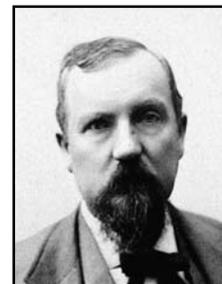




County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors



SUPERVISOR JACOB ROSS, JR.

Term: 1885 – 1888
District: Fifth
Date of Birth: Aug. 7, 1846
Death: Unknown

Jacob Ross, Jr. served as county supervisor for one term. He was elected in November 1884 and began his term on Jan. 5, 1885. On Jan. 7, 1885, lots were drawn for two- and four-year terms. The First and Third District supervisors won a two-year term and the Second, Fourth and Fifth District supervisors won a four-year term. Supervisors were elected to four-year terms thereafter.

Ross was born Aug. 7, 1846 in Clinton County, Ind. When he was 19, Ross and his family moved to California, first settling in Watsonville, and then in 1868 the family moved to Southern California. Ross' father bought more than 1,000 acres of land and began farming, and also ran a veterinary business caring for animals.

In 1878 Ross relocated to Orange County, where he was a farmer. Six years later he moved to Santa Ana and built a home on the corner of Fourth and Ross streets. He followed in his father's footsteps and opened up a veterinary practice caring for sick horses. Ross was credited with discovering a remedy for lockjaw in horses. Out of 168 cases treated, more than two-thirds were cured.

His skill in the profession and his civic mindedness led to a County inspector position for diseased horses in Los Angeles County, followed by his election to the Board of Supervisors. After leaving the supervisorial seat, he continued as an inspector for diseased horses in Orange County, as well as maintaining his private practice.

Ross and his wife, Nettie, had 14 children.

Source: Los Angeles County Records.