



County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISOR JOHN T. BRADY

Term: 1905-1907
District: First
Date of Birth: Oct. 17, 1834
Death: Aug. 31, 1915

Captain John T. Brady was appointed county supervisor on Dec. 11, 1905 by then - Governor Pardee to fill the unexpired term of Orray W. Longden, who died Nov. 10, 1905.

Born Oct. 17, 1834 in Cass County, Ill., he was the son of Charles and Mahala (Graves) Brady.

In 1859 he became a pioneer farmer in Kansas and at the outbreak of the Civil War enlisted in Company A, Seventh Kansas unit, as a sergeant. After the war he returned to farming and became a successful land owner and cattle rancher. In 1870 he was a founding father of the town of Sabetha, Kan., and in 1882 organized a bank there. During this time he married Emily E. Collins.

With his banking career taking off, Brady helped establish banking institutions in three other large cities in Kansas. But his wife's ill-health due to the climate forced Brady to give up his banking career in Kansas for a home elsewhere.

In 1890 he and his wife moved to Ontario, Calif. The following year they moved again to Pomona and built a home on the corner of Holt Avenue and Palomares Street.

In January 1892 Brady opened the National Bank of Pomona. It was started with \$50,000 capital. During his 14 years as president, the bank had a steady, conservative growth. In 1904 the bank's worth doubled and its name was changed to the American National Bank of Pomona. At the time of the merger, stockholders were paid 70 percent dividends on their investment, which still left a surplus of \$25,000. In 1906 Brady resigned as president but stayed on as a stockholder and consultant.

While serving as bank president, Brady increased his land ownership by purchasing 120 acres near Ontario and planted oranges and lemons. In 1894 he was elected president of the Pomona Fruit Growers' Exchange, a position he held for about 10 years. In 1896 he helped incorporate the Consolidated Water Company of Pomona, supplying the water for domestic purposes to Pomona, North Pomona and Claremont.

In 1905, following the death of Longden, Brady was appointed to fill the vacant board seat for the First District.

Brady's affiliations included being a member of the Republican county executive committee, Board of Trade of Pomona, Pomona Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Odd Fellows Lodge of Pomona, and Saxon Lodge No. 68 in Virginia.

On Aug. 31, 1915 Brady died at his home of complications following an operation. He was 80.

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