



## ***The Prospector: Helping You Dig Deeper for Your Roots***

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### **Note From the President**

#### **CCNGS - Post COVID**

As we pull out of the COVID thing...we need to work on our membership and our place in the community. Let's maybe have some serious discussion about what the coming year is going to look like. What shall we do with the year? Are we ready for a serious event? Do we have the volunteers? We could use some fresh ideas.

I am sure no one is surprised that I have some. I have talked about some of them *ad nauseam*, I know. But I am going to do it again anyway. I have wanted for a long time to have a group...a small group, obviously, to spend a year going through the process of gaining certification from the Board for Certification of Genealogists. Check this site:

<https://bcgcertification.org/>

### **Welcome New Members**

#### **Third Quarter 2022**

##### New Members:

Mary Jo LUDWIG  
Cynthia KELLY  
Mitch BRADLEY  
Sarah Zebblowski  
Debbie Martinez  
Nancy Martinez  
Lynn Smith

Current CCNGS Membership: 125

Yes I know that is hard. It requires a lot of work and even more than that, it takes determination. I have wanted certification for myself, not so I can hang out a shingle and go professional, but as a challenge for myself. I want to know for my own benefit that I am a really good researcher. I want to feel that the body of work I have collected throughout my life was done to a high standard and that I can be proud of it. Don't we all want that?

Imagine also, if the Clark County Genealogical Society could boast of a few board certified genealogists. We could really boost our credibility. If we set this as a goal, with a deadline and do it as a group, we could support each other and lessen the chances of individually just giving up because we don't want to let the rest of the

### Note from the President (Continued)

group down. We could aim at studying **Professional Genealogy: A Manual for Researchers, Writers, Editors, Lecturers, and Librarians** (654 pages)

Maybe we could get started with a smaller bite of the apple. What if we started with a book group reading ***The BCG Genealogical Standards Manual by the Board for Certification of Genealogists?*** Is there anyone among us who wouldn't benefit from a study of this relatively small, but important book? (108 pages)

Another great option would be a review of *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace* by Elizabeth Shown Mills. (892 pages)

They are both a little heavier topics than the paperbacks with a cover graced with a ravaged woman in a red dress and a bare chested man with more muscles than humans usually have. I think we can do a lot better than that. And we have a bunch of members who are experienced enough that we could handle the task. Even if you don't follow through to apply for certification, think of how much it could change your approach to genealogical research.

Let's see some feedback on this topic...even if you just want to tell me that I am crazy to suggest it! **Participate** a little people!!!

## ***In Case You Missed It***

**July 2022** - No meetings or programs.

### **August 2022**

Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. 10:00 a.m. – Noon – Paseo Verde Library Meeting Room - **Genealogy Meeting** followed by **"How Research Plans Can Up Your Genealogical Game"** a presentation by *Annette Burke Lyttle*.

### **September 2022**

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. 10:00 a.m. – Noon – Paseo Verde Library Meeting Room - **Genealogy Meeting** followed by **"Online German Church Registers, Duplicates & Substitutes"** a presentation by *James Beidler*.

Wednesday, Sep. 28<sup>th</sup>. Noon – 2:00 p.m. – Paseo Verde Library Meeting Room. A working presentation by *Sam Giordano*. A Lunch & Learn Session – **"Coming to America"** Bring your challenges & hear ways to locate those missing relatives.

## What is Mentoring

### By Pat Salatore

Just what does mentoring mean? Whether you are only starting out, or you have a brick wall in your genealogical research, sometimes you just need a little help. That might mean a little encouragement or serious guidance about where you might look for information on an ancestor. It might be advice about how to approach getting started, or how to organize your research. It might mean you just found out your great grandfather came from Mexico and you don't know *anything* about Mexican records. One of the perks of being a member of the Clark County Nevada Genealogical Society is that all our members are interested in genealogy (duh, or they wouldn't be members). We all have hard to solve aspects of genealogical research that we have run into and conquered. If someone else has invented the wheel...don't try to reinvent it again! That would be what is called "a waste of your time." That time could be spent doing research. That is why we have a mentoring program for members.

If you are just getting started and don't want to waste time falling into the same pitfalls that veteran researchers have already explored and escaped...you could use a mentor. Pitfalls can be dark and frustrating places. Don't go there if you can avoid them.

