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Biography

NAME Martin, Virgil A.

Occupation Retired business man

Address 2934 South Hobart Boulevard

Birth (Date and Place) October 15, 1874, Tecumseh,
Nebraska

FATHER Judson W. Martin

Birth (Date and Place)

If Deceased, When

MOTHER Ennis C. Smith

Birth (Date and Place)

If Deceased, When

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Lilly F. Ward

Birth of Same (Date and Place) 1875, Boston, Mass.

If Deceased, When

When Married 1891

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.)

Ancestors fought in the Colonial and Indian wars.

Parents drove in a covered wagon from Pennsylvania to Iowa, where father rode the beam of a plow that broke ground in the new country.
Later in 1875, he moved to Conneaut, New York, where he was a minister.

EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, Etc.)

Public, grammar, and high schools, Troy, N.Y.;
Mechanical Engineering degree, 1891, from Troy College.

CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC.

Los Angeles Athletic Club; Breakfast Club;
Mason

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION Protestant

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS Republican

RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE 1906

SKETCH

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

Virgil A. Martin was born October 15, 1874, in Tecumsa, Nebraska, and was taken by his parents to Troy, New York, when one year old.

He received his education in Troy, attending grammar and high schools, and later Commercial College there. Following this he engaged in the rubber manufacturing industry in Boston.

In 1906 Mr. Martin removed to Los Angeles as representative of the Boston Woven Hose and Rubber Company. Later he became mechanical engineer, sales engineer, and district manager of B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company and was in charge of the company's Pacific Coast governmental business during the World War, including overseeing the balloon schools and shipyards.

Mr. Martin terminated his connection with this company in 1925.

In 1927 he was elected to the City Council from the 5th ward, and served two terms, until 1931. Committees upon which he served include Harbor, Parks and Playgrounds, and Public Works. Other councilmanic activities were the promotion of the opening and improvement of Third Street and Wilshire Boulevard and the extension of Figueroa Street.

Mr. Martin is retired from business and lives at his home in Los Angeles.



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