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**NAME** Hellman, Irving Herman

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**(DATE)**

**CITY:**

Pension Commission 1925-1940  
President, July 1, 1925-July 1, 1937

**COUNTY:**

**STATE**

**FEDERAL:**

**CIVIC ACTIVITIES:**

Chamber of Commerce  
Welfare, philanthropic, and developmental activities

**BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Reinforced concrete engineer  
Business man  
Banker and financier  
City official

**PORTRAIT:**

**ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE: none**

**PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES)**

Portrait Index

## **ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:**

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION:**

**BOOKS:**

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**NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:**

Los Angeles Times

**PERSONAL INTERVIEW:** none; filled in biography form,  
1920

**INTERVIEWED BY:**

**DATE OF INTERVIEW**

Written by: Clare Wallace  
January 18, 1937

The Los Angeles Public Library  
Local History Collection  
Biography

NAME Hellman, Irving Herman

Occupation Banker and Financier

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Birth (Date and Place) May 10, 1883, Los Angeles, Calif.

FATHER Herman W. Hellman

Birth (Date and Place) September 25, 1843, Rickendorf, Bavaria, Germany

If Deceased, When October 19, 1906, Los Angeles

MOTHER Ida Heimann

Birth (Date and Place) October 29, 1850, Treviso, Italy

If Deceased, When Los Angeles

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Florence Marx

Birth of Same (Date and Place) Los Angeles

If Deceased, When \_\_\_\_\_

When Married November 30, 1911, Los Angeles, Calif.

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters) \_\_\_\_\_

Ida Herminie

Evelyn

Irving Herman, Jr.

## 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.)

Voluminous writer on financial and civic  
matters.

Author of many series of articles concerning  
agricultural, and general economic subjects  
which have appeared in both the local and South-  
ern California press, foreign publications, jour-  
nals, etc.

## 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.)

Detwiler, Who's Who in California, 1928-29, p 296.  
Southwest Blue Book, 1937

Press Reference Library, 1912 p 289

Press Reference Library, 1913 p 401

Hunt, California and Californians, vol 111, p 330

McGroarty, Los Angeles From the Mountains to the  
Sea, vol 111, p 525

# 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.)

Father and uncle of subject, Herman W. and  
Isais Hellman respectively, immigrated to California  
from Bavaria via Cape Horn, arriving in 1858,  
when 15 and 16 years of age. Both were pioneer  
business men, builders and bankers, who left vast  
commercial wealth upon their deaths. They were  
partners in Hellman, Temple and Company, the first  
financial house in Southern California.

## EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, Etc.)

Grammar and high schools, Los Angeles; engineer-  
ing course, Armour School of Technology, Chicago,  
Illinois

CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC. Mason; Shriner;  
B.P.O.E.; Los Angeles Athletic Club; Uplifters Club;  
Hillcrest Country Club; San Gabriel Valley Country  
Club; Concordia Club; Union League; California Yacht  
Club; Jonathan Club; West Shore Gun Club; Southern  
California Riding and Driving Club

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION Jewish, B'nai B'rith  
Temple

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS Republican, with indepen-  
RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE Birth  
dent affiliations

## SKETCH

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

Irving H. Hellman was born May 10, 1883, in the Hellman family home which stood on the present site of the H. W. Hellman Building, at Fourth and Spring Streets in Los Angeles.

His primary and secondary education was received in the local schools after which he took a special course in engineering at the Armour School of Technology, in Chicago. Specializing in problems involved in reenforced concrete construction he also studied under various engineers of different nationalities.

Mr. Hellman's first business position was that of reenforced concrete engineer with the city of Los Angeles in 1906. Upon the death of his father two years later he resigned this position to assume charge of the extensive Hellman estate.

Beginning in 1912 he was vice-president and director of the Hellman Commercial Trust and Savings Bank over a great many years, and until it was absorbed by the Bank of America.

During this time he was director and officer of many other banks and financial institutions both in Los Angeles and in Southern California.

Throughout his business life Mr Hillman has been active in progressive, civic and welfare activities. Extremely active in promoting development of Southern California's great agricultural resources he has furthered its larger industrial and commercial aims, such as cotton growing, citrus culture, oil and mining development. Public enterprises in which he placed his enthusiasm and financial support included, in addition to these civic and commercial aims, sports. At one time he was an ardent amateur sportsman.

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July 1, 1925 Mr. Hellman was appointed to the Pension Commission which has jurisprudence over the Fire and Police Pension Fund. As president he served from July 1, 1925 to July 1, 1937, and by reelection will serve on the Commission to July 1, 1940.

At present Mr. Hellman is associated with Schwabacher and Company, brokers, and makes his home with his family in Beverly Hills.

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