



County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISOR JAMES FOORD

Term: 1885 - 1886
District: First
Date of Birth: 1831
Death: 1927

James Foord served one term as county supervisor. He assumed office in 1885 to represent the Fourth District.

James Foord was born in Draham, Mass. in 1831. He grew up and went to public schools there. In 1874, at the age of 43, he came to California on his honeymoon. He loved it so much that he and his wife settled in San Gabriel and began a colorful career in the development of Southern California and Los Angeles.

His pioneering spirit helped get him elected to a county supervisorial seat for one term in 1885. While in office, Foord was influential in the erection of the County courthouse. He was also a successful citrus grower and aided in the expansion of citrus production.

Credits include membership on the board of directors of the Unitarian Church of Los Angeles.

Foord died in 1927 at the age of 96. He was survived by a daughter.

Sources: Los Angeles Times, July 4, 1927.