

Silver rush built historic Bowers Mansion

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Bowers Mansion, one of Nevada's most famous residences, memorializes the first fabulous Comstock mining era that brought Nevada Territory to statehood during the Civil War. A visit to this handsome dwelling is a fascinating side trip into history.

The elegant home, which now anchors a popular Washoe County regional park, was built in 1863 by the Silver State's first mining millionaire couple, Lemuel "Sandy" Bowers and Eilley Oram Bowers.

The mansion frequently hosted parties, picnics and balls in the 1870s and nowadays welcomes crowds for weekend house tours, summertime swimming, picnics and special events.

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