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CITY OFFICIALS

Powers, Pomeroy Wells

NAME Powers, Pomeroy Wells (deceased December 3, 1916)

PUBLIC OFFICES HELD

(DATE)

CITY:

City Council

1900 - 1902

COUNTY:

STATE

FEDERAL:

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Lawyer
Builder
City official

PORTRAIT: None

ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE:

PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES)

Portrait Index

ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

BOOKS:

Probate Records
Vital Statistics

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:

PERSONAL INTERVIEW: With biographee's son, John R.
Powers

INTERVIEWED BY: Florence H. Goddard

DATE OF INTERVIEW February 8, 1938

Written by: Florence H. Goddard
February 10, 1938

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Local History Collection
Biography

NAME Powers, Pomeroy Wells (deceased December 3, 1916)

Occupation _____

Address _____

Birth (Date and Place) February 19, 1853, Rushville, N.Y.

FATHER Benjamin Powers

Birth (Date and Place) New York

If Deceased, When _____

MOTHER Dian Hudson

Birth (Date and Place) New York

If Deceased, When _____

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Ida May Bowen

Birth of Same (Date and Place) _____

If Deceased, When _____

When Married _____

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

John R.

Benjamin Nelson

Hale P.

Grace Bowen: Mrs. Hannas

Gloria May: Mrs. Beattie

Clifford Hudson

Earl Delavin

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.)

~~Mother was a great niece of Hendrik Hudson~~

EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, Etc.)

Manhattan College, Kansas LL.D.

CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC.

Union League

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION Presbyterian

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS Republican

RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE 1892

SKETCH

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

Pomeroy Wells Powers was born on February 19, 1853 in Rushville, New York, receiving his primary and secondary education in the local schools. In 1871 he entered Manhattan College, Manhattan, Kansas from which institution he received his degree as Doctor of Jurisprudence in June 1877.

After graduation Mr. Powers removed to Kansas City where he practiced law and became actively interested in the building industry.

Mr. Powers removed to Los Angeles in 1892 where he opened law offices. In addition to practicing his profession Mr. Powers soon became prominent as a civic leader.

Elected to the City Council from the 4th Ward on December 12, 1900 he was immediately chosen president of that body by his colleagues and served in that capacity for the duration of his two-year term. He was not a candidate for re-election.

In 1902 Mr. Powers resumed his interest in the building industry, being especially interested in the development of San Fernando Valley. The management of his numerous property holdings occupied his entire time in his later years until the date of his death on December 3, 1916.