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CITY OFFICIALS

Webster, Ernest L

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PUBLIC OFFICES HELD

(DATE)

CITY:

City Council

1927 - 1931

Secretary, Building &

Safety Commission

1934 - 1937

COUNTY:

STATE

FEDERAL:

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Sheet metal pattern maker
Auto salesman, agency and accessory business
Real estate
Subdivision planning
City official

PORTRAIT:

ATTACHED OR ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPE: none

PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES)

ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

BOOKS:

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:

Los Angeles Times

PERSONAL INTERVIEW:

INTERVIEWED BY: Luella Sawyer

DATE OF INTERVIEW October 17, 1934

Rewritten by: Clare Wallace
January 19, 1937

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Local History Collection
Biography

NAME Webster, Ernest L.

Occupation Business man

Address _____

Birth (Date and Place) 1889, Youngstown, Ohio

FATHER Warren Webster

Birth (Date and Place) 1843, Pennsylvania

If Deceased, When _____

MOTHER Jane William

Birth (Date and Place) 1850, South Wales

If Deceased, When _____

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Nettie Elizabeth Kline

Birth of Same (Date and Place) Ohio

If Deceased, When _____

When Married 1912, Ohio

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

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.)

Father pioneered in coal business in Ohio.

Mother came to the United States from Wales in 1854.

EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, Etc.)

Public schools, Youngstown, Ohio

CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC.

Mason; Shriner; California Country Club; Uplifters Club

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION Presbyterian

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE 1917

SKETCH

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

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HOBBIES: His home with its rock pool, rose garden, barbecue, and outdoor clubroom.



Third District

Ernest L. Webster

Member of City Council

July 1, 1927 - June 30, 1931

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