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NAME Lambie, William Thomas (deceased January 21,
1900)

PUBLIC OFFICES HELD

(DATE)

CITY:
City Council.....December 3, 1883-1884
City Council.....December 6, 1886-March 21, 1887
City Surveyor and City Engineer-Dec. 5, 1887-1888

COUNTY:

STATE:

FEDERAL:

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Civil War soldier
Civil and hydraulic engineer
City official

PORTRAIT:

ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE: None

PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES)

ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

BOOKS:

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:

PERSONAL INTERVIEW: With daughter, Mrs. William F. Goble

INTERVIEWED BY: Clifford

DATE OF INTERVIEW: Summer, 1936

WRITTEN BY: Clare Wallace

April 9, 1937

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Biography

NAME **Lambie, William Thomas (deceased January 21,
1900)**

Occupation **Civil and Hydraulic Engineer**

Address

Birth (Date and Place) **November 9, 1837, Williamsport,
Maryland**

FATHER **John Lambie**

Birth (Date and Place) **May 5, 1804, Parish of Golston, Ayshire,
Scotland**

If Deceased, When **November 30, 1870, Virginia**

MOTHER **Eliza Ann Krebs**

Birth (Date and Place) **October 24, 1816, Maryland**

If Deceased, When **June, 1905, Los Angeles, California**

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM **Leonora W. Entler**

Birth of Same (Date and Place) **March 23, 1838, Shepherdstown,
West Virginia**

If Deceased, When **May 22, 1924, Alhambra, California**

When Married **June 3, 1872, Washington, D.C.**

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

Grace Virginia, Deceased October 10, 1918

Nellie Entler; Mrs. William F. Goble

Hugh Krebs, Deceased May 1, 1875, Oakland, Calif.

SKETCH

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

William Thomas Lambie was born November 9, 1837, in Williamsport, Maryland, and was entirely self educated.

April 20, 1861, he enlisted in the Confederate Army at Covington, Virginia, and served throughout the Civil War, being in the First Virginia Brigade whose first commander was Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson.

Mr. Lambie came to California in 1869 and worked as an engineer for the Central Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads. He was engineer in charge of the construction of the Newhall Tunnel, finished in 1876 for the Southern Pacific Railroad.

That same year he moved to Los Angeles and became division engineer for the Southern Pacific, engaging in civil engineering works in southwestern territory as far as El Paso, Texas.

From 1883-1890 Mr. Lambie was associated with the Southern Pacific Railroad as resident engineer and division roadmaster.

In 1883 he was elected to the City Council from the 1st ward, and served one year. In December of 1886 he was again elected to the council and served until March of the following year.

Beginning December 5, 1887, he also served concurrently one year as City Surveyor, and City Engineer, the offices being separate at that time.

After retiring from public office Mr. Lambie was in private business as civil and hydraulic engineer. He died January 21, 1900, as the result of injuries sustained in an earth slide during the construction of the Third Street Tunnel.