

Born in 1907 in Panaca, Nevada to pioneer Mormon settlers, Elbert Edwards attended the University of Nevada, Reno before moving to Las Vegas, Nevada to accept a teaching position at the newly opened Las Vegas High School in 1929. Edwards taught seventh-grade social studies and also served as Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction and later was promoted to Superintendent of the Las Vegas School District. During his 37-year tenure, he also authored numerous publications on Nevada history, especially concerning Mormonism. Elbert Edwards Papers MS-00311 - Page 4- In addition to his school service, Edwards was president and executive secretary of the Nevada Scholastic League for eleven years, was a member of the Rotary Club, and served on the Nevada Public Employees Retirement Board. Edwards was also a member of the original Boulder City Charter and the City Civil Service Commission. He spent sixteen years as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Nevada Historical Society. In 1977, the **Elbert B. Edwards Elementary School** was named in his honor. He died in 1989 at the age of 82.