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NAME Baker, Edwin (Deceased Aug. 1, 1936)

PUBLIC OFFICES HELD

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CITY:

City Council 1924-1926

COUNTY:

STATE:

State Assembly 1915-1925
State Board of Equalization Aug.1, 1935-
Aug.1, 1936

FEDERAL:

U. S. Customs Collector, Nogales, Ariz.
January 1905-1908

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

Ex-secretary - California Taxpayers
Association

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Realty broker
Tax counselor
Actor
State, Federal and City official

PORTRAIT:

ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE: None

PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES)

The Los Angeles Public Library
Local History Collection
Biography

NAME Baker, Edwin (Deceased August 1, 1932)
Occupation Realty Broker and Tax Counselor
Address 561 North Croft Ave., Los Angeles
Birth (Date and Place) February 11, 1873, Oakland, Maryland

FATHER

Birth (Date and Place)

If Deceased, When

MOTHER

Birth (Date and Place)

If Deceased, When

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Henrietta Crawford

Birth of Same (Date and Place) Washington, D. C.

If Deceased, When

When Married June 1902, Washington, D.C.

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

Edwin E.

SKETCH

(Please make this as full as possible, giving business affiliations, positions of honor or trust with dates if possible.)

Edwin Baker was born on February 11, 1873 in Oakland, Maryland. He was educated in the local public schools; later enrolled at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. where he received his B. S. degree in 1897.

Subsequent to his graduation, Mr. Baker joined a theatrical stock company where he played minor roles in various stock productions in New York State.

In August 1900 he entered the U.S. Pension Office in Washington, D. C. The recent Spanish American War and the problems of veteran pensions and necessary offsetting taxes interested Mr. Baker to the extent that in addition to his position in the Pension Office he enrolled in American University where he took graduate work in Tax Counseling.

In January 1905 Mr. Baker was appointed by Theodore Roosevelt, U.S. Customs Collector at Nogales, Arizona. He remained in this office for the remainder of Mr. Roosevelt's Presidential term.

In 1908 Mr. Baker removed to Los Angeles, California where he opened offices as a Realty Broker and Tax Counselor.

Mr. Baker's early love of the theatre manifested itself in his promotion of the Pilgrimage Play Group, for which he acted as stage manager for five seasons.

In November 1914 he was elected to the California State Legislature as Assemblyman where he represented the 75th District. He was returned to the post at each subsequent election and served eight consecutive years. At the November 1922 election he was not a candidate for reelection.

He was elected to the City Council in June 1924 where he served one term of two years.

In 1926 Mr. Baker entered private business as Tax Counselor but when California adopted the Sales Tax on August 1, 1933 he was appointed by Governor Rolph Auditor to the State Sales Tax Division, California State Board of Equalization. He remained in this position until his death August 1, 1936.

ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

BOOKS:

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:

Los Angeles Times
Los Angeles Examiner
Personnel Record - State Board of
Qualification

PERSONAL INTERVIEW:

None

INTERVIEWED BY:

DATE OF INTERVIEW:

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

BOOKS:

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:

Los Angeles Times
Los Angeles Examiner
Personnel Records - State Board of
Equalization

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