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CITY OFFICIALS

NAME Moore, Walter Scott (deceased March 30, 1919)

PUBLIC OFFICES HELD

(DATE)

CITY:

City Council, 5th Ward December 1880-December 1884
President 1883-1884
Chief Engineer, Fire Department December 1883-
~~XXXXXXXX~~ December 1884
" " December 26, 1886-September 26, 1887
Secretary, Board of Freeholders, June, 1888
Chief Engineer, January 1891-January 31, 1893
" " January 1895-April 4, 1900
Fire Commission, December 1889-December 1891
STATE

FEDERAL:

Internal Revenue Collector

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Real estate

Insurance

Federal and city official

Political, welfare, and fraternal
activities

PORTRAIT:

ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE: none

PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES)

Portrait Index

ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Wilson, History of Los Angeles County, p 117

BOOKS:

McGroarty, Los Angeles From the Mountains to the Sea, vol III, p 566

Los Angeles City Vital Statistics
Probate Records

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:

Los Angeles Times

PERSONAL INTERVIEW: none

INTERVIEWED BY:

DATE OF INTERVIEW

Written by: Clare Wallace

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Local History Collection
Biography

NAME Moore, Walter Scott (deceased March 30,
1919)

Occupation Real Estate and Insurance

Address _____

Birth (Date and Place) December 23, 1853, Philadelphia
Penn.

FATHER Isaac Walker Moore

Birth (Date and Place) Pennsylvania

If Deceased, When 1853

MOTHER Margaret Harvey Hughes

Birth (Date and Place) Maryland

If Deceased, When _____

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Amenaida Raphela LanFranco

Birth of Same (Date and Place) _____

If Deceased, When _____

When Married November 17, 1877, Los Angeles

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

Walter Scott, Jr.

Margaret: Mrs. Richard O'Neil

Rowena: Mrs. Paul Selby

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.)

Descendant on the distaff side of the Harveys,
an old Colonial American family whose members
fought in the French and Indian Wars.

EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, Etc.)

Public schools, Philadelphia, Penn.

CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC.

Mason; Elk; Eagle; Maccabee

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS Republican

RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE 1874

SKETCH

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

Walter Scott Moore was born December 23, 1853, in Philadelphia, where he was educated in public schools.

In 1874 he accompanied his mother to California on a pleasure trip and after visiting Los Angeles became a permanent resident of the city.

Soon after settling here he engaged in real estate and insurance. He was also admitted to the bar but never practiced law, and, at one time, was a collector of internal revenue.

At the time Mr. Moore took up residence in Los Angeles the city fire department was volunteer with a higher social value than a practical one. He is credited with organizing the volunteers into a trained unit for fire-fighting with such success that it was afterwards placed on the city payroll.

He was elected Chief Engineer of the department the first time in 1883. During the twenty years following this he was actively associated with the Fire Department, serving many terms as Chief Engineer and once as Fire Commissioner.

Prior to his service in the Fire Department Mr. Moore served as Councilman from the old 5th Ward from 1880-1884, being president of the Council during his last year at the time Cameron Thom was mayor.

In 1888 Mr. Moore was elected, and served as secretary, to the Board of Freeholders which framed the first City Charter to be adopted.

Mr. Moore was interested in Republican politics over a long period of years. He was a prominent civic figure, popular as a public

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SKETCH:

Moore, Walter Scott

speaker and after-dinner orator, and at different times was candidate for the Senate and Secretary of State. He was prominent and active in fraternal affairs. For forty years he was a member of the Masonic Lodge 42, and was historian of the Elks organization.

At the time of his death, which occurred March 30, 1919, at his home in St. James Park, Los Angeles, Mr. Moore had been retired a number of years.