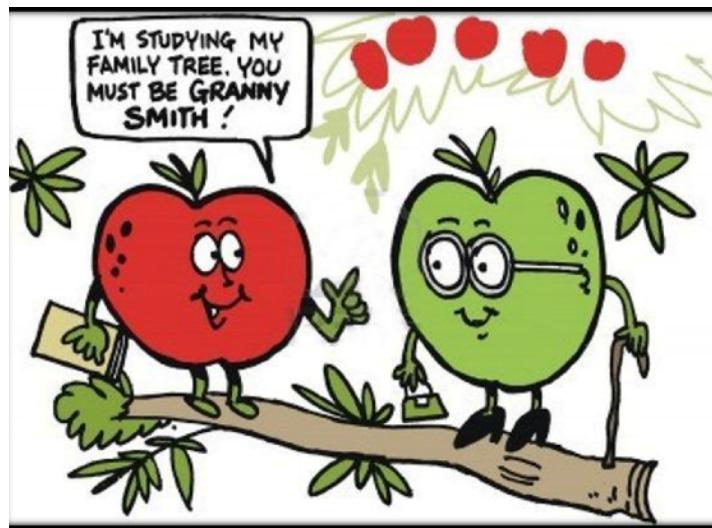
Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims

Dr. Linda Miller, Past Governor of the Nevada Southern Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, continues to donate member family history books on behalf of the society. At the May meeting she gave the Duvall Family of Maryland book which was donated by CCNGS member Gary Parriott and the manuscript of the Gervais family which was donated by Paul Gervais Bell III, the new governor of the branch.

The book and manuscript were accepted by John Meyer, CCNGS VP-Education



John Myer and Dr Linda Miller



Plan to attend the November 11, 2023 Monthly Meeting It's all about the Federal Censuses

On almost every genealogy type TV show, you'll note, starts with the genealogist saying to the client, "Let's look at the Federal Census!"

Censuses are filled with valuable information which initially may be overlooked. We will review the importance and meaning of this data.

However, the information on the census record is only as good as

1. What the informant provided
2. Who provided the information
3. The answers versus the instructions
4. What the Enumerator understood or was there a communication problem
5. The census record being legible
- 6.

Also consider that some census records are missing or deliberately erroneous.

Mark your calendars, bring your questions and share your stories.

FREE links: <https://accessgenealogy.com/census/free-on-line-census-forms.htm> and https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/U._S._Census_Records_Class_Handout

Looking forward to seeing you,

Sam Giordano, Past President



Historic Memorial Day Service at Woodlawn Cemetery By Dr. Linda Miller

The historically established May 30 Memorial Day was conducted by several genealogical groups in honor of two Civil War soldiers buried at the cemetery. The Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War with Commander Kurt Dunphy presiding (including CCGS Member Gary Parriott), and William Boone Keith Circle #3 Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic President Shirley Dunphy presiding (including CCGS Member Dr. Linda Miller), conducted their annual Memorial Day Celebration on May 30 at 12 PM.

Dr. Linda Miller, a Daughters of the Union Veterans member and William Boone Keith Circle #3 member, portrayed Helen J. Stewart, who in 1914 along with other prominent ladies in Las Vegas, persuaded the railroad to donate ten acres of land for a city cemetery. She described in Helen's words how the cemetery would be decorated.

In this historic ceremony which has been celebrated for decades, each group presented wreaths to honor the two Civil War Soldiers William Boone Keith (LGAR Circle #3 namesake), Union Soldier and Joseph Moore Graham,

Confederate Soldier, who lie side by side. A few years after the Civil War ended, the men moved to Las Vegas, leaving their families behind and became good friends. When Graham died, Keith purchased a plot for both himself and Graham. Keith had Graham's wife's (Julia) remains sent to Las Vegas to be buried next to her husband. The two veterans from opposite sides of the conflict share a common tombstone. It is believed to be the only grave in the country with a Confederate and Union soldier laying side by side.



The ceremony was also dedicated to the memory of Em and Len Becker. In 1997, Em, President of the Daughters of Union Veterans Elizabeth Benton Fremont Tent #87 and her husband Len, of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp #12, placed a monument between the graves of the two Civil War Soldiers. They were caretakers of the monument until their death a few years ago. Their young relatives attended this ceremony.

