Hon. Donald Richard Wright

Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, 1970-77



Nelson Mills

Don Wright

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Hon. Donald Richard WRIGHT

Hon. Donald Richard WRIGHT - Source

Birth: 2 Feb 1907, Placentia, Orange, California^{4168,}

date only,5213

Appointed: Aug 1948, Pasadena, Los Angeles,

California⁵²⁰⁷

Memo: City Planning Commissioner

Appointed: 29 Sep 1953, Pasadena, Los Angeles, California

Memo: Municipal Court Judge

Appointed: Oct 1967, Los Angeles County, California 5210

Memo: Presiding Judge, Superior Court

Appointed: Dec 1968, Los Angeles County, California⁵²¹¹

Memo: California Second Court of Appeals, Division 2

Appointed: 6 Apr 1970, Sacramento, Sacramento, California 5212

Memo: Chief Justice, California Supreme Court

Death: 21 Mar 1985, Pasadena, Los Angeles, California^{2228, p 1,4168, date only,5218,}

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Memo: Huntington Memorial Hospital

Burial: Loma Vista Memorial Park, Fullerton, Orange, California⁵²²¹ Education: Stanford University, 1929; Harvard Law School, 1932⁵²¹³

Occupation: Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, 1970-1977⁵²¹¹

Father: **David Levi WRIGHT**^{4168, surname only} - Father (abt 1871-)

Mother: Lillie ANDREW^{4168, surname only} - Mother (11 Jul 1873-12 Apr 1956)

- Fraternity brother (Zeta Psi), Best man, and life-long friend of Nelson Merrell Mills.
- Godfather to David William Mills.
- Donald Carlisle Mills named in his honor.
- [excerpts] Donald R. Wright, Pasadena attorney who took his seat as a member of the City Planning Commission this week, is looking forward to the problems of community planning with a great deal of enthusiasm.

Mr. Wright is a native son of a native son. His late father, David L. Wright, was born in California and first came to Pasadena in 1879 when it was no trick at all to know the name of every citizen and his dog.



Hon. Donald Richard

Later the Wright family engaged in ranching in Fullerton, where Donald was born. They moved back to Pasadena in 1912.

Donald Wright attended Pasadena schools and was graduated from the old Pasadena High School. He obtained his A.B degree at Stanford and his L.L.B. degree at the Harvard Law School.

He started in the practice of law with J. Dean Barrick and later became his partner in the Pasadena firm.

Mr. Wright served four years in the armed forces during the war, entering as a lieutenant in the Air Corps in 1942 and retired in 1946 as a lieutenant colonel and squadron commander. Most of his service was in the intelligence division. He spent two years in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands in charge of agents assigned in counter intelligence.

He attended the Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, as well as the Counter Intelligence School at Chicago conducted by the F.B.I.

Mr. Wright lives at 393 South Los Robles Avenue. He is a member of the University Club and serves on the board of trustees of California Junior Republic. 5207

• [excerpts] Mr. Wright is a third generation native son of California. His father, David L. Wright, came to Pasadena first in 1878. Mr. Wright is himself virtually a native of Pasadena. He was born in Fullerton, but attended Jefferson, McKinley, Muir Junior High and Pasadena High School before going to Stanford. He received his law degree at Harvard, and is currently working on his master's degree in law at U.S.C.

He has been practicing law with John Dean Barrick since 1932, working primarily on probate, estate and taxation matters. In conjunction with his law work, he has served as treasurer and first vice president of the Pasadena Bar Association, and as one of the founders of the Legal Aid Society.

Mr. Wright is first vice president of the board of directors of Boys Republic in Chino. 5208

• [excerpts] Donald R. Wright, 46-year-old attorney and chairman of the City Planning Commission, was appointed one of Pasadena's three Municipal Court judges today.

Gov. Earl Warren named Mr. Wright to succeed H. Burton Noble, who was elevated to the Superior Court bench. 5209

• [excerpts] Persuasion and tact are the necessary tools for administering the

world's largest court system, says the man who is about to take on that job.

He is Superior Judge Donald R. Wright of Pasadena, who became presiding judge of the Los Angeles County Superior Court last week. He succeeded Judge Lloyd S. Nix.

He will assign the 134 judges, the 30 court commissioners and the 15 juvenile court referees for the coming year.

"As a judge among judges, I'm like an equal among equals," Wright says, "and that is where the persuasion and tact come in."

In addition, he will set policy, appoint court committees and act as liaison between the courts and the Board of Supervisors and the various bar associations. 5210

• [excerpts] Gov. Ronald Reagan has appointed Pasadena Judge Donald R. Wright as the new chief justice of the California Supreme Court.

