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NAME Beck, Samuel J. (deceased November 24, 1906)

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CITY:

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| City Council | 1878 - 1880 |
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COUNTY:

STATE

FEDERAL:

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Metallurgist

Real Estate

City official

PORTRAIT:

ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE:

PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES) none

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Biography

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NAME Beck, Samuel J. (deceased November 24,
1906)

Occupation Metallurgist

Address _____

Birth (Date and Place) July 5, 1845, New Hampshire

FATHER Beck, Samuel

Birth (Date and Place) _____

If Deceased, When _____

MOTHER Mary Chappell

Birth (Date and Place) _____

If Deceased, When _____

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Fidelia Anderson

Birth of Same (Date and Place) _____

If Deceased, When _____

When Married Feb. 14, 1903, Los Angeles

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

SKETCH

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

Samuel J. Beck was born in New Hampshire on July 5, 1845. When a very small lad he was brought west by his parents. In 1852 the family settled in what is now Bozeman, Montana. Mr. Beck Sr. was a mining engineer so after attending the local schools Samuel J. Beck attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from which institution he was graduated as a metallurgist in 1870.

After graduation he established headquarters in Los Angeles where as a consultant in mining problems his services were in great demand.

Always interested in public affairs and city government Mr. Beck was elected to the City Council from the 4th Ward on December 5, 1878 where he served two terms until December 1880. During Mr. Beck's first year in the Council he served as President of that body.

Mr. Beck invested heavily in real estate. Management of his property in addition to being actively engaged in his profession occupied his entire time after leaving the Council.

On February 14, 1903 he married Miss Fidelia Anderson in Los Angeles. He died November 24, 1906 at his home in Los Angeles.

ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

BOOKS:

L.A. Probate Records - #10568

L.A. Vital Statistics - Death Records

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:

PERSONAL INTERVIEW: none

INTERVIEWED BY:

DATE OF INTERVIEW

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