If you have been doing genealogical research for years and smacked into one of those pesky brick walls, maybe a second opinion on why you keep smacking into it might be in order. Even the most seasoned researchers can find themselves in a "loop" that causes you to do the same stuff over and over and miss the clues you need to go forward. It can happen to anyone. Don't smack yourself into any more brick walls alone!

QUESTION: What is a genealogy mentor?

ANSWER: A genealogy mentor is a friend that helps you get on track when you feel derailed in your research.

Email me at [president@ccngs.org](mailto:president@ccngs.org) for more details.

## 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 Fall of 2023. 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](mailto:secretary@ccngs.org) for more

## Restored Ford Island Control Tower Now Open at Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum



Dr. Linda Miller visited the newly restored Ford Island Control Tower at the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum on June 29, 2022 while attending a conference at the East West Center in Honolulu. She had contributed \$2500 to the restoration of the iconic tower and her name is on the plaque in the lobby of the former fire station.

At the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Navy was in the year long process of constructing a higher control cab on top of the water tank to monitor harbor movement in addition to flight operations. After the attack, construction was hastened and the high tower control cab was operational by early 1942.

During the attack, the controllers in the Operations Building S-84 continued to guide U.S. aircraft in and out of the Ford Island airstrip.

Naval aviator Harvey Waldron recalled that oil-soaked survivors of sunken battleships wandered the field in a state of shock. He led them to the S-84 garage and tried to scrub oil off the dazed sailors.

After more than a decade of restoration work, there are three new exhibits. After ascending the restored elevator, Dr. Miller climbed an additional eighteen steps to the top of the tower. Here were displays marking the location of the ships including the USS Nevada during the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. Director Elissa Lines and Director of Operations Bill Miller were on hand to assist Dr. Miller on her adventure.

### INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE...

**By Sam Giordano**

The link below provides information on the many classes available at the Las Vegas Nevada FamilySearch Library: [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Las\\_Vegas\\_Nevada\\_FSL/Class\\_Schedule](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Las_Vegas_Nevada_FSL/Class_Schedule)

Lee Nishimoto with extensive experience in genealogy research will be teaching the following class (you won't want to miss these)!

**Saturday, October 15, 2022 10:30 AM**

More Way to Find Answers in FamilySearch Records

**Saturday October 22, 2022 10:30 AM**

Hidden Gems in the FamilySearch online Help Center

**Saturday October 29, 2022 10:30 AM**

How to Access More Records Through the FamilySearch Catalog



## Francisco Garces Chapter Flag Day Ceremony and Padre Francisco Garces Monument Rededication

By Dr. Linda Miller

During their annual Flag Day celebration, The Francisco Garces Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution rededicated the monument named after their chapter namesake June 11, 2022 at Lorenzi Park in the Rose Garden. The monument incorporates a stone from each of the then forty-eight states when it was dedicated on October 7, 1954 at the Las Vegas City Library on Carson Street between 2nd and 3rd streets in downtown Las Vegas. It was later relocated to Lorenzi Park.

This rededication included the adding of a rock from Alaska and a piece of coral from Hawaii. Dr. Linda Miller, an associate member of the Aloha Chapter in Honolulu, brought greetings from the chapter. Regent Lois McGinnis and Vice Regent Jenny Kean, coordinated the event. Councilman Cedric Crear of Ward #5 also brought greetings from the city. About 75 people attended from various chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Signers Chapter Sons of the American Revolution.

Francisco Garces was a Franciscan monk who was thought to have passed through the southern part of the state on his way to California in 1775. His book of travels is considered one of the epic journeys of all of North America.

The monument was also awarded the City of Las Vegas Historic Preservation Award in 2014 after being nominated by Dr. Linda Miller.



## Gary Parriott Recipient of Prestigious Patriotic Awards

By Dr. Linda Miller

Famously known for dressing in several period costumes at various events, Gary Parriott has recently received several awards for his preservation work. He was awarded the US Daughters of 1812 History Award for his work in preserving history of his ancestor who fought in the War of 1812 and creating a Find A Grave memorial by the Nevada State Society Daughters of 1812.