The new chief justice, 63, was serving with the second appellate district court of appeals.

He was elevated to that post in December, 1968, by Gov. Reagan after serving as a municipal and superior court judge in Los Angeles.

Reagan said that Wright was selected after an exhaustive search throughout the California judicial system.

"Judge Wright has demonstrated an ability to administer California's massive judicial system. He has demonstrated his ability in a distinguished career as both a lawyer and judge," Reagan said. 5211

• [excerpts] Judicial and legal circles of the state today hailed the appointment of Pasadenan Donald R. Wright as chief justice of the California Supreme Court. Some called him a moderate and some, a conservative, but all described him as widely experienced and an outstanding court administrator.

Appeal Court Justice Wright, appointed Monday by Governor Reagan, declined to accept any philosophical label when he talked with reporters.

The governor declared the appointment of the 63-year-old Wright, to be "one of the most important decisions I shall make as governor," and said he hoped the court "will now return to a policy of judicial restraint."

Although he is a Republican, Judge Wright said he last worked actively for the Republican presidential candidate Alf Landon in 1936, and when he was defeated by Franklin D. Roosevelt, "that ended my political career."

Reagan said he did not know what Wright's politics were when he was considering him for the appointment

Judge Wright said he had forbidden friends to propose him for the job, and learned of the impending appointment only last Thursday or Friday when the governor called him.

He and his wife, the former Margaret McLellan [sic] of Seattle, are active socially. He is a member of the Valley Hunt Club, the University Club, the Tournament of Roses Association, the American Legion, Pasadena Rotary, and the Pasadena Presbyterian Church. 5212

• [excerpts] Appellate Justice Donald R. Wright of Pasadena, an advocate of "judicial restraint," was nominated Monday by Gov. Reagan to be chief justice of the California Supreme Court.

At a Sacramento news conference, he declined to describe himself as a "conservative," saying such terms don't mean much.

"I am an advocate of judicial restraint," Wright said, "It is not the function of the courts to legislate. I never thought so."

Last week the governor's office called him, said there was not much in the file on him and wondered whether he was a Democrat or a Republican, Wright related.

"I told him," he laughed, "I very definitely am a Republican and always have been." 5213

- [excerpts] The three member Commission on Judicial Appointments today unanimously approved the appointment of Donald R. Wright of Pasadena as chief justice of the California Supreme Court. 5214
- [excerpts] Next Friday, May 1, is Law Day, a fitting day to swear into office as Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court a distinguished Pasadenan, Donald Richard Wright.

The new chief justice feels deeply his roots in Southern California, just as he appears to feel deeply a sense of history and respect for tradition. The Wrights reluctantly plan to sell their comfortable home of 17 years for the move to San Francisco, the State Supreme Court's headquarters.

Judge Wright's appointment by Governor Reagan was a surprise, and coming in the midst of the Washington turmoil over President Nixon's nominations for the U.S. Supreme Court, there was much speculation as to the new justice's philosophy.

Justice Wright grew up in Pasadena and so did his father and grandfather. There's an old Victorian house ("where my father grew up") and a magnolia tree ("my

grandfather planted") still standing near Fair Oaks Avenue and Mountain Street, where the family place was located.

The Wrights will return to Pasadena when they retire; "After all, this is our home." 5216

• [excerpts] Donald R. Wright, was sworn in Friday as California's 24th chief justice on the outdoor porch of historical Colton Hall, where the state's first Constitution was drawn up and signed in 1849.

The oath was administered by acting Chief Justice Stanley Mosk.

Wright assumed his place on the bench immediately after the formal swearing-in ceremony and became involved at once, in a pressing societal problem, a welfare case. ⁵²¹⁵

• [excerpts] Nearly 400 important Pasadenans gathered Monday night at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel for the 10th annual community service award dinner of the Salvation Army of Pasadena to honor California Chief Justice Donald R. Wright and the work of the army.

Then the audience was treated by the chief justice, not with a report of the Supreme Court work, but with anecdotes of "what happens to a Pasadena boy when he leaves town." ⁵²¹⁷

• [excerpts] Pasadena's Donald Richard Wright who served the California Supreme Court as chief justice during its golden age, died late Thursday morning of heart failure at Pasadena's Huntington Memorial Hospital. He was 78.

Widely respected both professionally and personally, he had remained active until entering the hospital Feb. 17.

"I think history will judge him as among the most able Supreme Court justices," said Scott Bice, a friend and dean of the USC Law Center, where Wright had served on the board of councilors for the last 12 years.

Supreme Court Justice Stanley Mosk, the only remaining colleague of Wright's still on the court, said:

"I have never had more respect for any person than I felt for Donald Wright – as a dear friend, a great jurist and a splendid court administrator. But more importantly, he was a warm, compassionate and caring human being who constantly sought justice for every segment of society."

