

My name is Edward F. Spence

I was born December 22, 1832 at Enniskillen in Northern Ireland.

I came to California from Ohio in 1852.

After trying to earn a living as a miner, I became a successful merchant Nevada City, California. I served as Treasurer of Nevada County from 1865 to 1866.

I then moved to San Jose, California, and became active in banking.

After my first wife died, I returned to Ireland and married a distant cousin, Anna Maria Spence. We honeymooned on our return to San Jose in 1869.

We lived in San Diego briefly before moving to Los Angeles, where I became associated with the First National Bank and became active politically.

I was elected to the Los Angeles City Council in 1879 with William N. Monroe. I served two terms as mayor of Los Angeles from 1884 to 1886.

I built a home in Monrovia designed by the Newsom Brothers of San Francisco.

I died September 19, 1892 in Los Angeles