

Samuel Wells

April 18, 1871—March 13, 1926

Appointed Clark County Commissioner, July 1, 1909

Samuel Wells represented the interests of residents of the Muddy and Moapa Valleys on the original Clark County Commission. Wells commuted 65 miles on horseback to attend commission meetings. He dedicated much of his life to the causes of agriculture, his church, and education.

Wells was born in 1871 in St. George, Utah. He attended college in Salt Lake City for two years beginning in 1902. He then moved to Moapa Valley in 1904 where he took up farming. Wells began growing watermelons, onions, and cantaloupes. He sold his crops around the state and the country. He became manager of the Moapa Improvement Company's ranch near Logandale.

In 1909, Governor Dickerson appointed Wells to the Clark County Commission. He served out his appointment and returned to Moapa Valley where he continued to farm and work at promoting the area.

Wells and other prominent Moapa Valley residents organized the Moapa Valley Chamber of Commerce in 1911 and he served as president. Wells also worked to bring a line of the Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad to Moapa Valley to allow easier distribution of crops.

Wells served on the Clark County Board of Education for Moapa Valley for a number of years. He also was called as a member of the presidency of the LDS stake that was organized in Moapa Valley in 1912. He sought to return to the Clark County Commission in 1922 and ran against Henry Rice, but voters elected Rice.

Wells died in 1926.