

Nevada history books recommended by Nevada State

Archivist Guy Rocha: (29 January 2009)

1. *The Silver State, 3rd Edition: Nevada's Heritage Reinterpreted* (Wilbur S. Shepperson Series in History and Humanities) (Paperback) by James W. Hulse (2004)

Product Description

The essential history of Nevada in an updated edition.

Nevada has changed dramatically over the past quarter century, and in this third edition of *The Silver State*, renowned historian James W. Hulse recounts the major events – historical, political, and social – that have shaped our state. Hulse's cohesive and readable approach offers students and general readers an accessible account of Nevada's colorful history....

The new edition highlights the social and political changes that have occurred since the original publication of *The Silver State* in 1991.... This book will inspire readers to take another look at the rich cultural heritage and eventful history of Nevada, the Silver State.

2. *The Roar and the Silence* (Wilbur S. Shepperson Series in History and Humanities) (Paperback) by Ron James (University of Nevada Press, 1998)

Editorial Reviews

Product Description

The first comprehensive treatment of Comstock society to incorporate mining history with the stories of the people who lived it.

From the Publisher

Ronald James's brilliant new account of the Comstock's long and eventful history--the first comprehensive study of the subject in over a century--examines every aspect of Comstock and Virginia City and employs information gleaned from hundreds of written sources, interviews, archeological research, computer analysis, folklore, gender studies, physical geography, and architectural and art history, as well as over fifty rare photographs, many of them previously unpublished. James's lively, thoughtful text brings the Comstock to life again in all its complexity and boom-and-bust excitement. This path-breaking book offers a wealth of new information and insight into the history of one of the Old West's most storied areas.

3. *Founding the Far West: California, Oregon, and Nevada, 1840-1890* (Hardcover) by David Alan Johnson (1992)

Editorial Reviews

From Publishers Weekly

For decades the vast Rocky Mountain area of the U.S. could claim only three states, all clustered in a region known as the Far West. From 1849 to 1864, California, followed by Oregon and then Nevada, achieved statehood. But, as first-time author Johnson demonstrates in this lengthy and lucid history of the region, proximity in no way produced homogeneity. Focusing on each state's constitutional convention and founding fathers, the author, a history professor at Portland (Ore.) State University, paints a picture of stark contrasts that he claims remain visible to this day: California, a mixture of Hispanic and American cultures; agrarian and isolated Oregon; and "jackpot mentality" Nevada. Well organized and clearly formed.

4. ***The History of Nevada***, Edited by Myron Angel (originally published 1881 by Thompson and West, Oakland) [Note: This classic history is typically known as "Thompson and West"]

Comments by LLC: The book was originally published in 1881, but was reproduced in 1958 and once again later. (All editions have the same content with the exception of added introductions.) No matter what else is written, and what corrections may be found, this IS the definitive history of Nevada up to 1881. It is massive, detailed, and fascinating. Like most books of the day, it was published without an index, but an index is available separately (by Dr. Helen J. Poulton in 1966). Looking at Amazon.com and in eBay Stores, I found reproduction editions for \$52 to \$65 (with shipping about \$4). There and elsewhere online I found the 148-page index for \$15-\$19 plus shipping.

Amazingly, I also found the first three chapters of the book and much more online at <http://www.us-data.org/nv/tw/tw1881tc.html>. Apparently, this is a work in progress by the U.S. Genealogy Network, so maybe eventually the whole thing will be online!