



County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISOR GEORGE HINDS

Term: 1874 – 1876, 1885 -1886
District: Second
Date of Birth: Sept. 8, 1833
Death: May 11, 1898

George Hinds served as county supervisor for two terms. He was elected in 1874 for a two-year term, and re-elected again in 1885 to a four-year term. On Aug. 23, 1886, Hinds resigned from the Board to accept an appointment from President Cleveland to act as customs collector in Wilmington. Joseph W. Venable was appointed to replace Hinds.

Hinds was born in Ireland on Sept. 8, 1833. At age 17, he left his native country and moved to Pennsylvania. In 1851 he enlisted with 104th Pennsylvania Infantry to fight in the Civil War. At the end of the war, Hinds was appointed a hospital steward in the regular army and continued in government service until 1868.

Hinds went into business with his friend and they opened a slaughterhouse. Called Vickery & Hinds, it became one of the oldest and most prominent businesses in Southern California. They owned and operated markets in Los Angeles, Wilmington, San Pedro, and the Long Beach area.

His business/political contacts lead to his being elected to the Board of Supervisors for two terms, and his Presidential appointment as customs collector.

Hinds lived in Wilmington until his death on May 11, 1898. He and wife had no children.

Sources: Illustrated History of Los Angeles County; Los Angeles Times, May 11, 1898.