



"Enriching Lives"

County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISOR PHILIP SICHEL

Term: 1864
District: Not Applicable
Date of Birth: Not Available
Death: Not Available

Philip Sichel was elected county supervisor in 1864, but resigned from office on Aug. 18, 1864. He was replaced by Maurice Kremer. Sichel was one of the eight Jews of early Los Angeles. He lived in the 95th unit on Bell's Row in the "Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation" and operated his business from the same location. His brother, Julius, also owned and operated a glassware, crockery, and hardware business.

Sometime before September 1853, Sichel partnered with Felix Bachman (supervisor 1857) and Samson Laubheim. On the morning of Sept. 2, 1853, Sichel and Laubheim were awakened by a fire raging amidst their merchandise. (The practice of the earliest Jewish residents was to sleep in the back room of their business location.) The estimated loss from the fire ranged from \$5,000 to \$6,000.

Sources: Western Jewish Historical Quarterly, The Location of Los Angeles Jewry At The Beginning of 1851, by Norton B. Stern; Newmark, Harris, Sixty Years in Southern California, 1853-1913. Guinn, James M.