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CITY OFFICIALS

Vail, Nathan Russell

NAME Vail, Nathan Russell (deceased March 5, 1888)

PUBLIC OFFICES HELD

(DATE)

CITY:

City Council

December 5, 1878 -

December 5, 1879

COUNTY:

STATE

FEDERAL:

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

**BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Sea captain

Rancher

Land, water and cattle investments

City official

**PORTRAIT:**

**ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE:** none

**PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES)**

The Los Angeles Public Library  
Local History Collection  
Biography

NAME Vail, Nathan Russell (deceased March 5,  
1888)

Occupation Land, water, and Cattle investments

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Birth (Date and Place) 1825, New Jersey

FATHER

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

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

MOTHER

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

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

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Anna W---

Birth of Same (Date and Place) 1831 Nova Scotia

If Deceased, When January 26, 1913, Los Angeles

When Married \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

Hugh W.

John H.

Lizzie H: Mrs. Allen

Frederic H.





# SKETCH

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

It is said that Nathan Russell Vail who was accidentally drowned at Redondo Beach in his sixty-third year, was a sea captain in his younger years who had sailed around the world a number of times.

Mr. Vail was a wealthy and prominent citizen of Los Angeles in the Seventies and Eighties. His investments included large holdings in land and water properties, and cattle and ranching interests both in California and Arizona.

He served one term as a member of the City Council, December 5, 1878 to December 5, 1879.

## **ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:**

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION:**

**BOOKS:**

Spalding, History and Reminiscences of Los Angeles City and County, vol 1, p 283

**NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:**

Los Angeles City Vital Statistics  
Los Angeles Probate Records

**PERSONAL INTERVIEW:** none

**INTERVIEWED BY:**

**DATE OF INTERVIEW**

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