



County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISOR S.M PERRY

Term: 1889 - 1893
District: Second
Date of Birth: May 12, 1836
Death: July 22, 1898

S.M. Perry served as county supervisor for one term. He was elected in November 1888 and assumed office on Jan. 7, 1889.

Perry was born May 12, 1836, in Franklin, Pa. At an early age, his parents moved to Piqua, Ohio, where he grew up and attended public schools.

In 1859, at age 23, Perry moved to Marysville, Calif., and worked as a hardware merchant. In 1862 he caught the gold rush fever and went mining for gold. Perry lost most of his property to creditors when the gold boom came to an end, and he returned to the East Coast.

In 1874 Perry headed back to California and settled permanently in Los Angeles. He opened a plumbing business on Arcadia Street, as well as a manufacturing shop on East Fourth Street. Perry prided himself on having the latest and most up-to-date plumbing equipment available on the market.

In 1884 the growth of his business led to the opening of a larger store on Main Street.

His success in business and involvement in civic affairs led to him being twice elected to the Los Angeles City Council, and chairman of the Board of Public Works, and to the Board of Supervisors.

Perry died July 22, 1898. He was 62, and was survived by his wife, Hattie, and three daughters.

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