

John M. Bunker

September 12, 1870- September 30, 1946

Clark County Commission- Elected 1910, Four-Year Term

John M. Bunker defeated William J. Stewart for a seat on the Clark County Commission in 1910. While serving on the commission, Bunker and the other commissioners oversaw the construction of a courthouse for Clark County and the development of roads across Clark County.

Bunker was born in Santa Clara, Utah. His father, Edward M. Bunker established the community of Bunkerville on the Virgin River in 1877 as a place where the Bunker family and other LDS families including the Leavitt family could live communally. John M. Bunker served as a bishop in the LDS St. Thomas ward. In 1895, Bunker worked as a Pony Express mailman and carried mail between St. Thomas and St. George, Utah. During the mining boom in Gold Butte and Copper Canyon near St. Thomas, he transported mining equipment in the area.

In 1910, Bunker ran as a Democrat in the first election for the Clark County commission. He defeated Republican William J. Stewart by 202 votes. He worked with the other commissioners to establish new automobile roads across southern Nevada to link Las Vegas with Utah and California.

Following his term on the commission, Bunker served on the Board of Education representing Moapa Valley. He worked as a rancher and cattleman in Moapa Valley. In 1936, Bunker and his wife relocated to Las Vegas and built a house on West Bonanza Road. He and his wife later relocated to Rox, Nevada.

Bunker died in 1946 following a lengthy illness. He was buried at the St. Thomas Cemetery.