



County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISOR ALFRED LOUIS BUSH

Term: 1872 - 1874
District: Fourth District
Date of Birth: Feb. 3, 1849
Death: July 3, 1902

Alfred Louis Bush served as county supervisor for one term. He assumed office in 1872 and completed a two-year term.

Bush was born Feb. 3, 1849, in Vriesland, Mich., where he grew up and attended public schools.

When he was 15, he left school and became a machinist's apprentice. In 1870, at age 20, Bush moved to South Bend, Ind., where he formed a partnership known as Bush and Palmeteer, builders of stationary and marine gas engines, as well as various labor-saving machines.

Bush's business interests and civic mindedness led to his election to the supervisorial seat in 1872. In December 1882, Bush was elected to the Los Angeles City Council, where he served part of a one-year term. He resigned that post on Oct. 27, 1883.

Bush returned to the private sector and consolidated his machinery business with the Burge Manufacturing Company, and the firm of Bush and Burge became prominent in the Los Angeles business world as one of the main suppliers of machinery to manufacturers and offices.

His credits included membership in the Los Angeles Pioneer Society, States Society of Southern California, the Ebell Club and Germania Turn Verein.

On July 3, 1902, Bush died. He was 53, and was survived by his wife, Clara, and three children -- Wilhelmine, Anna Louis and Alfred Jr.

Source: Los Angeles County Records.