Then Mr. Parriott was awarded the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Excellence in Preservation Award and their highest preservation award, the Historic Preservation Medal at the Old Spanish Trail NSDAR Chapter meeting on September 10 by Regent Christine Howard and Dr. Linda Miller, OST CO-Chair of Historic Preservation. Elizabeth Hotchkiss, National Chair for NSDAR who reviewed the application, said, "Fewer than thirty of these awards are presented each year throughout the United States. The Historic Preservation Medal recognizes and honors a person who has done extraordinary volunteer work over a long period of time...Mr. Parriott's support of the Stanford Historical Society in Standfordville, New York with their Briggs's grave was instrumental in the project's success. As an officer of American Legion Post 76 and a Revolutionary War reenactor, Mr. Parriott has supported veterans. We thank him for the establishment of a Veterans Memorial Monument for Veterans dying without family members to honor them. His many years of volunteer work demonstrate his continued dedication to historic preservation." His cousin Honorable Richard Smith, who wrote one of the references and was at the preservation ceremony which Gary conducted, wrote the following:" His profound love of history of the American Revolution combined with his genuine warm nature of conversation makes him a profound resource and asset to any effort on behalf of the preservation of the history of our nation's beginning." Joel Forman, past commander of the Post 76 who also wrote a reference letter was in attendance at the luncheon as a guest of Dr. Linda Miller, OST Co-chair of Historic Preservation and who prepared all the applications.

The National Society Daughters of Colonial Wars awarded Mr. Parriott their "American Heroes" award. He was selected for this award as a person who embodies the virtues of duty, courage, patriotism and sacrifice in service to their home, community, and country.



## **National Pilgrims Memorial Meetinghouse Restoration Project**

**By Dr. Linda Miller**

### **Nevada Southern Branch Governor National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims**

National Heritage Society leaders gathered in 2019 to make plans for the restoration of the First Parish Church of Plymouth often referred to as the Meetinghouse. It stands where the original meetinghouses was built nearly 400 years ago. The National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse is located at Town Square in Plymouth Massachusetts.

In 1897 the 5<sup>th</sup> Meetinghouse was built by Boston architects Hartwell, Richardson and Driver as a symbol of our country's origin, a tribute to the Pilgrim's journey to America and a cornerstone of our history. In 2014 the First Parish Church of Plymouth was placed on the National Register of Historic Places after that it was listed as one of Massachusetts' Most Endangered Historic Resources.

That is why several heritage societies agreed to help support various aspects of the restoration. Although not a Mayflower Society descendant, I am member of the National Society Daughters of American Colonists, Daughters of Colonial Wars and National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims which are helping with the restoration.

The town of Plymouth contributed over two million dollars for the exterior of the building which has been completed. Now the restoration of the sanctuary has begun. National Society Daughters of Colonial War's President Alice Ellingsberg's presidential project was a pin of the tudor rose, symbol of the society. Contributors of \$50 or more received the pin. An anonymous donor generously offered to match every dollar contributed to the president's project. Proceeds from that project will restore and preserve the wall coverings in the gallery of the First Parish Church.

The stained glass windows in the gallery at the front of the meetinghouse tell the story of Pastor John Robinson bidding farewell to those boarding the Mayflower, while those left behind stand weeping. The arts and crafts interior of the church is the only remaining unaltered example of architects Hartwell, Richardson and Driver's work. Damage from leaks has caused serious damage to the interior. The stained glass windows that you see are recreations. The original windows have been restored but cannot be installed because of the building's structure is too weak to support them. After the building's structure is reinforced to support the weight of the stained glass windows, the project will be to restore and preserve the heavily damaged wall coverings in the surrounding gallery.

The National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, of which I am the Nevada Southern Branch Governor, National Governor Bill Allerton's project is to restore the bells and chimes. They also have a president's pin. The cost of one bell to restore and have your name on it costs \$15,000.

The National President of the Daughters of American Colonists Melanie Platte, also has a presidential pin. Her organization's project is to fund the restoration of the Ten Bell Chimes of the Carillon. As a member of the organization, I heard about the project in Hawaii at the local Daughters of American Colonists meeting.

The current Governor General of the Mayflower Society Jane Hurt, spoke at both the Colonial Wars and Pilgrims national meetings that I attended in Washington DC during heritage week as well as other societies. Although the original estimate was \$10 million, the cost has now risen to \$20 million with a completion date of 2024. Jane expressed regret that her term as Governor General ends



## National Pilgrims Memorial (Continued)

next year before the project is estimated to be completed. Although six bays for activities had been planned, now there will only be one. This will be a photographic recreation of Leyden Street as it looked in 1620 and now. You will also be able to “talk” to Pilgrims.

