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Biography

NAME Holland, Charles Alfred

Occupation Real Estate Broker

Address 126 N. Avenue 54

Birth (Date and Place) 1872, Girard, Kansas

FATHER Ira A. Holland

Birth (Date and Place) 1834, Kentucky

If Deceased, When 1874

MOTHER Ursula Crowder

Birth (Date and Place) 1835, Tennessee

If Deceased, When 1885

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Cora Spring

Birth of Same (Date and Place) 1876, El Monte, Calif.

If Deceased, When

When Married 1902

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

Charles Wendell

George Kenneth

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.)

Academy and Park College, Parkville, Missouri;

University of Southern California; Ph.B.

CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC.

Shriner; Oakmont Country Club.

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION Methodist

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS Republican

RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE 1894

SKETCH

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

Charles Alfred Holland was born 1872 in Girard, Kansas. Since the death of his parents left him an orphan at thirteen years of age he earned his own livelihood from his early youth. He put himself through the Academy and Park College, at Parkville, Missouri, and came to California in 1894.

Here he attended the University of Southern California, class of 1901, studying electrical engineering.

After college Mr. Holland established an electrical store on North Broadway, where he served the neighborhood over twenty years.

Representing the Lincoln Heights Board of Trade Mr. Holland was appointed to the City Planning Commission in 1920. This was the large and representative commission of fifty-one members, created to plan needed civic improvements.

In 1929 Mr. Holland was elected to the City Council from the 14th district, and served one term. The Monterey Road extension, the Figueroa Tunnel, Olvera and Temple Street and Silver Lake Boulevard improvements, were projected during his term, in which he served on the Building & Safety and Zoning Committees.