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## PRESS RELEASE

### SIDEBAR: Upcoming Author Appearances

Saturday, October 4, 2014, 12-3 pm, Nevada State Museum, Carson City, NV

Sunday, October 5, 2014, 1-4 pm, Sundance Books, Reno, NV

Thursday, October 9, 2014, 7-8 pm, Douglas County Historical Society, Gardnerville, NV

Saturday, October 11, 2014, 1-3 pm, Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas, NV

Tuesday, October 14, 2014, 4-6 pm, Lost City Museum, Overton, NV

## GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER UNEARTHS UNTOLD STORY OF NEVADA SHERIFF KILLED IN 1906

Dealing with rowdy miners, drunken gamblers, and even Wild West legends like Wyatt Earp was a routine part of the job for onetime Nye County Sheriff Thomas Logan.

Born on May 29, 1861, in Franktown, NV, Logan was the eldest of seven children. His father built the first hotel on Lake Tahoe in 1863. When that enterprise failed to prosper, he chased fortune from one Nevada boomtown to another until settling in Moapa Valley around 1871. There Tom Logan married Hannah Hamblin in 1883. They would have eight children. During the next 20 years, Logan gained status as a rancher, saloon owner, and peacekeeper.

First elected Nye County, NV sheriff the fall of 1898, Logan found himself caught between the lawlessness of the Old West and the rise of 20th century justice. His story is the subject of a newly released book by Cable Publishing titled: **LOGAN: The Honorable Life and Scandalous Death of a Western Lawman**. The author, Jackie Boor, first began collecting information about her great-grandfather following a 1985 family reunion in Belmont, NV, where she first heard varying accounts about how he had died.

“Some claimed he had been ambushed escorting a prisoner through the desert,” Boor recalls. “Other thought he was caught in the crossfire between two warring miners. The version closest to the truth described him coming to the aid of a barmaid being manhandled by a gambler who shot him for interfering.”

Based on eye witnessed accounts transcribed in court records, on April 7, 1906, Sheriff Logan did what he had done countless times—eject an unruly patron from a sporting resort. However, on that pre-dawn morning in Manhattan, NV, the hot-tempered gambler turned on the sheriff, who was unarmed and dressed only in a nightshirt. Walter Barieau shot Logan five times before the sheriff wrestled him to the ground where he stopped the piano player from shooting his assailant in the head before he died.

Charged with murdering one of the most popular lawmen of the day, Barieau was later acquitted—an outcome that has perplexed many for more than a century. The lead counsel was a

seasoned litigator from Michigan named Stephen Flynn and his co-counsel was young Patrick McCarran. Destined to become one of Nevada's most prominent U.S. Senators, McCarran frequently referenced what he called the "The McCarran Miracle" as being instrumental in his rise to political power. Flynn committed suicide less than three years after the trial.

Many other notable figures who played a role in shaping early Nevada history add to the intrigue of the Sheriff Logan story, such as Jim Butler, Jack Longstreet, Tasker Oddie, John Sparks, Judge Peter Breen, "Diamondfield Jack" Davis, the Pittman brothers, and George Wingfield—the man McCarran's daughter told the author she believed had Logan killed.

With nearly 100 photos and maps, and more than a dozen period poems, "LOGAN is Nevada history at its best," says Nevada historian Guy Rocha, "(Boor's) rigorous research and engaging writing underscore her personal odyssey to find the truth for generations of her family confused and haunted by Logan's controversial and untimely demise."

"I'm frequently asked," says Boor, who has a book signing on September 20 at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington, DC, "if this was a quest to get justice for my great-grandfather. Honestly, it never felt that way. I wanted to do justice to his story, which meant exposing the flaws along with the accolades."

**LOGAN: The Honorable Life and Scandalous Death of a Western Lawman** is dedicated to the families and descendants of fallen peace officers. On May 28, 2011, more than a century after Logan was killed in the line of duty, Nye County Sheriff Tony DeMeo posthumously awarded him the Medal of Valor and Purple Heart. ##

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**Jackie Boor** began her freelance writing career in 1968 as a teen correspondent for two Northern California newspapers. Her first major work, the award-winning memoir of LTC Gene Boyer, was published in 2010, and is titled **Inside the President's Helicopter: Reflections of a White House Senior Pilot**. A resident of Sacramento, CA, Jackie began researching Nevada Sheriff Tom Logan, her great-grandfather, in 1985 and has spent nearly 30 years gathering content for **LOGAN: The Honorable Life and Scandalous Death of a Western Lawman**. A frequent presenter for a variety of organizations, she is a member of the Western Writers of America, Western History Association, Wild West History Association, and the True West Maniac Club. Besides history and gardening, she enjoys golf and spending time with her family—both those in the present and from the past.

## **What others are saying about *LOGAN***

This is my style of Old West history: gritty, truthful and edged with poignant sadness.

**--Bob Boze Bell, Executive Editor True West magazine**

**LOGAN** is a helluva book. Some people who are good researchers can't write and others who are good writers aren't good researchers. Jackie Boor is the rare storyteller who can do both with excellence.

**--Emil Franz, Award-winning host of "Voices of the West," AM 1030, Tucson, AZ**

This is an amazing, amazing tale. It reads like a fictional story—a real page-turner."

**--Cody Stark, Weekend Anchor, Good Day Sacramento, CW 31, Sacramento, CA**

Jackie Boor has made history come alive with this riveting tale of honor, loss and family.

**--Madeline Neumann, National President, Concerns of Police Survivors, Line of Duty Widow**

Loyalty to family, law and order, liquor and ladies of the night make this book a great read and a fascinating work of Nevada History!

**--Michael E. Fischer D.D.S., Former Director, Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs and Independent Scholar in Nevada History**

**LOGAN** reminds us of the dangers of being a lawman in the West, and of life caught in a mining rush. It is also a story of transition from the nineteenth century to the twentieth, from vigilante justice to law and order, and from one Nevada to the other.

**--Michael Green, Professor of History, College of Southern Nevada**

Jackie Boor very skillfully takes us behind the badge and into an extremely demanding time when the West was experiencing enormous growth and law enforcement had to rapidly evolve in order to respond to all the new challenges.

**--Anthony L. DeMeo, Sheriff of Nye County, Nevada**

The scent of sagebrush after a spring rain, the sound of wagons rolling down dusty Nevada roads, and the lively music and rough and tumble sounds of a mining camp all entered my mind as I lost myself in this book.

**--Doug Gist, President, Silver State National Peace Officers Museum, Virginia City, Nevada**

As the story unfolded, I found myself becoming emotionally involved in what is really Old West Shakespeare: cunning, treachery and murder, with a hint of what just might have been planned vengeance and retaliation.

**--Joni Eastley, Assistant County Manager, Nye County, Nevada**

Whether by journalistic misfire, academic neglect, or unabashed revisionism, much of Nevada's colorful history has often been obscured. This is the case with the remarkable story of the lawman Tom Logan.

**--John L. Smith, Las Vegas Review-Journal columnist, Author of "Sharks in the Desert"**