



County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors



SUPERVISOR LELAND MERRITT FORD

Term: 1936 - 1938
District: Fourth
Date of Birth: March 8, 1893
Death: Nov. 27, 1965

Leland Merritt Ford served one term as county supervisor. He assumed office in April 6, 1936, replacing John R. Quinn.

Ford was born in Eureka County, Nev., March 8, 1893, where he grew up and went to public schools. In the early 1900s his family moved to Berkeley, Calif., where he graduated from Berkeley High School.

In 1911 Ford accepted an offer from the Southern Pacific Railroad and worked in California and New York for the next four years. While in New York he married Elizabeth Beryl Seger, and they would eventually have two children, a son and a daughter.

In 1915 Ford took a job with Union Pacific Railroad and moved to Los Angeles. One year later he and his family moved to Lynchburg, Va., where he took up farming and livestock breeding.

In 1919 he and his family moved to Santa Monica, and he became involved in the real estate business. From 1923-27 he was a member of the Santa Monica Planning Commission.

On April 6, 1936, Ford was appointed county supervisor. He resigned Nov. 9, 1938, after being elected to Congress and was replaced by Oscar L. Hauge. Ford served as a Republican in Congress for four years, but was unsuccessful in his bid for reelection in 1942 to the 78th Congress. After retiring from public life, Ford returned to Los Angeles and resumed his real estate business.

Credits included membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Kiwanis Club, Masonic Lodge No. 637, Shriner's Club, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and Elks Club.
Ford died Nov 27, 1965.

Sources: Who Was Who In America, 1961-1968.