



County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISOR AUGUST LANGENBERGER

Term: 1868 - 1869
District: Not Applicable
Date of Birth: 1824
Death: 1895

August Langenberger served as county supervisor for one term. He was elected in 1868 and was replaced by Hugh Forsman in November 1869.

Born in 1824 in Stadthagen, Germany, Langenberger came to America at the age of 22. He lived in New Orleans for two years before moving to Northern California in 1848. The gold rush was just beginning, and Langenberger caught the gold fever. He settled in the gold mining towns in and around the Stanislaus and Yuba rivers, panning for his fortune.

In August 1849, just as the great majority of "Forty-Niners" were arriving in the mines, he retired from gold mining and moved to Los Angeles, opened a general store near the San Gabriel Mission and soon thereafter got married and started a family.

In 1858 he moved to Anaheim and opened another family-owned and operated general store. Langenberger's business success led to other opportunities in the private and public sector. In 1860 he was hired to be an agent for Wells Fargo & Co., and he also began manufacturing wine and brandy at his vineyard. In 1868 he was elected supervisor for Los Angeles County.

Langenberger died in 1895 at the age of 71. He was survived by his second wife and nine children (seven from his first marriage, two from his second marriage).

Source: History of Los Angeles County, Calif: with Illustrations; Sixty Years in Southern California.