



Selected Bibliography

Below is a partial list of references that might be helpful when researching Nevada's history and architecture. This is not an exhaustive list, but can serve as a starting point for researchers new to Nevada's history, or a helpful reference guide for those familiar with the state's past, but looking for new perspectives. The SHPO maintains a library of reports and historic contexts that can also be consulted when completing historical research on historic sites in Nevada. These reports can be accessed on the SHPO website at <http://shpo.nv.gov/contexts>.

Universities also offer a tremendous amount of literature that may be of worth, including Ph.D. dissertations and Master's theses. It is strongly advised that researchers contact the university archives below when researching topics in Nevada's history.

Archives

Nevada Historical Society
1650 N. Virginia Street
Reno, NV 89503
(775) 688-1190

Nevada State Library and Archives
100 N. Stewart Street
Carson City, NV 89701
(775) 684-3313

University of Nevada – Las Vegas, Special Collections
Lied Library – UNLV
4505 S. Maryland Pkwy
Las Vegas, NV 89154-7010
(702) 895-2234
special.collections@unlv.edu

University of Nevada – Reno, Special Collections & University Archives
1664 N. Virginia Street
Reno, NV 89557
(775) 682-5625
specoll@unr.edu

For a full list of potential museums with archives, go to the Nevada SHPO Website at:
<http://shpo.nv.gov/get-involved/other-opportunities-to-get-involved/museums>

General Western History

Journals

[Pacific Historical Review](#) – Published by the University of California Press and covers regional history, including topics specific to the western part of the state and the Sierra Nevada mountains.

[Western Historical Quarterly](#) – Published by Utah State University, and publishes articles on a number of western history topics that pertain to Nevada.

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Vernacular Architecture Forum – This is a non-profit group in the United States and Canada that publishes several journals that are helpful in studying “ordinary” architecture such as working and middle class residential areas, industrial architecture, etc. Journals are *Perspectives in Vernacular Architecture* and *Buildings and Landscapes*.

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