



County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISOR JAMES HANLEY

Term: 1893 - 1902
District: Fifth
Date of Birth: April 14, 1847
Death: April 3, 1916

James Hanley served as county supervisor for three terms. He was elected in 1892, 1896 and 1900. On June 9, 1902, he was replaced by Charles E. Patterson, pursuant to Superior Court Judgment: Patterson vs. Hanley 35864.

Born April 14, 1847 in Ireland, Hanley and his family moved to Australia when he was 10. He attended public schools and also began learning the railroad business.

In 1866, at the age of 19, he boarded a ship for San Francisco. He moved to Sacramento and joined the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. After being promoted to engineer he was transferred to Los Angeles, where he helped establish the first transcontinental passenger route from the West Coast. After 20 years with the company, he resigned to pursue the real estate business.

In 1888 he was elected Los Angeles city councilman for one term, and served as Board supervisor from 1893 until 1902.

From 1905 to 1907 he was superintendent of streets for the City of Los Angeles, after which he retired from public service.

On April 3, 1916, Hanley died of a stroke. He was 68, and was survived by his wife, Katie, and three children, John, Robert and Katherine.

Source: Historical and Biographical Record of Southern California; Los Angeles Times, April 4, 1916.