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CITY OFFICIALS

NAME Coe, Clarence E.

PUBLIC OFFICES HELD

(DATE)

CITY:

Police Commissioner.....1929-1931  
Member City Council.....1931-1933

COUNTY:

STATE:

FEDERAL:

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

Trustee Palms School District  
Member Republican County Central Committee  
Vice-president Col. R. M. Baker Home for Retired  
Ministers.

**BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Farmer  
Specialist in lima bean culture  
Real estate  
Bank Director and Executive

**PORTRAIT:**

**ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE:**

*newspaper cut attached*

**PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES)**

Los Angeles Times Index Files

## ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

As a child Clarence E. Coe learned about farming when his family settled out in the wilds of what is now Culver City and Palms.

He watched Los Angeles grow from a pueblo into a large city and at one time his extensive farms occupied the site of what is now the city of Beverly Hills.

During his councilmanic days Mr. Coe brought many improvements to his district where he is known for his unimpeachable integrity.

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION:**

**BOOKS:**

**NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:**

L. A. Times, August 22, 1929

**PERSONAL INTERVIEW:**

**INTERVIEWED BY:** Luella Sawyer/Wallace

**DATE OF INTERVIEW:** Nov. 28, 1934

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Biography

NAME Coe, Clarence E.

Occupation Farmer & Realtor

Address 3743 Wentone Ave., Palms, Calif.

Birth (Date and Place) Jan. 23, 1873, Lamar, Iowa

FATHER Nathaniel Fenton Coe

Birth (Date and Place) Oct. 1, 1835, Jamestown, N. Y.

If Deceased, When December 17, 1919

MOTHER Emma Stinton Coe

Birth (Date and Place) August 25, 1845, England

If Deceased, When Jan. 24, 1918

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Laura Esther Dauder

Birth of Same (Date and Place) Sept. 7, 1879, Yola County, California

If Deceased, When

When Married October 23, 1896

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

Thereon Elliott

Etta, (Mrs. L. F. Arnold)

Mildred, (Mrs. Angyle Nelson)

Fenton



## ANCESTORS OF DISTINCTION OR LOCAL INTEREST

(Please include names of local interest as "forty-niners," or any one connected with the affairs or development of the state or city, as officials, professional men, merchants, etc.)

Father, Nathaniel Coe, served three years in the Civil War, being incarcerated one year of the time, in notorious Andersonville Prison. Later he homesteaded in Iowa where he became a pioneer farmer.

## EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, Etc.)

Public schools of Lamar, Iowa, and Palms, Calif.

## CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC.

Masonic Lodge

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION United Brethern Church

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS Republican

RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE 1883

## SKETCH

(Please make this as full as possible, giving business affiliations, positions of honor or trust with dates if possible.)

Clarence E. Coe was born January 23, 1873, in Lamar, Iowa, where he attended public schools until the age of ten years, when he was brought to California by his parents. The family settled in the unpopulated district near Los Angeles, which later became Culver City and Palms, and here Mr. Coe completed his education in the public schools, and practiced farming.

Specializing in the culture of lima beans, Mr. Coe maintained extensive properties until 1921, when he retired from farming interests to devote his time to real estate and the Security First National Bank, of which he was a director and executive.

In 1929, Mayor Porter appointed him Police Commissioner, in which capacity he served until 1931, at which time he was elected to the City Council, serving until 1933. In the Council Mr. Coe served on the Public Utilities, Public Welfare, and the Street Opening & Widening Committees.

After being defeated for reelection he became assistant field agent with the Department of Water & Power.