USS Nevada Veteran Returns to Normandy

By Dr. Linda Miller

USS Nevada veteran Dick Ramsey returned to Normandy, France to commemorate the 79th anniversary of the DDAY invasion June 6, 2023. He was shown on The Today Show on that morning, shaking hands with the Secretary of Defense, and Donnie Edwards, former NFL linebacker, the founder of the Best Defense Foundation which sponsored his trip. Dick gave them and General Milley USS Nevada commemorative coins.

There were ten days of celebrations, remembrances, and commemorations in honor of the liberation of France. Dick was also sponsored by the Best Defense Foundation last year to Normandy and to Pearl Harbor in December 2021. Dick was part of the USS Nevada 80th anniversary celebration there.

Dick first came to Las Vegas for the 100th anniversary of the USS Nevada in February 2016.

Celebrations were held at the Nevada State Museum, Atomic Museum and other venues. He was then invited to attend the 75th anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor trip coordinated by Dr. Miller which included members of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Nevada and Hawaii. Dick was a keynote speaker at the 80th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor Brick Laying Ceremony at the Atomic Museum on Nevada Day October 28, 2022. Unfortunately it had to be on zoom due to his recent stroke.

Dick enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943 and was sent to Great Lakes Naval Station for boot camp. He served as a Coxswain, in charge of driving small craft, and was sent to Normandy for the D-Day Invasion on June 6, 1944, aboard the USS Nevada. The invasion on the beaches of France was his first experience in combat. Dick, who will be 100 on Nevada Day this year, and Dr. Charles Sehe, 100 from Mankato, Minnesota who served on the Nevada in all their battles including Pearl Harbor and was interviewed by Channel 3 in 2016 about his service at Pearl Harbor, are the last two living USS Nevada veterans.



Dick Ramsey (On Left)

Volunteers Needed

Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society is seeking volunteers interested in leading or assisting with organizing a Clark County wide Genealogy Fair or Seminar in the Spring of 2024. Volunteers will be working with the other genealogical societies in Clark County as they coordinate location and Fair programs.

Interested volunteers should contact Craig Smith at secretary@ccngs.org for more information.

Genealogical Society Attends Certification Session

Members of the Old Spanish Trail Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims attend the June 17th CCNGS General Meeting with a presentation on “Becoming a Board Certified Genealogist.”



Back row: Claudia Hunt, Jamie Butler
Bottom row: Dr. Linda Miller, Sue Hoge, Chris Howard

State Censuses - Valuable Tool

Submitted by: Dramea Brower

State censuses can be as important as the federal census to genealogists but, because they were taken randomly, remain a much under-utilized resource in American genealogy. State censuses often can serve as substitutes for some of the missing federal census records - most notably the 1790, 1800, 1810, and 1890 censuses. Many state censuses also asked different questions than the federal census, thus recording information that cannot be found elsewhere in the federal schedules.

While not all states took their own censuses, and some have not survived, state and local census records can be found in many locations. Most states which took censuses usually did so every 10 years, in years ending in "5" (1855, 1865, etc.) to complement the federal census. These state census records are most often found at the state archives or state library. Many are also on microfilm through a local Family History Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and online via commercial genealogy databases.

The following list of state and territorial censuses as compiled by Ann S. Lainhart in her book “State Census Records”:

Alabama - 1818, 1820, 1821, 1823, 1850, 1855, 1866, 1907.

Alaska - 1870, 1878, 1879, 1881, 1885, 1887, 1890-95, 1904-07, 1914, 1917.

Arizona - 1866, 1867, 1869, 1872, 1874, 1876, 1880, 1882.

Arkansas - 1823, 1829, 1865, 1911.

California - 1788, 1790, 1796, 1797-98, 1816, 1836, 1844, 1852.

[**State Censuses - Continued**](#)

Colorado - 1861, 1866, 1885.

Connecticut - No state census records are known to exist.

Delaware - 1782.

District of Columbia - 1803, 1867, 1878

Florida - 1825, 1855, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1935, 1945.

Georgia - 1798, 1800, 1810, 1827, 1834, 1838, 1845, 1852, 1853, 1859, 1865, 1879.

Hawaii - 1878, 1890, 1896.

Idaho - No state census records are known to exist.

Illinois - 1810, 1818, 1820, 1825, 1830, 1835, 1840, 1845, 1855, 1865.

Indiana - 1807, 1853, 1857, 1871, 1877, 1883, 1889, 1901, 1913, 1919, 1931.

Iowa - 1836, 1838, 1844, 1846, 1847, 1849, 1851, 1852, 1854, 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925.

Kansas - 1855, 1865, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925.

