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Biography

NAME Donley, Roy Laurence
Occupation Hide and Skin Broker
Address 2324 - 4th Ave., Los Angeles
Birth (Date and Place) June 15, 1885, Kenosha, Wisconsin

FATHER William J. Donley

Birth (Date and Place)

If Deceased, When March 1930

MOTHER Catherine Weller

Birth (Date and Place)

If Deceased, When 1933

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Sophia Anna Wenzler

Birth of Same (Date and Place) Seattle, Wash.

If Deceased, When

When Married September 14, 1910

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

John Robert

Elizabeth Evelyn

SKETCH

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

Roy Laurence Donley was born June 15, 1885, Kenosha, Wisconsin, where he spent his boyhood and was educated in the local public schools.

In 1903, at the age of eighteen years he became assistant purchasing agent in the raw hide division of N.R. Allen Sons Company, Kenosha, Wisconsin, where he remained four years.

Removing to San Francisco, California in 1907 he organized and became president of Roy L. Donley Co., Hide and Skin Brokers.

In his thirteen years residence in northern California Mr. Donley was actively interested in civic affairs. During 1910-12 he served as a member of the board of Park Commissioners, Berkeley, California.

In 1920 Mr. Donley transferred the headquarters of his business to Los Angeles.

On June 30, 1931 he was elected to the City Council from the 5th Councilmanic district where he served one term. He was defeated for reelection.

In July 1933 Mr. Donley joined the office of the Los Angeles City Controller.