



County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors



SUPERVISOR EDWARD S. FIELD

Term: 1894 - 1902
District: Third
Date of Birth: Oct. 20, 1840
Death: Oct. 31, 1927

Edward Salisbury Field served four terms as county supervisor. He was elected in 1894, 1896, 1898 and 1900.

Born in Leverett, Mass., on Oct. 20, 1840, he was the son of De Estang and Edith Salisbury. He grew up and attended public schools in Amherst, Mass.

At age 18 Field began a five-year apprenticeship to learn the book and paper business. Part of the five years was spent in Amherst and Springfield, Mass., and the rest of the time at Troy, N.Y.

After finishing his apprenticeship in 1864, Field moved to Indianapolis, Ind., and partnered with Samuel Merrill to form Merrill & Field, law publishers and booksellers. He was active in Christian work there, serving as an elder in the Second Presbyterian Church and as president of the Young Men's Christian Association.

In 1866 Field married Sarah M. Hubbard, daughter of one of the pioneers of Indianapolis. They eventually had three sons and four daughters. Two of the sons died while still infants and the remaining one, Edward Salisbury Field, Jr., went on to become a noted author and artist.

In 1883 Field moved his family to Los Angeles and became involved in the real estate business. He subdivided the E. S. Field Occidental Heights tract, 10 acres of which he gave to Occidental College, a Presbyterian institution. Besides giving the land on which its first buildings were erected, he was an incorporator of the college and for several years president of its board of trustees. He also helped develop several residential sections in and around Los Angeles. Field also became involved in politics.

In 1894 Field was elected to the first of four terms as a county supervisor, and was the first Republican supervisor elected to succeed himself. During his eight-year term, he became associated with social service issues. He was chairman of the board of the Los Angeles County Hospital, a member of the County Farm committee and director of the Los Angeles organization of the YMCA.

Credits include membership in the Royal Arcanum and the Union League Club. For several years he was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles, a director in the Young Men's Christian Association and a member of the State Executive Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association. His chief recreation was walking.

Field died Oct. 31, 1927.