



County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors



SUPERVISOR JONATHAN S. DODGE

Term: 1917 - 1921
District: Fifth
Date of Birth: April 9, 1867
Death: 1935

Jonathan Sherman Dodge served one term as county supervisor. He assumed office on Jan. 8, 1917. Dodge resigned on July 7, 1921, and was replaced by Henry W. Wright as an appointment by the governor.

Dodge was born April 9, 1867, in Portsmouth, Ohio. He grew up there and after his graduation from Lebanon University, he attended the University of Cincinnati, where he received a scholarship to study law.

After earning his law degree and practicing in his hometown for 10 years, Dodge moved to California due to his wife's ailing health, settling in South Pasadena. Dodge soon organized the First National Bank in that city, and was the president for almost 10 years.

In 1916 Dodge was elected to the Board of Supervisors, and in January 1917 took office. At the time he entered office, the County of Los Angeles was struggling with a deficit of more than \$1.5 million in its general fund, and 29 of the funds handled by the County were overdrawn. Dodge helped to unite the members of the Board and ultimately draw down the budget deficit. He believed every member of the Board was a businessman of superior ability, and had the duty of managing the affairs of the County in order to serve the best interests of the taxpayer. During his four-year term, Dodge's responsibilities included being the general supervisor of all committees and departments; and overseeing the Law Library; Museum of History; Science and Art; including Otis Art Institute and Hancock Park; Custodian of Buildings and Janitors, and the Grand Jury.

Honors included membership in the Masons of South Pasadena No. 367, Pasadena Knights Templar, Shrine and Grotto, Modern Woodmen, Good Templars, Calvary Presbyterian Church of South Pasadena, Union League Club, Chamber of Commerce of South Pasadena and Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles. He was also a director in the First National Bank of South Pasadena, the South Pasadena Savings Bank and the California Realty Corporation.

Dodge died in 1935.

Sources: Los Angeles County Records.