

Who and Why We Are

The Sons of the Revolution in the State of California is part of a national organization composed solely of the posterity of those venerable men who, by their acts or counsel between the 19th day of April 1775, when the Revolutionary War commenced, and 19th day of April 1783, when that conflict ceased, aided in the cause of America's Independence.

Since December 1875, when the Sons of the Revolution was first organized in New York, these descendants have united themselves together to perpetuate their memory, fostering an historical awareness and a lasting appreciation of our nation's heritage.

In keeping with the purpose and objects of the Society "to encourage interest in the early history of the United States. . . to perpetuate the memory of the brave men who fought in the Revolutionary War, and to collect and secure for preservation the rolls, records and other documents relating to that period", for over 115 years, the members of the Sons of the Revolution, through their patriotic spirit, love of country, and devotion to the principles on which our nation was founded, have operated and maintained the American Heritage Library and Museum for benefit and enjoyment of the people of California.

Public Service

Since 1893 admission to the American Heritage Library and Museum has been kept open free of charge to the general public in keeping with the stated purposes of the Society.



Friends of the Library and Museum

The "Friends of the Library and Museum" was created to increase and encourage the appreciation of America's Heritage, further promoting the purpose and objectives of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of California, by assisting the Sons of the Revolution in: (a.) fund-raising efforts; (b.) providing volunteer services; (c.) support services for both the library and museum; (d.) assisting in its collection and preservation of objects of historic interest and importance, including literary and artistic materials, such as books, rolls, records, documents, works of art, and other such historical artifacts relating to that history; and (e.) to support the furtherance of historical research and publication of that history for benefit of the general public. Like the operations of the American Heritage Library and Museum, the Friends of the Library and Museum is divided into two distinct areas of support — library and museum.

Library and Museum Hours

**Mondays - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday - By Appointment**

**Other days and times, and groups:
By Appointment**

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at our web site.



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The Library collections consist of a wide range of textual and visual materials, including over 35,000 titles, many of which are rare and unique 18th and 19th century publications, intermixed with carefully selected 20th and 21st century materials pertaining to America's early history. Many of these books represent the cultural and local history of small town America, its cities, counties and states. Others chronicle the regions' diverse political, social and economic life, ethnic and class groups within respective geopolitical neighborhoods, connecting the common man to the lives and activities of prominent political and economic leaders, and their contributions to 19th century civic, charitable and social organizations.

As the name implies, the library is also a very practical research center for the study of the Revolutionary War, complete with books, rolls, and documents that increase and diffuse knowledge into this period of history for the enrichment of the citizens of California.

In addition to its fine collection of books,



periodicals and manuscripts, many of which are rare out-of-print editions, the library is also blessed with a great wealth of genealogical data, vital records, family histories, for those people interested in tracing their ancestry.

A magnificent showplace, the museum is operated for the purpose of acquisition,



conservation, study, exhibition, and educational interpretation of historical objects and artifacts of the colonial and early periods of America's history. The museum's collection not only serves the public by advancing the understanding and appreciation of America's early history, many of its exhibits also focus on key historical figures who have a connection to this period of history and who contributed to the history of the State of California – from its earliest inhabitation to the present day.

About Glendale

The American Heritage Library and Museum is located in the heart of Glendale, the third largest city in Los Angeles County.

This historic building, originally built in 1929 for the Glendale Chamber of Commerce, was constructed upon land once held by the Verdugo family, who lent their name to the mountains so prominently exhibited as a backdrop to the city.

Part of Rancho San Rafael, Jose Maria Verdugo received the land in 1798 as a Spanish land grant. His children, Julio and Catalina Verdugo, inherited the estate in 1831, holding it jointly until 1861, when they divided it. By 1887 the "Town of Glendale" had been mapped out and incorporated in 1906 as the City of Glendale, which today is populated by nearly 200,000 citizens.

Being centrally located just a few blocks from the nationally recognized Glendale Galleria shopping center, the city's nearby downtown area offers a fabulous choice of restaurants, the only Four-Diamond hotel in the San Gabriel / San Fernando Valley being the Hilton hotel, a colorful array of specialty stores, and is home to the Alex Theatre, a 1,500-seat performing arts center, which brings world-famous performers and productions to Glendale.

The American Heritage Library and Museum is just minutes from the Glendale/Burbank Airport and is not far too from Universal Studios, Dodger Stadium, the Rose Bowl, Old Town Pasadena and nearby downtown Los Angeles.

Directions

From LAX: take the 405 freeway north to the 101 freeway south to 134 East. Exit at Brand Blvd/Central Avenue, turn right and go south 5 miles; From Pasadena, take the 210 Fwy to the 134 Fwy, exit at Brand Blvd/Central Avenue exit, turn left onto Central Avenue and go south 5 miles; From the 5 Fwy, take the Colorado Blvd exit, turning right onto Colorado Blvd., turning right onto Central Avenue. We are located three blocks south of the Glendale Galleria on the left side on the corner of Central and Chestnut.