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CITY OFFICIALS

NAME Aguilar, Cristobal (deceased April 11, 1886)

PUBLIC OFFICES HELD

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CITY:

City Council	July 3, 1850 - Aug. 30, 1851
	Dec. 8, 1855 - May 7, 1856
	May 10, 1858 - May 9, 1859
Mayor	COUNTY May 7, 1861 - May 7, 1862
	May 10, 1866 - May 6, 1867
	Aug. 8, 1867 - Dec. 7, 1868
Zanjero	Dec. 9, 1870 - Dec. 5, 1872
	Dec. 21, 1868 - March 3, 1869
	Dec. 7, 1874 - Dec. 1878

~~STATE~~

COUNTY

Supervisor

FEDERAL:

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

Democratic party activities
Member Democratic County Committee, 1872

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

PORTRAIT:

ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE: none

PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES)

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Local History Collection
Biography

NAME Aguilar, Cristobal (deceased April 11, 1886)

Occupation _____

Address _____

Birth (Date and Place) About 1825, Los Angeles, California

FATHER Jose Maria Aguilar

Birth (Date and Place) about 1790, Mexico

If Deceased, When 1883, Los Angeles

MOTHER Maria

Birth (Date and Place) About 1810, California

If Deceased, When _____

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Dolores y Orba

Birth of Same (Date and Place) about 1834, California

If Deceased, When _____

When Married Prior to 1850

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.)

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.)

- ~~Newmark, Sixty Years in Southern California~~
- ~~Spalding, History and Reminiscences of Los Angeles City and County, vol 1~~
- ~~Workman, City That Grew~~
- ~~Wilson, History of Los Angeles County~~
- ~~Warner, Haynes, Widney, Historical Sketch of Los Angeles County, 1876~~
- ~~Los Angeles Probate and City Death Records~~
- ~~Census of the City and County of Los Angeles, 1850~~
- ~~Layne, Annals of Los Angeles, pp 64, 65, 71~~

SKETCH

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

In the first Federal Census of Los Angeles taken in 1850 Don Cristobal Aguilar was listed as one of the 1610 white population of the pueblo.

He was given as married to one Dolores, their ages being being twenty-five and sixteen years respectively, and listed as a laborer.

This appellation at that time meant a kind of farmer or able-bodied man of the more substantial families, and was the largest class of the adult population. Don Cristobal's father, Don Jose Maria Aguilar, was among the wealthy men of the village though not one of the great rancho proprietors.

The family lived in an adobe which faced the south of the Plaza on what is now north Main street. This old adobe was a prominent landmark for a number of years following the American government. It once served as the town calabozo or jail, and the Sisters of Charity instituted the first hospital in Los Angeles in it in 1858.

The first city election under American rule to replace the Ayuntamiento of the Mexicans was held July 1, 1850. Don Cristobal was elected a member of the first City Council for a one-year term.

In the twenty-two years following this he was active politically in municipal and county affairs. He served as councilman at four different times, as mayor twice, and in other official positions.

Records show that during both of his mayoralty terms the populace was distressed by either flood or drought, and that some sort of adequate water system for the city was the acute, recurring and never-ending discussion before the Council.

The year of 1868 was another flood year with the city water service again demoralized. Mayor Aguilar vetoed a popular ordinance that the city purchase the privately owned water works.

At the time Don Cristobal served as Zanjero that office was considered more important than that of mayor; it paid more salary than that of the chief executive.

Don Cristobal died suddenly of a heart attack April 11, 1886.

ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

BOOKS:

See other page

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:

PERSONAL INTERVIEW: none

INTERVIEWED BY:

DATE OF INTERVIEW

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