

Leonard James Spencer

Leonard James Spencer [CBE FRS\[1\]](#) (7 July 1870 – 14 April 1959) was a [British](#) geologist. He was an Honorary member of the [Royal Geological Society of Cornwall](#), and also a recipient of its [Bolitho Medal](#).[\[2\]\[3\]](#) He was president of the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain and Ireland from 1936 to 1939.[\[4\]](#) In mineralogy Spencer was an original investigator who described several new minerals, including [miersite](#), [tarbuttite](#) and [parahopeite](#). He also did important work as a curator, editor and bibliographer.[\[5\]](#) He was the third person to receive the [Roebbling Medal](#), the highest award of the [Mineralogical Society of America](#).[\[6\]](#) He wrote at least 146 articles for the [Encyclopædia Britannica Eleventh Edition](#).[\[7\]](#)

His daughter, [Penelope Spencer](#) became a successful free-style dancer and choreographer.[\[8\]](#)

