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NAME Ford, Thomas Francis

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CITY: City Council

1931-1933

COUNTY:

STATE

FEDERAL: United States Congress 1933
to 1939
74th - 75th and 76th Sessions.

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Editor
Lecturer
City official
Federal official

· PORTRAIT:

ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE: None

PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES)

ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

In 1935 Thomas Francis Ford was assistant whip of the House and during the Seventy-fifth Congress of the United States assisted Congressman Boland of Pennsylvania, House whip.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

BOOKS: Detwiler's Who's Who in California p 186

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:

Los Angeles Times

3/17/1933

4/2/35

11/4/36

PERSONAL INTERVIEW: Luella Sawyer 1934

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Biography

NAME Ford, Thomas Francis

Occupation Editor

Address 940 North Benton Way

Birth (Date and Place) February 18, 1873, St. Louis, Mo.

FATHER Thomas Ford

Birth (Date and Place)

If Deceased, When

MOTHER Ellen Ferris

Birth (Date and Place)

If Deceased, When

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Lillian Cope Cummings

Birth of Same (Date and Place) Los Angeles

If Deceased, When

When Married Los Angeles, June 21, 1911

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 publica-
tions also name of magazine and date.)

Co-author with (Lillian C. Ford)

The Foreign Trade of the United States
(1920)

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.)

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.)

Public and Private Schools, Saint Louis, Mo. and Toledo, Ohio

CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC.

University, Celtic, X Club, Deauville

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION

Unitarian

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

Democrat

RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE

1904

SKETCH

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

Thomas Francis Ford was born February 18, 1873 in Saint Louis, Missouri. He received his educational training in the public and private schools of St. Louis and Toledo, Ohio.

In 1900 Mr. Ford migrated west where he worked on various newspapers in Idaho and Washington, finally reaching Los Angeles in 1904. Although Mr. Ford's work has entailed a great deal of travel he has maintained his Los Angeles residence continuously since 1904.

During 1909 Mr. Ford travelled extensively in Europe and for the ensuing four years wrote feature articles for various newspapers on Foreign Trade conditions in Europe.

In 1913 he returned from abroad and became associated with the Washington (D.C.) Post as western representative with headquarters in Los Angeles. He continued this association for five years.

On January 1, 1919 Mr. Ford joined the staff of the Los Angeles Times as Literary Editor. He resigned this post in December 1930 to accept an appointment in the Bureau of Water & Power as Special Agent in the Publicity Department. This association terminated on December 11, 1930.

As Write-in Candidate for the 12th Councilmanic Dist. Mr. Ford was elected at the primary elections May 4, 1931. On June 6, 1931 the council unanimously elected newly-elected Mr. Ford councilman to fill the unexpired term of the late Councilman Williams.

On March 17, 1933 J. T. Carroll was appointed councilman to succeed Thomas F. Ford whose election to Congress on Feb. 21, 1931 automatically terminated his councilmanic term.

On February 21, 1933 Mr. Ford was elected to Congress and has been returned at each successive election. He has been a member of the 74th, 75th and is now serving in the 76th Congress of the United States.