



County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISOR SHELDON LITTLEFIELD

Term: 1889
District: Not Applicable
Date of Birth: 1834
Death: Unknown

Sheldon Littlefield served as county supervisor for less than one term. He assumed office on Jan. 7, 1889, and resigned in September. He was replaced by Henry C. Hubbard on Sept. 23, 1889.

Littlefield was born in Middlesex County, Mass., in 1834, and was brought up on a farm. At the age of 17 he moved to Charlestown, Mass. and for the next four years worked in a grocery store, taught school, and worked in a plant that manufactured boots and shoes to make money.

In 1855, at the age of 21, Littlefield had earned enough money to move to California. The Gold Rush had begun, and he didn't want to miss out. Littlefield settled in the Marysville area in search of his fortune. He worked odd jobs and saved up enough money to buy a mining claim.

In 1864 Littlefield diversified into the mercantile business, as well as prospecting and mining. He bought a retail fruit store in San Francisco, and later opened up a trading company under the firm name of Littlefield, Webb & Co.

In 1887 Littlefield moved to Anaheim after buying a fruit ranch. He became involved in civic matters, assisting in the building of the Anaheim Hotel and the town's first mill. In 1888 he was elected county supervisor of Los Angeles County, and also later served as Orange County supervisor for the Third District.

Credits included serving as trustee of Anaheim, and member of the Free Masons and Odd Fellow Society.

Littlefield was married and had six children: Sheldon, Francis, Eva, Ellen, Joyce and Maud.

Source: The History of Orange County.