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CITY OFFICIALS

NAME Mc Lain, George P. (deceased Aug. 5, 1930)

PUBLIC OFFICES HELD

(DATE)

CITY:

City Council	1889 - 1891	1901-1902
Engineer, Co. 1, Fire Dept.		1889-1890
Fire Commission		1893-1995

~~COUNTY~~

Police Commission		1897-1899
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COUNTY

Deputy Sheriff		1891-1893
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STATE

FEDERAL:

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

Executive in Republican County
Central Committee
Member, Executive Committee of Republican State
Central Committee

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Machinist
Lumber business
Advertising (bill-posting) business
Opera House Manager

PORTRAIT:

ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE: none

PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES)

J.M. Guinn: Hist. & Biog., So. Calif. v.1, p.405

ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

George P. McLain is to be recognized as a covered wagon pioneer as he started across the Plains from St. Joe, Missouri in 1866 with four yoke oxen. He freighted along the Platte River to Salt Lake City, thence to Helena, Montana; returning to Salt Lake with horse teams and going to Prescott, Arizona from which point he moved on to Los Angeles.

Mr. McLain was very active in the Elks Club here, and retained the position of Treasurer for thirteen years, being re-elected in March 1902.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

BOOKS:

Guinn, J. M. R979.40 G964a
Hist. & Biog. So. Calif. v. 1. p. 405

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:

PERSONAL INTERVIEW:

Written

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Biography

NAME Mc Lain, George P. (deceased Aug. 5, 1930)

Occupation Business Man

Address Los Angeles

Birth (Date and Place) Aug. 26, 1847 at Fredericksburg, Virginia

FATHER James S.

Birth (Date and Place) Near Fredericksburg

If Deceased, When "at age of 68"

MOTHER Sarah Graham Lockett

Birth (Date and Place) in Virginia

If Deceased, When Los Angeles

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Guadalupie Billderain

Birth of Same (Date and Place) Los Angeles

If Deceased, When 1891

When Married

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

George B.

Olympia

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.)

The Great-grand father of George P. Mc Lain
is mentioned by Guinn to have been an officer in
the Revolutionary War.

His grand father, James Sr. was a Sergeant
in the War of 1812 and, afterwards, an attorney in
Virginia. He moved to Ohio, then later, to Illi-
nois, serving as judge in both states.

His mother, Sarah Graham Lockett was grand-
daughter of Col. Noland Lockett, who served under
Washington in the Revolution.

EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, Etc.)

Public schools in Illinois
State Normal School at Bloomington

CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC. Sons of the Revo-
lution; Union League Club; Los Angeles Pioneers;
Oddfellows; B.P.O.E.; Independent Order of Foresters

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION Protestant

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS Republican

RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE January 2, 1867

SKETCH

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

George P. Mc Lain was born in Fredericksburg, Virginia in 1847 and, at an early age came to Illinois with his family. There he received a public school education, finishing at the State Normal School in Bloomington.

In September 1863 he enlisted at Springfield, Illinois in Co. L. 16th Ill. Cavalry and saw Civil war service in Kentucky and Tennessee. He was mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee on August 27, 1865.

In the Spring of 1866 he started across the plains, arriving in Los Angeles on January 2, 1867.

Upon his arrival here he became a machinist with the Perry and Woodward Company, a position he held for three years when he became affiliated with Griffith and Lynch Lumber Company.

Appointment as an engineer in the local fire Department, term beginning January 1889 for one year marked Mr. Mc Lain's entry into public life. He then served 2 years as Deputy Sheriff of Los Angeles County. From 1893 to 1895 he served as Fire Commissioner. He then served on the Police Commission, 1897 to 1899.

At the same time as his first appointment, he represented the Second Ward as Councilman, 1889 to 1891. He was again Councilman for his ward from 1901 to 1902.

Civic as well as public duties called to him in the 90s when, for a time, he managed the Opera house, but he resigned this activity on the death of his wife in 1891.

Mr. Mc Lain has an active party record; attending state and county conventions and having served executively on both County and State Central Committees of the Republican party. As a matter of course he served on a number of city government

committees during his councilmanic terms.

Mr. Mc Lain died in Los Angeles, August 5, 1930.