

R 92
S 628
VF

MUNICIPAL REFERENCE LIBRARY
300 CITY HALL

CITY OFFICIALS

NAME Skilling, Chauncey Fitch

PUBLIC OFFICES HELD

(DATE)

CITY:

Board of Education	...	1900-1902
City Council	...	1902-1904

COUNTY:

STATE

FEDERAL:

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Architect and draftsman
City official

PORTRAIT:

ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE: enclosed

PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES)

See Portrait Index

ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

BOOKS:

Detwiler, Who's Who in California,
1928-29, p 176

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:

PERSONAL INTERVIEW:

INTERVIEWED BY: Luella Sawyer

DATE OF INTERVIEW November 21, 1934

REWRITTEN BY: Clare Wallace

April 19, 1937

R 92
S 628
VF

The Los Angeles Public Library
Local History Collection
Biography

NAME Skilling, Chauncey Fitch

Occupation Architect

Address 1008 West 11th Street

Birth (Date and Place) December 7, 1868, Manchester, Illinois

FATHER Josiah Hamilton Skilling, M. D.

Birth (Date and Place) 1831

If Deceased, When 1901, Lima, Ohio

MOTHER Margaret Lucy Thompson

Birth (Date and Place) 1830, Athens, Ohio

If Deceased, When _____

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM _____

Birth of Same (Date and Place) _____

If Deceased, When _____

When Married _____

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters) _____

SKETCH

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

Chauncey Fitch Skilling was born December 7, 1868, in Manchester, Illinois, and came to Los Angeles when he was eighteen years of age.

In Los Angeles he attended State Normal School, the University of Southern California, and business college. Following this he was engaged as an architectural draftsman for two years, and then in partnership with John C. Austin for three years.

From 1898 to 1907 Mr. Skilling was associated with Otto Neher.

In 1900 he was elected to the Board of Education, upon which he served two years. After leaving this office he was elected to the City Council and served as Councilman during 1902-1904.

In his councilmanic term Mr. Skilling advocated city schools with equipment for vocational training, a new educational concept at that time. With the aid of Dr. J.H. Francis he assisted in passing the resolution through Council for the bond election which resulted in the purchase of land for and the erection of Los Angeles Polytechnic High School, completed in 1906.

Since 1914 Mr. Skilling has been in independent architectural practice in Los Angeles, specializing in the design and construction of churches and schools. Immanuel Presbyterian Church was designed by Mr. Skilling, who also supervised its construction.

