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Clark C. Spence

Clark Christian Spence was born in Great Falls, Montana, on 25 May 1923. He grew up in the Northwest, where he lived in both Montana and Idaho. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. After the war he returned to the West, where he completed his bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Spence earned his Ph.D. with Ernest S. Osgood at the University of Minnesota. His doctoral dissertation appeared as *British Investments and the American Mining Frontier, 1860-1901* (Cornell University Press, 1958), published with support from the American Historical Association's Albert J. Beveridge Award Committee in 1956.

Spence taught briefly at Carlton College in Minnesota, then spent the remainder of his career at Penn State University from 1955 to 1960, and the University of Illinois at Urbana from 1960 until 1990. When he went to Illinois in 1960, Clark Spence replaced agricultural historian Fred A. Shannon. Like Osgood and Shannon, Spence had broad research interests in the history of the American West. While at Illinois he mentored seven doctoral students. Four of them completed dissertations that examined mining history, one studied agricultural laborers, another looked at railroad workers, and the final student focused on the Civil War.

Clark Spence is a founding member of the Mining History Association, and has fashioned a solid record of scholarship on American mining. His *Mining Engineers and the American West: The Lace Boot Brigade, 1849-1933* (Yale University Press, 1970) strengthened Spence's reputation as a student of the mining industry. He is a past president of both the Western History Association (1969-70) and the Mining History Association (1992). Although primarily known to members of the MHA for his mining scholarship, Spence has also written on agriculture, American economic history, Montana, and the Salvation Army colonies.

Clark's scholarship is invariably characterized by an immersion in historical sources. His long-time friend Gene Gressley notes that Clark not only used primary sources, but also helped others to acquire them. In particular, Gressley credits Spence with identifying mining engineers whose personal papers became important additions to the University of Wyoming's American Heritage Center. Similarly, his former students remember Clark as a patient, tolerant, and friendly mentor, who conveyed his enthusiasm for sources to them and into their scholarship.

Each contributor to this special edition of the *Mining History Journal* is a former Spence student, colleague or friend who appreciates Clark's gentle humor, his love of history, and his determination to incorporate primary sources. In our individual ways, we have contributed to this special issue out of an affection for Clark, an appreciation for his example, and a satisfaction in acknowledging his contributions to the history of American mining and the American West.

Ronald C. Brown
San Marcos, Texas



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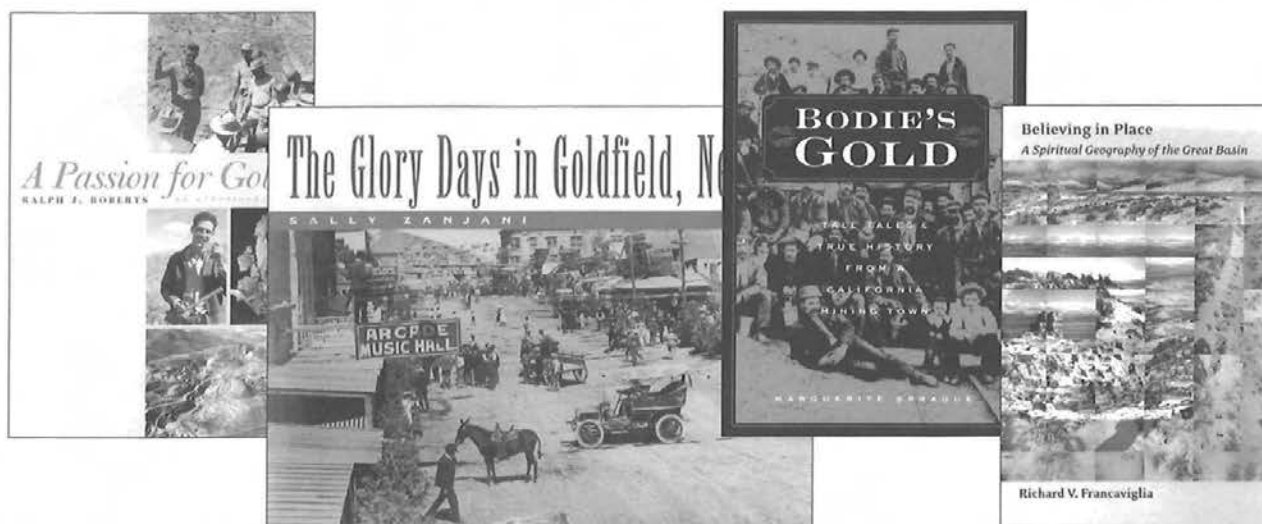
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