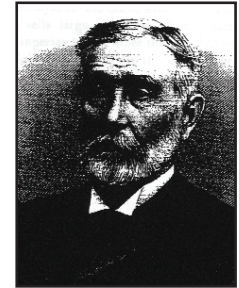




County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors



SUPERVISOR MILTON LINDLEY

Term: 1885 - 1887
District: Third
Date of Birth: 1820
Death: May 11, 1895

Milton Lindley served as county supervisor for one term. He was elected in November 1884 and assumed office on Jan. 3, 1885.

Lindley was born in Guilford County, N.C. in 1820. When he was 12, the family moved to Indiana, where he grew up working on the family farm. He learned the harness and saddle-making business, and in 1843 took a job in Monrovia, Ind. making saddles.

In 1850 Lindley took up general merchandising. For the next 12 years he learned the merchandising business, and was sent East by his company to learn the new national banking system. Upon his return to Indiana, Lindley helped found the First National Bank of Danville, Ind., remaining with that institution until 1866, when he moved to Minneapolis, Minn. He was in the real estate business there for nine years.

In 1875 Lindley moved to Los Angeles due to health reasons. He purchased 40 acres of land, resumed his passion for farming and continued his real estate business as well. Lindley was a staunch supporter of the Republican Party and became involved in politics.

In 1879 he was elected county treasurer and served for three years, held over one year due to a change in the state Constitution relative to county officers. In 1884 he was elected a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and served as chairman of the Finance Committee in 1885 and 1886.

Lindley is credited with being one of the men who played a prominent role in the growth and economic development of Los Angeles, which was only a town of 5,000 inhabitants when he first settled there. He also was one of the founders of the first kindergarten school in Los Angeles, helped establish the Los Angeles Orphans' Home, and championed women's right to work for comparable pay.

On May 11, 1895, Lindley died. He was 75, and was survived by his wife and nine children.

Source: History of Los Angeles County, Illustrated History of Los Angeles County.