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NAME Todd, Robert Asa

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CITY:

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1898-1904

COUNTY:

STATE

FEDERAL:

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Newspaper reporter
Secretarial
Lawyer

PORTRAIT:

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PORTRAITS APPEARING ELSEWHERE (DATES)

ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

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Biography

NAME Todd, Robert Asa

Occupation Attorney

Address _____

Birth (Date and Place) March 5, 1870, San Bernardino

FATHER Asa Todd

Birth (Date and Place) Kentucky

If Deceased, When 1921, Los Angeles

MOTHER Mary Carolina Phyne

Birth (Date and Place) Virginia

If Deceased, When 1926, Los Angeles

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Minnie F. Reinert

Birth of Same (Date and Place) Los Angeles

If Deceased, When April 2, 1925

When Married 1896, Los Angeles

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

Frances: Mrs. Howard Torkelson

SKETCH

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

Robert Asa Todd was born in San Bernardi-
no on March 5, 1870. When two years of age he
moved with his family to Los Angeles where he at-
tended the public and High school and Woodbury's
Business College.

Mr. Todd joined the staff of the Los Ange-
les Star as their City Hall reporter in 1889.
A year later he became City Editor of the Tucson
Star, at Tucson, Arizona when L.C. Hughes, owner
of that paper was Governor of Arizona. He served
in Arizona two years then joined the staff of the
San Diego Union as a reporter.

Mr. Todd became City Hall reporter of the
Los Angeles Express in 1893. When Mayor Snyder
took office in 1896 Mr. Todd served as Secretary
to the Mayor.

In 1898 Mr. Todd was elected to the City
Council from the 8th Ward where he served three
two-year terms, retiring in December 1904. While
in the City Council he read the law under the di-
rection of H.B. Matthews, the then Los Angeles
City Attorney. On October 25, 1903 he was admitted
to the Bar in California.

After leaving the City Council Mr. Todd
engaged in the private practice of law until July
1, 1933 when he entered the office of the Los An-
geles Attorney as a Deputy, where he remains to-
day.