



County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISOR BERNARDINO GUIRADO

Term: 1859 - 1860
District: Not Applicable
Date of Birth: Unknown
Death: 1866

Bernardino Guirado served as county supervisor for one term. He was elected in 1859.

Guirado was one of the first settlers of the Whittier and Los Nietos areas. He was a very wealthy and prominent rancher of Los Nietos, where he also had large mercantile interests.

Guirado also was known for his much-patronized Pioneer Store, located on what is now Los Nietos Road and Norwalk Boulevard. The Pioneer Store became a convenient place to stop for supplies for people traveling north along a path that ran from the Pacific Ocean to Workman's Mill.

The "North Walk" eventually was shortened to "Norwalk" and became Norwalk Boulevard.

Largely a self made-man, he had acquired large property holdings, including at one time the largest walnut orchard in California, and holdings near Los Nietos that had formerly been the property of his brother-in-law, John C. Downey, Governor of California. This property included the site of the present day San Gabriel Mission, as well as surrounding acreage which comprised the Santa Fe Springs oil fields. During their prime his oil fields were producing 10,000 barrels a day.

Guirado and his wife Maria de la Luz Sanchez had one daughter, Margarita.

Sources: History of Los Angeles County; Los Angeles Times, 1866.