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Biography

NAME Cowles, Josiah Evans  
Occupation Physician and Surgeon, (deceased June 14, 1933)  
Address 1101 West Adams Street, L. A.  
Birth <sup>(Date and Place)</sup> May 14, 1855, Hamptonville, N.C.

FATHER Josiah Cowles, Jr.  
Birth <sup>(Date and Place)</sup>  
If Deceased, When

MOTHER Mary Evans  
Birth <sup>(Date and Place)</sup>  
If Deceased, When

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Ione Virginia Hill  
Birth of Same <sup>(Date and Place)</sup> Carthage, Ill.  
If Deceased, When

When Married

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

# TITLES OF BOOKS, ARTICLES, MUSIC, OR OTHER CREATIVE WORK

(In the case of printed matter, please give date and publisher; of periodical publications also name of magazine and date.)

Contributed numerous articles, pertaining to operative technique in his specialized fields, to magazines and professional publications.

## REVIEWS, CRITICISMS, AND OTHER BIOGRAPHICAL NOTICES

(Please note printed matter concerning yourself or your work. We would appreciate any such material you may send, clippings, reviews, portrait.)

Southwest Blue Books

Press Reference Library.....1913

Spalding's History of L.A. City & County...1931

Men of Southern California

## 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.)

Descendent of old colonial family.

Great-grandfather was Captain Andrew Carson  
of Revolutionary fame.

Uncle was Midshipman Robert Carson Duval, of  
Comodore Stockton's flagship, "Savannah"  
during his conquest of California.

Another Uncle was Colonel W.H.H. Cowles, noted  
Confederate cavalry officer and cousin to  
Kit Carson, scout and Indian fighter.

EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, Etc.) Public schools,  
Findley high, and Davenport College, N.C.; M. D.  
from University of Maryland; three years civil  
engineering; post graduate work New York Polyclinic  
and Post Graduate College, Bellevue, and Lying-In  
Hospitals.

CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC. American Medical Asso-  
ciation; L.A. County Medical Society; Southern  
California District Medical Society; Historical So-  
ciety of Southern California; Sons of Colonial Wars;  
Medical Association of the State of California.

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION      Episcopalian

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS      Democrat

RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE      1888

## SKETCH

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

Fifth in line of descent from Josiah Cowles, early Connecticut settler, Josiah Evans Cowles was born, May 14, 1855, Yadkin county, N.C. After county, public, and high schools he was graduated from Davenport College, N. C.

Declining an appointment to United States Military Academy, West Point, tendered to him after three years civil engineering work, he matriculated in medical school of the University of Maryland, receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine, 1880, after which he entered practice of medicine at Edgefield, S.C.

From 1886-88, Doctor Cowles was physician in charge of the New York Lying-In Hospital, assistant manager of gynecological outdoor department of Bellevue Hospital, lecturer at New York Polyclinic, and assisted Dr. V. P. Gibney in orthopedics.

Removing to Los Angeles in 1888, Doctor Cowles established the Pacific Hospital for the surgical treatment of diseases of women, and with his distinguished wife, nee Ione Virginia Hill, whom he married 1890, in Chicago, Ill., entered the civic welfare, religious, and social life of the city.

For over thirty years Dr. Cowles served as local chief medical examiner for Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, the Western States Life Insurance Company, and the San Francisco Life Insurance Company.

He served four years on the Los Angeles Board of Health, and was appointed to the Playground & Recreation Commission in 1913 and served until 1924, being president of that body in 1916.

Dr. Cowles died at his home, in Los Angeles, June 14, 1933.

HOBBIES: As a lover of literature, music and art, Dr. Cowles collected rare books, pictures, and masterpieces of the great composers.

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