

**Samuel W. Darling**

**October 14, 1861—October 19, 1945**

**Clark County Commission- Elected 1914, 4 year term**

**Samuel Darling moved to southern Nevada around 1905 and worked as a miner and later a rancher near Bunkerville. He ran for the Clark County Commission in 1914 and defeated Henry Rice of Logan for a seat on the commission.**

**Darling was born in Iowa in 1861. He received an education in law and practiced as an attorney for three years. He relocated to Bunkerville for health reasons.**

**Shortly after moving to the area, Darling became superintendent of the Key West Mine located outside of Bunkerville. He then entered into a partnership with A.M. Thompson and Thomas D. Leavitt, Senior, for a ranching enterprise. Darling made his home with the Leavitt family for most of his time in Bunkerville.**

**In 1914, Darling ran for the Clark County Commission. The Las Vegas Age newspaper endorsed him, citing his fine education and his "intimate knowledge of what the country needs."**

**In 1929, Judge William E. Orr married Darling and his childhood sweetheart, Belle K. Morrey. He continued working as a rancher until his health began to fail. Darling died in 1945 at the Clark County General Hospital.**