



County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors



SUPERVISOR CLARENCE J. NELLIS

Term: 1909 - 1913
District: Fourth
Date of Birth: Oct. 3, 1866
Death: Not Available

Clarence J. Nellis served as county supervisor for one term. He was elected in November 1908 and assumed office on Jan. 7, 1909.

Nellis was born Oct. 3, 1866, in Sawtelle, Mo., where he grew up and attended public schools.

In 1885, at age 18, Nellis moved to Parkville, Mo., to attend college. After graduation, he pursued a business career as a grocery salesman. For the next several years he learned his trade both in Missouri and later in Tacoma, Wash.

In 1889 Nellis moved to Alaska in search of gold and copper. He located and worked mining claims throughout the territory.

In 1902 Nellis earned enough money to move to California and settled in Santa Monica. He opened a grocery store and soon built up a thriving business with one of the finest equipped stores in the area. His success as a merchant led to his involvement in the civic, business and social interests of the city. He became one of Santa Monica's most enterprising and progressive citizens. As a result, he was elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1908. Nellis later served on the Santa Monica Board of City Trustees.

Source: History of Santa Monica Bay Cities.