

**Edward E. Smith
Through March 28, 1929
Clark County Commission- Elected 1916 Long Term**

E.E. Smith worked as an engineer on the Union Pacific Railroad, but once he settled in Las Vegas, he became active in politics and held the positions of Las Vegas City Commissioner, Clark County Commissioner, State Assemblyman, and State Senator.

Edward E. Smith was one of the earliest Las Vegas City Commissioners. In 1913, Las Vegas voters elected him to that body. He lost his reelection bid in 1915. The following year, Smith ran for the Clark County Commission as a democrat and won the long-term commissioner seat. The Las Vegas Age newspaper praised Smith's service on the County Commission as he led the county through the influenza epidemic and wartime. In 1920, Smith served one term as a state assemblyman. In the election of 1922, he ran for the State Senate and won.

Smith worked to promote the interests of Las Vegas and Clark County. He was director of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce for a time. He was also a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and a member of the Municipal Library Board. He also formed Las Vegas Home Builders, Inc. with other Las Vegas businessmen to build and sell houses in the city.

On March 23, 1929, Smith's friends discovered his comatose body in his room at the Overland Hotel. He died on March 28, 1929 following a stroke. Many prominent Las Vegas residents attended his funeral and James Cashman, O.K. Adcock, and Frank Guesewelle served as pallbearers. His remains were sent to Kansas. Smith willed one thousand dollars to the municipal library fund and was honored for his donation in 1930.