



County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISOR HENRY C. HUBBARD

Term: 1889 - 1893
District: Fifth
Date of Birth: Sept. 19, 1844
Death: December 1929

Henry C. Hubbard served as county supervisor for one term. He was appointed to the position on Sept. 23, 1889, replacing Sheldon Littlefield.

Hubbard was born in Hartford, Vt., on Sept. 19, 1844. When he was 3, the family moved to Lebanon, N. H., where he grew up, attended public schools and worked on the family farm.

In 1868 at the age of 22, he boarded a ship for California. Hubbard settled in Santa Cruz, where he formed a partnership with Francis M. Wright in the lumber business, under the firm name of Hubbard & Wright.

In 1875 he and his partner moved to Los Angeles, rented 3,500 acres in what is now the San Fernando Valley, and raised wheat and barley. In 1887 they bought more than 1,100 acres and continued grain farming on a large scale.

Hubbard's pioneering spirit and community involvement led to his appointment to the Board of Supervisors in 1889. He later also served as school trustee for the Morganside School District, and was the director of the First National Bank of San Fernando and trustee of the San Fernando Methodist Church.

In 1910 Hubbard and Wright sold their property to developers, and the property, partly known as the Zelzah tract, was subdivided and put on the market for residential development.

Credits included membership in the Los Angeles Masons Lodge No. 42, Fernando Lodge No. 214, San Fernando Lodge No. 243 (charter member), and the Pioneer Society of Southern California.

Hubbard died in December 1929. He was 85, and was survived by his wife, Catherine, and two children, Catherine and Wright.

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