



Carson City Historical Society

Roberts House Museum & Wungnema House © June 2007

*The Carson City Historical Society
presents*

"Reflections of Carson City --
The Legend of Julia Bulette"

by Susan James

Thursday, June 28 at 7:00 pm

Carson City Library

900 North Roop



The lecture is free and open to the public.

Historian Susan James has published articles on Nevada topics for over twenty-five years. James began researching the story of Virginia City's famous prostitute, Julia Bulette, in the early 1980s. In 1998, Nevada Magazine reprinted her 1984 article "Queen of Tarts" in *The Historical Nevada Magazine: Outstanding Historical Features From the Pages of Nevada Magazine*. Her introduction to "Julia Bulette's Probate Records" appears in *Uncovering Nevada's Past: A Primary Source History of the Silver State*, published in 2004.

James and her husband, Ron, are co-authors of the book, *Castle in the Sky: George Whittell Jr. and the Thunderbird Lodge*. She has served since 2003 as the scholar-in-residence for the Fourth Ward School Museum in Virginia City. She is a former University of Nevada, Reno, history lecturer.

UPCOMING EVENTS: --- "Reflections of Carson City" Lecture by Susan James on Julia Bulette at Carson City Library on 7:00 p.m. June 28. On August 29 "Reflections of Carson City" Lecture will be by Guy Rocha on the Comstock Miners Union. In September we will have a Membership Meeting at the Home of Gary and Jennifer Cain (Hyman Olcovich Home), date and time to be announced





The Carson City Historical Society is located at the Roberts House Museum, 1207 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 1864, Carson City, Nevada 89702. The Carson City Historical Society and the Parks Foundation are a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization and maintain the Roberts House Museum and the Wungnema House.

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President's Comments

Dear CCHS Members:

The last event for June will be on June 28 and will be at the Carson City Library at 7:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Susan James and the topic "The Legend of Julia Bulette." Susan has done extensive research on Julia's life. This lecture is free and open to the public. Lecture to follow will be Guy Rocha on the Comstock Miners Union on August 29 and on October 11, we will have Bert Burdeau from Preserve Nevada on Virginia City.

Tuesday, June 19 Fred is meeting with city staff to review the plans for the Carriage House. Under consideration currently is the possibility of having a one-story building with a vaulted ceiling. We have enough funding to complete the Carriage House with one level with extended square feet on the first floor. Fred Stanio has been heading up this project. Between your contributions, assistance from various grants and Fred's work, we may actually see the building begin this year.

Our meeting at Tahoe Ridge was a wonderful success. We have a new member, Julie Maxwell. We welcome you Julie and look forward to seeing you at our future meetings.

Thank you to all -- docents and home/gardens owners who participated in the "Through the Garden Gate" home and garden tour. It was a really great tour, and we had a two homes with tremendous gardens. Everyone who I talked to had a lot of fun.

Inserted is a flyer regarding Carson City Historical Society elections to be held on July 9 at the Roberts House at 7:00 p.m. If you can, please participate in our society election. Your decisions count!!

Cheers and good health,

Sue Ballew

Pictured below is another view of Greg Hansen's garden.





The Story of Annie Griffin Roberts (Part II)



Pictured here are members of the Roberts family at Lake Tahoe. From left to right Josie, Richard, Thurman and Mary. (from Noreen Humphries collection)

The Story of Annie Griffin Roberts, Part II by Sue Ballew

When Annie and her new husband moved to Washoe City there were about 6,000 people living there. There were five quartz mills running -- the Atchison, Lummis, Platoes, New York and Manhattan. A little ways from the city was the Ophir Mill, the largest of them all.

The Roberts rented the Lake House. Many of the duck hunters would stop there and then there were ice skaters in the winter.

According to "Pioneers of the Ponderosa" by Myra Ratay, "The finest inn at Washoe City was Ross and Patrick's fifty-room Lake House on the north shore of Washoe Lake. This fine building was modeled after the Lake House in Reno and entertained prominent visitors to the City as well as welcoming year-round guests such as Orvis Ring, school teacher. The Lake House was plagued with

fires in 1866. First the stables burned down, the conflagration destroying two cows and a horse and slightly injuring a cow and the hotel roof. A few months later the hotel itself caught fire and J. D. Roberts, who had leased the establishment in 1864, faced a loss of \$8,000. Eventually the entire structure was eradicated by flames."

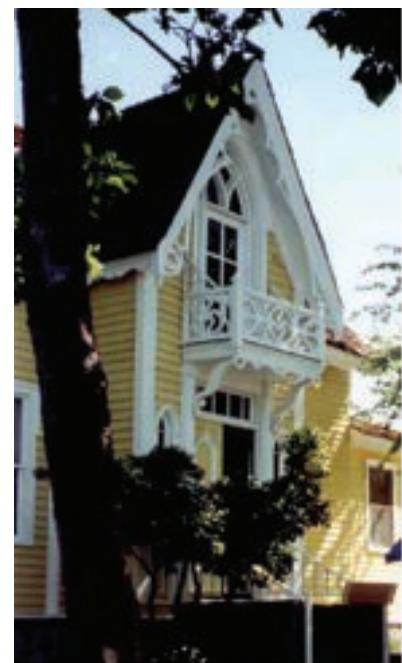
Shortly, thereafter they moved into the Roberts House in Old Washoe City.

Another famous place in Washoe City was Bower's Mansion. Annie wrote letters for Mrs. Bowers and she talks about the Mansion as an elegant place with cups made of silver bullion.

Annie and her husband, James Doane, left Washoe City in the late 1800's and made their residence in Carson City, bringing their house with them.

Carson City at that time was the capital of Nevada and a supply center for merchandize, fluming and lumbering industries. James Doane made a living running a saloon.

To be continued in the July newsletter...



Here is the Roberts House today as the south porch overlooks Carson City.



Pictured above is James Doane Roberts.



Pictured here is the Roberts House as it appears in Old Washoe City, in the process of being painted.





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7 p.m. Carson City Library**

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