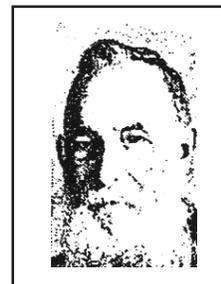




County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors



SUPERVISOR JAMES HAY

Term: 1893 - 1897
District: Fourth
Date of Birth: 1843
Death: 1934

James Hay served as county supervisor for one term. He was elected in November 1892 and assumed office on Jan. 3, 1893.

Born in 1843 in Scotland, Hay came to America when he was 8 years old.

In 1875 he bought a ranch in Artesia, Calif. and was one of the first settlers in the area. He is credited with planting one of the first orchards in this part of the country. The first artesian well was drilled on his property. For a number of years he ran a blacksmith shop at the corner of Pioneer and Artesia boulevards.

In 1893 he became a county supervisor. Because the trip into Los Angeles took so long by horseback, he moved to Norwalk so that he could go in by train.

In 1905 he was made president of the newly organized bank in Norwalk and held that position until the Bank of America took it over. He was made chairman of the advisory board for Bank of America.

Hay was a prominent member of both the Odd Fellows and the Masons.

He remained a bachelor because of the death of his sweetheart in his youth.

Hay died in 1934. He was 91.

Source: Los Angeles Times, May 11, 1934.