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NAME Baker, Edwin (Deceased aug. 1, 1956)

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CITY:

City Council . . . 1924-1926

COUNTY:

STATE:

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FEDERAL:

U. S. Gustoms Collector, Nogales, Ariz. January 1905-1908

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

Ex-secretary - California Taxpayers
Association

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Realty broker your your Tax counselor Actor State, Federal and City official

PORTRAIT:

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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, mercants, etc.)

EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, Etc.) Cakland, Maryland, public and High School Georgotown University, B.S. Post Graduate Work - American University, Washington, D. C. CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC. Friday Morning Club Al Malaikah Temple of the Shrine RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION

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1908

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE

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

Edwin Baker was born on February 11, 1873 in Oakland, Maryland. He was educated in the local public schools; later enrolled at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. where he received his B. S. degree in 1897.

Subsequent to his graduation, Mr. Baker joined a theatrical stock company where he played minor roles in various stock productions in New York State.

In August 1900 he entered the U.S. Pension
Office in Washington, D. C. The recent Spanish
American Mar and the problems of veteran pensions
and necessary offsetting taxes interested Mr. Baker
to the extent that in addition to his position in
the Pension Office he enrolled in American University where he took graduate work in Tax
Counseling.

In January 1905 Mr. Baker was appointed by Theodore Roosevelt, U.S. Customs Collector at Nogales, Arizona. He remained in this office for the remainder of Mr. Roosevelt's Presidential term.

In 1908 Mr. Baker removed to Los Angeles, California where he opened offices as a Realty Broker and Tax Counselor.

Mr. Baker's early love of the theatre manifested itself in his promotion of the Pilgrimage Play Group, for which he acted as stage manager for five seasons.

In November 1914 he was elected to the California State Legislature as Assemblyman where he represented the 75th District. He was returned to the post at each subsequent election and served eight consecutive years. At the Hovember 1922 election he was not a candidate for reelection.

He was elected to the City Council in June 1924 where he served one term of two years.

In 1926 Mr. Baker entered private business as <u>max Counselor but when California adopted the Sales</u>

Tax on August 1, 1933 he was appointed by Governor

Rolph Auditor to the State Sales Tax Division, California State Board of Equalization. He remained in this position until his death August 1, 1936.

ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

BOOKS:

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:

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Personnel Records - State Board of Equalization

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