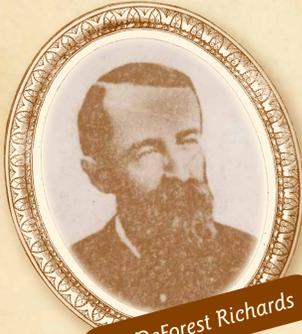


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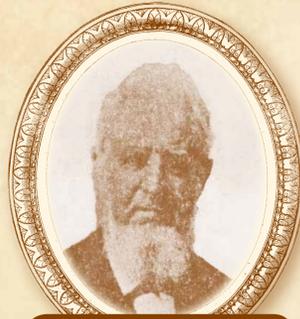
# A Century of Growth and Accomplishment



W. DeForest Richards



William Dewey Hobson



Sherlock Bristol



Thomas Bard

## The Pacesetters

A group of visionary leaders headed by William Dewey Hobson, took the lead in the establishment of Ventura County in 1873, forty years before the building of the "house for the people" now known as City Hall.



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The **Star Free Press** celebrated these leaders in a 1973 special issue on "Ventura County's First Century" documenting one hundred years of county heritage, growth and accomplishment. Many of their homes and places of business are still standing today.



C. W. Thacker

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## The pacesetters

Most of us are blessed with 20-20 hindsight.

A more fortunate few can claim 20-20 foresight — a vision, bright and clear, of what Tomorrow can be if we make the most of Today's opportunities.

Looking back from our vantage point of 100 years after the fact, we can single out a dozen men whose vision and courage in the face of stiff opposition drove them on to the creation of Ventura County. A few of these men are seen here.

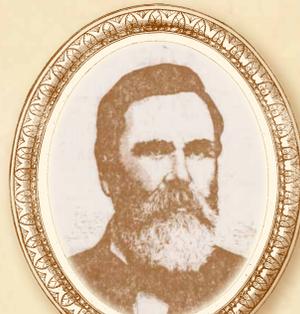
Most of them had a personal stake, it's true. But beyond this, they envisioned the Ventura County of their children's and grandchildren's generations. They liked what they saw, and they fought for it.

We are their benefactors.

History will doubtless deal kindly with William Dewey Hobson, whose vision perhaps had more to do with Ventura County than any other one factor. His new county courthouse between Santa Clara and Meta Streets housed our first county officials.

They rallied around Hobson's flag — and what we now enjoy is the end result. The result, rather, for the end is not yet.

And it seems bright.



Milton Wason



James Daly

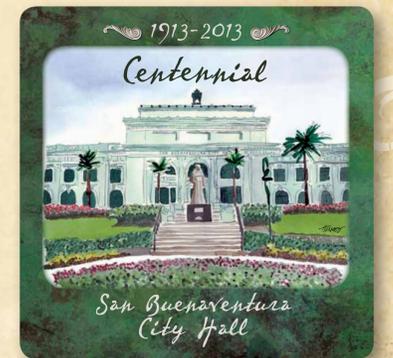
## 1973 Commemorative Medallion

Ventura County marked the centennial of its founding with a commemorative medallion that represented the county's history from 1873 to 1973.



## 2013 Commemorative Magnet

The City of Ventura created this memento gift to the public that bears witness to this state landmark's first century in 2013.



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