

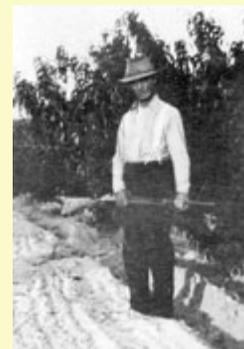
Edwin G. McGriff

December 29, 1860- April 9, 1938

1928, 2-year term

Edwin G. McGriff came to Las Vegas in 1913 and purchased a ranch ten miles south of the city for an orchard. In 1928, he was elected to the County Commission. He ran again for the Commission in 1934 and 1936.

McGriff was born in Dayton, Ohio. He attended DePauw University in Indiana and received a law degree. Following graduation he joined a prestigious law firm in Des Moines. In 1893, he married and he and his bride honeymooned in Ogden, Utah. The couple fell in love with the area and moved to Ogden and planted the first commercial orchard in the area. He organized canning factories and packing plants to handle the bounty of his orchard. After several years in Utah, McGriff had a nervous breakdown and sold his orchard. He relocated to Las Vegas and purchased the Wixon Ranch located just outside of town.



The McGriff ranch produced prize-winning peaches and in 1931, a group of Clark County residents took some of his peaches to President Hoover at the White House.

In 1928, McGriff sought a seat on the Clark County Commission. He defeated William J. Stewart, a fellow Republican. In 1931, he was appointed to the Licensing Board. He was also a member of the Clark County Farm Bureau and the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce. McGriff ran again in 1934 and 1936, but lost both elections.

McGriff sold his orchard in 1935 with the intention of retiring and moving into Las Vegas. He died in 1938 of Bright's Disease after being hospitalized for three weeks.