



County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISOR ORRAY W. LONGDEN

Term: 1899 - 1905
District: First
Date of Birth: 1861
Death: Nov. 10, 1905

Orray W. Longden served as county supervisor for almost two terms. He assumed office on Jan. 3, 1899, and died while in office on Nov. 10, 1905. John T. Brady was appointed by the governor to replace Longden on Dec. 11, 1905.

Longden was born in 1861 in Woodstock, Conn. He attended public schools in his hometown, and in his later teens began studying to be a doctor.

Poor health forced him to change careers and he moved to Los Angeles due to the weather. In the early 1880s, he settled in East San Gabriel, got married, and became a merchant, postmaster, justice of the peace, school trustee and deputy assessor, followed by his election to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Honors included being a member of the Knights of Pythias and Pasadena Elks Lodge No. 672.

Longden died of heart failure at age 44, and was survived by his second wife, Emma.

Source: Los Angeles Times, Nov. 11, 1905.