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NAME BAKER, GEORGE WASHINGTON CONRAD

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CITY:

Member City Council

1931-1935

COUNTY:

L.A. County Special Legislative Committee

1929

STATE:

FEDERAL:

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

- Promoting playgrounds
- Humanitarian work among children
- Special study of laws relative to street improvements
- East Side Development
- Chamber of Commerce
- Relief and welfare work

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Real Estate

Bank Director

Road Building and Construction Work

PORTRAIT:

ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE:

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Biography

NAME BAKER, GEORGE WASHINGTON CONRAD

Occupation Realtor

Address 3337 Whittier Blvd.

Birth (Date and Place) Sept. 28, 1872, San Francisco, Calif.

FATHER Conrad Baker

Birth (Date and Place) May 5, 1830, Philadelphia, Pa.

If Deceased, When 1914

MOTHER Angelia Ingargiola

Birth (Date and Place) 1832, New Orleans, La.

If Deceased, When 1925

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM 1st. Carrie L. Moulton

Birth of Same (Date and Place) 1872

If Deceased, When Divorced, 1918

When Married Philadelphia, Pa. 1894.

2nd Marriage - Lura Cassingham, Sept. 6, 1921, San Jose, Calif.
CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

Mrs. William N. Luther

Conrad Baker

Addison M. Baker

Edwin L. Baker

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 mother came to San Francisco in 1851. Conrad Baker moved to Marysville and established a pack train that ran from Marysville to Yuba County and Hangtown. He sold this to Fargo who later established the Wells-Fargo Express that carried bullion for miners.~~

~~A bowie knife which Conrad Baker used in a duel with a Mexican bandit of the Miguel Arbuerra band is now used as a desk knife by his sonw.~~

~~In 1856, Conrad Baker returned to San Francisco and was associated with the Assayer's office and then with the United States mint there. His wife, Geo. W. C. Baker's mother, was associated with early philanthropic enterprises in San Francisco.~~

EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, Etc.)

~~Lincoln Grammar School, S. F., Hays Valley Grammar; graduate Commercial High, S. F.; four years law study, Frank & Eisner, S. F.~~

CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC.

~~City Club, Native Sons of Golden West, Kiwanis, Masons; Sons of Italy; City Employees Masonic; East Side Organization~~

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION Protestant

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS Progressive Republican

RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE Birth

SKETCH

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

After being educated in the public schools of his native San Francisco, George W. C. Baker studied law there for four years in the offices of Frank & Eisner. Afterwards, as president of the Roadamite Paving Co. he spent a number of years in engineering and construction work.

Mr. Baker moved to Los Angeles in 1923. He became associated with the Eastside Organization, a group of landowners, plant, and railroad men, interested in developing the East Side. With Mr. Baker's assistance parks, roads, drainage systems, and playgrounds were established and developed.

In 1929, he was appointed to the Special Legislative Committee which amended the Mattoon Act. In 1931 Mr. Baker was elected to the City Council. He also served a second term during which he was chairman of the Special Budget Commission, chairman of Street Opening and Widening, and Finance committees, and a member of the Water & Power, and the Tunnels, Bridges, & Viaducts committees.

HOBBIES:

East Side Organization
Clubs and Fraternal activities
Child Welfare

ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

At sixty-two years of age Mr. Baker is a large energetic person with a firm hand clasp. His interest in municipal and county affairs remains active, while his hobby, and one at which he works continuously, is welfare work among children. Through improved conditions and playgrounds he would like every child to have the chance to become a good citizen.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

BOOKS:

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NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:

PERSONAL INTERVIEW:

INTERVIEWED BY: L. Sawyer/Wallace

DATE OF INTERVIEW: October 24, 1934



MILLION DOLLAR GETTER IN SUPERVISOR RACE; RUNNING FOR 3D DIST.

JUN 1 9 1934

With the announcement by George W. C. Baker, councilman from the Ninth Councilmanic District, that he will be a candidate for supervisor in the Third District, comes a promise to thousands of the civic minded that many of the undesirable features of the present county charities structure will be aired.

It is Mr. Baker's declaration that so long as politics dominates the department of relief and charities, the evils which now exist cannot be overcome. Mr. Baker states.

"I have been a leader in the city council ever since my election to that body in all matters pertaining to relief and welfare. It was my pleasure to have the Bureau of Water and Power come to our assistance in turning over more than half a million dollars for direct relief which we knew was absolutely necessary. During this close contact with the charity work in the city and county, I came to see more and more clearly that politics is at the root of the present set-up, and that until we eliminate politics from the wel-

fare department, we cannot have full justice for the downtrodden and economy for the taxpayer. Human misery must not be made a political football.

Mr. Baker has had a colorful career as councilman. He has been chairman of the important finance and budget committees of the council, has taken the lead in the successful fight before the legislature to have a just share of the state gasoline tax diverted to use by the taxpayers of the city and thus he is responsible for an annual income to the city of a million dollars.



George W. C. Baker