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NAME Foster, Dr. Douglas Eads

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CITY:

City Council1927-1929

COUNTY:

STATE:

FEDERAL:

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

Active in civic affairs; also in fraternal
and beneficial orders.

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Military experience in Spanish American War
Dental Surgeon and practitioner
Business man
Realtor
City official

PORTRAIT:

ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE: one repro-
duction
1½x2 in.
PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES)

ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

BOOKS:

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:

PERSONAL INTERVIEW:

INTERVIEWED BY: Luella Sawyer

DATE OF INTERVIEW: October 17, 1934

REWRITTEN BY: Clare Wallace
January 25, 1937

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Biography

NAME Foster, Dr. Douglas Eads
Occupation Retired Dental Surgeon and Business man
Address
Birth (Date and Place) August 21, 1875, Warrensburg, Missouri

FATHER James Foster
Birth (Date and Place)
If Deceased, When 1878

MOTHER Agnes Eads
Birth (Date and Place) 1850, Ohio
If Deceased, When

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM 1st Alice C. Stepper
2nd Margaret D.
Birth of Same (Date and Place) 1897, Springfield, Ky.
If Deceased, When
When Married

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)
My first wife:
Martha
Douglas Eads, Jr.
Jane

ANCESTORS OF DISTINCTION OR LOCAL INTEREST

(Please include names of local interest as "forty-niners," or any one connected with the affairs or development of the state or city, as officials, professional men, merchants, etc.)

Parents pioneered to Johnston County,
Missouri.

Maternal grandfather, Colonel Eads,
was a doctor with the medical corps in the Mexican wars.

EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, Etc.) Public Schools, Warrensburg, Mo; Missouri State Teachers' College, and Washington School of Dentistry, St. Louis, Missouri; Post graduate course, University of Southern California, Los Angeles;

CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC.

Mason; Shriner; Spanish War Veterans

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION Protestant

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS Republican

RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE 1906

SKETCH

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

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Here Dr. Foster, after a post graduate degree at the University of Southern California, practiced his profession until he retired in 1924.

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Also, he was active in the promotion of the Third Street Tunnel, and is said to have opposed the Bureau of Power & Light monopoly of city power concessions on the grounds that private industry is entitled to share in such business.

Since retirement from public office Dr. Foster devotes his energies to his real estate investments, and resides in Los Angeles.



Douglas Eads Foster was born in Warrensburg, Mo., educated in the public schools of that city and graduated from the Missouri State Teachers' College and the Washington School of Dentistry, of St. Louis, Mo., he is also a post graduate of the University of Southern California, Dental Department. He served in the hospital service during the Spanish-American war; assisted in the establishing of the United States Army Dental Corps and was commissioned a dental surgeon in 1892, serving six years, when he resigned to engage in private practice in Los Angeles.

Dr. Foster is prominently identified with fraternal and beneficial orders and has always been active in civic affairs. He represents the citizens of the Twelfth Councilmanic District, and is chairman of the Committee on Health and Sanitation.

Twelfth District**Dr. Douglas Eads Foster**

Member of City Council

July 1, 1927 - June 30, 1929

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