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NAME Farish, Oscar Eugene (deceased December 13

PUBLIC OFFICES HELD

(DATE)

CITY:

COUNTY:

STATE:

State Realty Federation

FEDERAL:

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

Member of: Chamber of commerce Chamber of Mines

Los Angeles Realty Board

(President)

Municipal League

Lunicipal Waterways Association

activities in various civic committees and commissions

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Clerk and agent of Southern Express Company Clerk wholesale paper house Corporation clerk Real estate and oil operator Civic committeeman City and county official

PORTRAIT:

ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE: NONE
PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES)

Lummis'Outwest, 1909, p 348
Press Reference Library, 1913, p 532
Los Angeles Times, December 13, 1917
Burdette's Greater L. A. & Southern California, p 113

ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

BOOKS:

Guinn's History of California, L.A. & Environs, vol 111, p 536
Also, see other page

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:

Los Angeles Times, December 13,1917

PERSONAL INTERVIEW: NONE

INTERVIEWED BY:

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Biography

NAME	Farish, Oscar Rugene (deceased December 13,
Occupa	tion Oil and Real Estate Operator
Addres	s
Birth	(Date and Place) July 20, 1868, near Pittsboro, Chatham county, North Caroline
FATHER	John W. Farish
Birth	(Date and Place) North Carolina
If Dece	eased, When
MOTHER	Mary Ann Harris
Birth	(Date and Place)
If Dece	eased, When
IF MARRIE	D, TO WHOM Alice Aspinall Grinrod
Birth of	f Same (Date and Place) Albany, New York
If Dece	eased, When 1913
When M	Married December 4,1895, Pasadena, California
CHILDREN	(Married Names of Daughters)
	Muriel Estelle: Mrs. Frank Boswell
	Gwendolyn

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.) 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.) Lummis' Outwest, 1909, p 348 Guinn's History of California, L.A. & Environs, vol 111.p 536 Burdette Greater L.A. & Southern California p 113 Press Reference Library, 1913, p 532 Los Angeles Times, December 13, 1917

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.)

Subject	is descendant	of old Southern fa	amily,
resident in	the Carolinas	for generations.	
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Federation Clu	b; Enights of	Pythias; Independen	t Order
of Foresters;	Mason: Fratern	al Brotherhood	
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POLITICAL AFFILIA	ATIONS Democ	rat	·
RESIDENCE IN CAL	IFORNIA SINCE 1	895	

SKETCH

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

Oscar Eugene Farish was born July 20, 1868,
on the family plantation near Pittsboro, Chatham
County, North Carolina. While he was a small child
the family moved to Arkansas where he attended public
schools.
At nineteen years of age young Farish entered
the employ of the Southern Express Company, remain-
ing there eight years and rising to positions of
trust in various parts of the south.
He removed to Los Angeles in the summer of
1895. Here he was first employed by Blake, Moffitt
& Towne, (still extant) wholesale paper concern.
Following this Mr. Farish was cashier for the Los
Angeles Electric Company, resigning in 1897 to enter
oil and real estate business for himself.
From 1902-1912 he conducted a general real estate, rental and oil business, under the firm name
estate, rental and oil business, under the lim name
of Mines & Farish, with W.W. Mines as partner.
Elected to the City Council from the 3rd
ward, in December, 1902, Mr. Farish served 1903-1904. During his term problems regarding the harbour were
foremost in business, official, and financial circles.
Mr. Farish advocated a seaport for Los Angeles, and
promoted such interests in Council. He was associated
with the Second Street Tunnel project, and the pro-
motion of a Union Terminal (work upon which started
in 1936) for the city.
In 1912 he organized the California Realty
Corporation, of which he was elected president and
served a number of years.
Mr. Farish remained active in business and
civic affairs until the time of his death, which oc-
curred in his forty-ninth year, December 13, 1917,
in Los Angeles.