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NAME Christensen, Parley Parker

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CITY:

City Council

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COUNTY:

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FEDERAL:

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Lawyer
Lecturer
City Official

PORTRAIT:

ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE: NONE

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Biography

NAME Christensen, Parley Parker

Occupation Lawyer

Address 120 South Grand Ave., Los Angeles

Birth (Date and Place) 1873, Weston, Onida County, Idaho

FATHER Peter Christensen

Birth (Date and Place) Denmark

If Deceased, When May 21, 1922, Reedley, Calif.

MOTHER Sophia M. Christensen

Birth (Date and Place) Denmark

If Deceased, When _____

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM _____

Birth of Same (Date and Place) _____

If Deceased, When _____

When Married _____

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters) _____

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.)

EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, Etc.)

Graduate of University of Utah Normal School,
LLB. degree; Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows

B. P. O. E.

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION

Unitarian

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

Democrat

RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE

1926

SKETCH

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

Parley Parker Christensen was born in Idaho in 1873.

When very young he migrated to Utah with his parents. He received his early educational training in the Utah country schools and the University of Utah Normal School. In 1892 he enrolled at Cornell University Law School, Ithaca, N.Y., receiving his LL.B. degree in June, 1896.

Upon graduation he returned to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he engaged in the private practice of law for twenty-one years. In June 1916 Mr. Christensen was elected City Attorney of Salt Lake City. He served in that office for four years.

In 1920 Mr. Christensen was the presidential candidate on the Farmer-Labor ticket. After this campaign he removed to Chicago where he was active in the organization and promotion of the Farmer-Labor Political Movement.

In 1926 Mr. Christensen removed to Los Angeles where he resumed the practice of law.

On May 7, 1935 Mr. Christensen was elected to City Council from 9th District. At the completion of his councilmanic term he was not a candidate for reelection.

HOBBIES: Esperanto

World Travel

ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

Mr. Christensen as a boy pioneered with his parents in Idaho and Utah where his father drove wagons of freight from the railway terminus in Utah up cross country into Idaho, Montana, and the Dakotas.

This background gave Mr. Christensen an insight into the struggles of those who labor and those who wrest their living from the soil.

Mr. Christensen expresses his interest in Esperanto, the universal language, by saying that if Esperanto has no other purpose, its power to cultivate universal sympathy with mankind, will amply justify its mission.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

BOOKS:

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:

Questionnaire returned by Biographee

PERSONAL INTERVIEW: None

INTERVIEWED BY:

DATE OF INTERVIEW

WRITTEN BY: Florence H. Goddard

May 24, 1937



P. P. CHRISTENSEN

Councilman, 9th District