



County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISOR RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN FRYER

Term: 1857
District: Not Applicable
Date of Birth: Jan. 31, 1821
Death: Dec. 7, 1888

Richard Chamberlain Fryer served as county supervisor for one term. He was elected in 1857.

Fryer was born in Alabama in 1821. When he was 18, he moved to Arkansas, where he learned how to farm and raise cattle. In 1839 he married Caroline Veazey and they eventually had 11 children.

In 1852 Fryer and his family moved to El Monte. He purchased some land and began farming. Having always been a man of deep religious convictions, one of his first acts after his arrival in El Monte was to found the First Baptist Church in the state. In 1854 he was ordained a Baptist minister. He later was also active in the organization of the Baptist churches in Pomona, Los Angeles and Santa Ana. Fraternally, Fryer was a member of the Masonic Lodge, and at one time was master of the El Monte Lodge.

In addition to serving as county supervisor in 1857, Fryer also was a school trustee for the County School District during the same year.

In 1867 he purchased 250 acres of land in Pomona and moved his family there. Fryer returned to public office in 1870, elected on the Democratic ticket in the State Assembly.

In 1879 Fryer's wife died. A few years later he remarried Martha Maston, and in 1887 they moved to Los Angeles.

On Dec. 7, 1888, Fryer died. He was survived by his second wife and nine children: John W., James W., Jeremiah, Littleton M., Henry, Frances, Louise, Dixie and Mary.

Source: History of Los Angeles.