Lea Filson was the expected speaker for the Mayflower Project at the Heritage Society Meetings. However she suffered a serious fall and was unable to come. However she will be part of the Nevada Southern Branch Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims Meeting November 19, 2022 at the National Atomic Testing Museum. She will be via zoom with a live audience in the museum.

Lea is the Executive Director of Tourism for the Town and County Of Plymouth Massachusetts. With knowledge of her eight ancestors on the Mayflower and a career in tourism, helping tell the Mayflower story to over a million visitors a year is a great honor.

As Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants from 2014-2017, Lea introduced the “Governor General’s 1620 Club” to begin a culture of fundraising for the Mayflower Society. She led the effort to accept the donation to preserve, and restore the First Parish Church at the top of Town Square, known as the Mayflower Meetinghouse. Only \$4,000,000 has been raised to date.

The beautiful iconic memorial to the Pilgrims will serve generations to come because of the efforts of generous donors from numerous historic societies, individuals and member societies of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.



### NATIONAL SOCIETY SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE PILGRIMS NEVADA SOUTHERN BRANCH

with NEVADA SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS • LAS VEGAS COLONY  
and SAMOSET CHAPTER • COLONIAL DAMES OF THE 17TH CENTURY  
and CONTINENTAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF INDIAN WARS

#### OFFICIAL NOTICE TO THE BRANCH MEETING is hereby given by Nevada Southern Branch Governor Dr. Linda Miller

**Saturday • November 19, 2022**

**National Atomic Testing Museum**  
755 East Flamingo • Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

**Featured Speaker Lea Filson**

Via Zoom from  
Plymouth, Massachusetts

**Why the Mayflower  
Meetinghouse Matters**



9:30 a.m. Executive Board Meeting  
10:00–10:30 a.m. Registration  
10:00–10:30 a.m. View Voices and Silent Auction  
and Exhibits  
10:30 a.m. Opening of Conference  
11:00 a.m. Luncheon  
11:30 p.m. Program  
Business session to follow

**Traditional Turkey Dinner Buffet • \$30 per person**

Please make check payable to Nevada Southern Branch NSSDP and mail with this form by November 9, 2022 to:  
Terry Rubenstein, 7912 Turtle Cove Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89128-6728., [trubens@cox.net](mailto:trubens@cox.net) 702-255-2557.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Guest and affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



Join Nevada DAR Members for the USS Nevada Brick Dedication Commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of the Attack On Pearl Harbor

October 28, 2022 Nevada Day

at the National Atomic Testing Museum 755 East Flamingo Las Vegas 89119

10am -12:00



Featured Speakers Include :

USS Nevada Veteran Dick Ramsey (Celebrating His 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday)

Bring a Birthday Card

USS Nevada Veteran Dr. Charles Sehe (by Phone)

RAD Sam Cox (Retired) Director of the Navy Heritage Museum

John Galloway (plaque designer)

NSDAR Members Who Attended the 75<sup>th</sup> and 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries in Hawaii 2016 & 2021

# *Happenings*

## Here are 2022 Classes And Programs

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2022  
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 (Noon)  
Topic: **“Applying Investigative Skills from the Financial World to Genealogy”**  
Presenter: Kate Townsend  
Monthly Meeting  
Paseo Verde Library Meeting Room

Date: Saturday, November 12, 2022  
Time: 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
Paseo Verde Library **Heritage Room**  
Topic: **“Getting Started with the Dana Leeds Method”**. Sort your 2nd-3rd cousin “Unknown Matches” by each of your four Great Grandparents. Limit of five people who have taken a DNA test.  
Presenter: John Meyer

Date: Saturday, November 19, 2022  
Time: 10:00 a.m. - Noon:  
Topic: **“How did the Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1918-1919 Affect Your Ancestors”**  
Presenter: Jane Neff Rollins  
Paseo Verde Library Meeting Room  
Monthly Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2022  
Time: Noon - 2 p.m.  
Topic: **“Genealogy Data Organization”**  
Presenter: John Meyer  
Paseo Verde Library Meeting Room - Lunch and Learn

Date: Saturday, December 17, 2022  
Time: 10:00 a.m. - Noon:  
Topic: **“Members share their surprises and achievements with their family search during our annual open Mic meeting”**  
Presenter: CCNGS Members  
Paseo Verde Library Meeting Room  
Monthly Meeting

## 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

