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**CITY OFFICIALS**

**NAME** SABICHI, FRANK (Deceased April 12,1900)

**PUBLIC OFFICES HELD** (DATE)

**CITY:**

City Council.....1871-1873  
City Council.....1883-1884  
Fire Commission.....1897-1899

**COUNTY:**

**STATE:**

**FEDERAL:**

**CIVIC ACTIVITIES:**

Active in current political and public affairs.

Assumed leadership in municipal welfare projects.

Contributed generously to religious, municipal and benevolent causes.

Is credited with the opening and developing of East Seventh Street, formerly his family homestead.

Was an extensive real estate developer and promoter.

**BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Lawyer  
Financier and capitalist  
Administrator of property trusts  
City official  
Real estate developer  
Railroad official and director

**PORTRAIT:**

**ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE:**

**PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES)**

Los Angeles from the Mountains to the Sea, Vol.II  
Historical and Biographical Record, Vol.II  
History of L.A. City and County, Vol.III

**ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:**

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION:**

**BOOKS:**

Los Angeles from the Mountains to the Sea, Vol. II  
Historical and Statistical Record, Vol. II  
History of L.A. City and County, Vol. III  
A Guide to Los Angeles

**NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:**

**PERSONAL INTERVIEW:** none

**INTERVIEWED BY:**

**DATE OF INTERVIEW:**

Written by Clara Wallace, July 2, 1956

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Biography

NAME SABICHI, FRANK (and FRANCISCO) (~~Deceased~~  
(April 12, 1900)

Occupation Lawyer

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Birth (Date and Place) October 4, 1842

Los Angeles, when the pueblo was Mexican

FATHER Mathias Sabichi

Birth (Date and Place) Austria

If Deceased, When 1850

MOTHER From Mexico City

Birth (Date and Place) \_\_\_\_\_

If Deceased, When \_\_\_\_\_

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Magdalena Wolfskill

Birth of Same (Date and Place) May 7, 1846, Los Angeles

If Deceased, When July 17, 1930

When Married May 4, 1865

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

Agatha—Mrs. J.J. Fay

Dr. Joseph Rodney

Dr. George Carlos

William Wolfskill

Louis S.

Beatrice—Mrs. S. Mitchell

(Seven deceased)



## 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.)

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Father, Mathias Sabichi, pioneered 1838, in Southern California.

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Father-in-law, William Wolfskill, pioneered in 1828. He later owned thousands of acres of land in Southern California, among them being Santa Anita Rancho, and Lomitas de Santiago, upon which Long Beach is now situated.

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### EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, Etc.)

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Private school and Royal Naval Academy, Portsmouth, England; Private law study in offices of Glassell, Smith & Patten, Los Angeles

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### CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC.

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Charter member, Pioneer Society of Southern California; Native Sons of the Golden West.

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RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION Roman Catholic

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### POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

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RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE Birth

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## SKETCH

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

~~Frank Sabichi was born October 4, 1842, in Los Angeles while it was still a Mexican pueblo. He was taken to England at eight years of age, and educated in the Royal Naval Academy, Portsmouth.~~

~~Upon graduation he was commissioned in the English navy and assigned to a man-of-war to cruise through Europe and the Orient, during which he participated in the Sepoy Rebellion in India, and the siege of Sebastopol.~~

~~Returning to Los Angeles in 1860, Mr. Sabichi entered the offices of Glassell, Smith & Patton, where he studied law, afterward being admitted to the bar and engaging in private practice.~~

~~Growing business enterprises demanded eventually that Mr. Sabichi abandon the private practice of law to devote his energies to the management and to the industrial and commercial development of his extensive properties.~~

~~He became active in the development of several land syndicates and railroad projects, and acquired large real estate holdings, among the latter being a vast tract of land in what is now the Southern California orange belt.~~

~~Elected to the City Council in 1871 Mr. Sabichi served until 1874. Reelected again in 1883 he served the Council the following year at the time the city extended its water system by purchasing the Los Feliz Rancho and adjacent water rights.~~

~~In 1897 Mr. Sabichi was appointed to the Fire Commission, and served until 1900.~~

~~Though active in political, civic, and public affairs, Mr. Sabichi declined any other public office.~~

~~He died April 12, 1900, at his home in Los Angeles.~~