Kentucky - No state census records are known to exist.

Louisiana - 1853, 1858.

Maine - 1837.

Maryland - 1776, 1778.

Massachusetts - 1855, 1865.

Michigan - 1837, 1845, 1854, 1864, 1874, 1884, 1888, 1894, 1904.

Minnesota - 1849, 1853, 1855, 1857, 1865, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905.

Mississippi - 1801, 1805, 1808, 1810, 1816, 1818, 1820, 1822, 1823, 1824, 1825, 1830, 1833, 1837, 1840, 1841, 1845, 1850, 1853, 1860, 1866.

Missouri - 1797, 1803, 1817, 1819, 1840, 1844, 1852, 1856, 1860, 1864, 1876, 1880.

Montana - No state census records are known to exist.

Nebraska - 1854, 1855, 1856, 1865, 1869, 1885.

Nevada - 1862, 1863, 1875

New Hampshire - No state census records are known to exist.

New Jersey - 1855, 1865, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915.

New Mexico - 1790, 1823, 1845, 1885.

New York - 1790, 1825, 1835, 1845, 1855, 1865, 1875, 1892, 1905, 1915, 1925.

North Carolina - 1786.

North Dakota - 1885, 1915, 1925.

Ohio - No state census records are known to exist.

[State Censuses - Continued](#)

Oklahoma - 1890, 1907.

Oregon - 1842, 1843, 1845, 1849, 1850, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1865, 1870, 1875, 1885, 1895 1905.

Pennsylvania - No state census records are known to exist.

Rhode Island - 1774, 1777, 1782, 1865, 1875, 1885, 1905, 1915, 1925, 1935.

South Carolina - 1825, 1839, 1869, 1875.

South Dakota - 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925, 1935, 1945.

Tennessee - 1891.

Texas - 1829-1836.

Utah - 1856.

Vermont - No state census records are known to exist.

Virginia - 1782, 1783, 1784, 1785, 1786.

Washington - 1856, 1857, 1858, 1860, 1871, 1874, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1883, 1885, 1887, 1889, 1891, 1892, 1898.

West Virginia - No state census records are known to exist.

Wisconsin - 1836, 1838, 1842, 1846, 1847, 1855, 1865, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905.

Wyoming - 1875, 1878.

State Censuses:

https://www.census.gov/history/www/genealogy/other_resources/state_censuses.html#:~:text=While%20not%20all%20states%20took,to%20complement%20the%20federal%20census

Happenings

Here are 2023 Classes And Programs

No General Meeting in July

Date: Saturday, July 15, 2023;
Lunch and Learn

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Topic: **“Beginning Genealogy Course”**

Presenter: John Meyer/Sam Giordano
Paseo Verde Library Meeting Room

Date: August 19, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.:

Topic: **“Using Investigative Skill from the
Financial World to Genealogy”**

Presenter: Kate Townsend
Monthly Meeting
Paseo Verde Library Meeting Room

Date: Saturday, September 16, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m. - Noon:

Topic: **“Locating Civil War Records”**

Presenter: Brian Rhinehart
Monthly Meeting
Paseo Verde Library Meeting Room

Las Vegas Family Search Center

509 South 9th Street 702-382-9695

Located at the corner of 9th and Clark-Parking on
10th Street

Hours: Monday & Friday - 10:00 - 3:00 PM

Tuesday & Wednesday - 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Available Services

16 Premium Family History Websites- The following are free to use in the FamilySearch Library

- 19th Century British Library Newspaper Digital Archive
- Alexander Street Press
- The American Civil War: Research Database
 - Letters and Diaries & Images, Photographs, Posters
 - Social and Cultural History Women and Social Movements in the United States
- American Ancestors - Library Rights
- Ancestry - Institution
- ArkivDigital
- FamilySearch Discovery Experiences
- FamNet
- Findmypast - Institution Version
- Fold3
- Geneanet
- Kinpoint - Premium
- MyHeritage - Library Edition
- Newspapers.com
- Paper Trail
- Puzzilla - Premium Services

Digital Scanning Equipment for the following:

- 8 mm film & Super 8 film
- Photo and flatbed scanners
- Slides
- Audio Cassette Tape (mini and standard)
- VHS Tape
- Reel to reel audio tape

We offer these other services:

- One on one personal help
- Classes: Ancestry, Fold3, FamilySearch/Tree, DNA
- Group Instruction by reservation
- Video Taping of Personal Stories in our Heritage Room