The court under Wright helped shape national legal doctrine, expanding liability in

favor of people injured in accidents, upholding individual liberties, affirming the separation of powers doctrine, abolishing the death penalty and requiring disclosure of financial contributors to ballot measures.

Wright was also a lot of fun, said former U.S. Secretary of Education Shirley Hufstedler, who with her husband, Seth, has been a longtime friend of Wright and his wife, Margaret.

"He was always good for thoughtful, witty and trenchant conversation on a broad range of subjects," she said. "His resources went well beyond the law. He was extremely well-read, a man whose breadth of interests and information was extraordinary."

In a 1977 tribute, Tobriner said of Wright: "I am told that Don Wright was somewhat of a bon vivant as a student...and a drinker of strange concoctions during the days of Prohibition; yet, he graduated cum laude from Stanford..." ⁵²¹⁸

• The death of former state Supreme Court Chief Justice Donald Wright marks a milestone in California's passage through a turbulent era.

The Pasadenan drew stirring eulogies from members of the legal community, which viewed his tenure on the bench with respect and admiration for his courage.

Throughout his career, Wright defied the liberal or conservation label-mongers with his abiding affinity above all for truth and justice. He was a man who worked hard and thought hard about matters of great importance to us all.

His authorship of the landmark People v. Anderson case, which first overturned California's death penalty law, probably will be remembered most.

But his legacy should reflect a wider concern he had – one that we all have. It is embodied in his favorite courtroom query, which mirrored the way he approached his job, his community, and his fellow man:

"But counsel," he frequently asked, "would you really want to live in that kind of society?"

Thanks to Donald Wright, a man of conscience, our society is better off. 5219

• Pasadena jurist dies

Former California Supreme Court Chief Justice Donald R. Wright of Pasadena died last week at Huntington Memorial Hospital after a heart attack. He was 78. Wright served seven distinguished years on the state's highest court and authored a number of controversial decisions, most notably a 1972 decision that overturned California's death penalty. Appointed chief justice by then-Governor Ronald Reagan

in 1970, Wright proved an independent jurist and locked horns with Reagan on many issues. He wrote in the court's anti-death penalty decision that the sentence constituted cruel and unusual punishment and "dehumanizes and degrades all who take part in the process." Reagan denounced the decision and was supported by the voters in a ballot initiative allowing the death penalty. Once again the Wright Court struck it down as unconstitutional. A third death penalty law was finally passed and is today in effect. Wright authored and supported decisions limiting police surveillance powers, providing equality in education, and rewriting civil suit guidelines. He also opposed the appointment of Reagan crony William Clark to the Supreme Court and stymied Reagan's attempts to get him off the court so a conservative judge could be appointed before Reagan left office. His resignation in 1977 paved the way for Jerry Brown's appointed of liberal Chief Justice Rose Bird. 5220

Census: • 1910 Census: Placentia, Orange, California. Age 3, b CA. Parents b CA. 5199

- 1920 Census: Pasadena, Los Angeles, California. Age 12, b CA. Parents b CA. 5198
- 1930 Census: Pasadena, Los Angeles, California. Age 23, b CA. Single. No employment. Parents b CA. Living in parents' household. 5197
- 1940 Census: Pasadena, Los Angeles, California. Age 33, b CA. Single. Attorney, Private Practice. Living with mother and brother at 393 South Los Robles. 7666
- 1950 Census: Pasadena, Los Angeles, California. Age 43, b CA. Married. Attorney, Law Office.⁸³⁴¹

Spouse: Margaret W. McLELLAN

Marriage: 3 Mar 1949, New York City, New York⁷⁶⁶⁵
Birth: 19 Aug 1907, Seattle, King, Washington⁵⁷¹²

Death: 14 Jul 2007, Pomona, Los Angeles,

California⁵⁷¹²

Memo: Mt. San Antonio Gardens Health Center Father: Francis X. McLELLAN⁵⁷¹² (abt 1863-)

Mother: Agnes MALLOY⁵⁷¹², given name only,5715, 1910

census gives sister's surname (abt 1874-)

• Had her birthday on Aug 19th; can't remember the year, but she's "older than Harriet." [She] will think about it, and let Barney know when he visits on Wednesday. Very interested in seeing material on Don. 5440

• Margaret M. Wright died on July 14 of natural causes at Mt. San Antonio Gardens, Health Center, Pomona, CA.

Born August 19, 1907 in Seattle, Washington, Margo was one of six children of Francis X. and Agnus [sic] McLellan. She graduated from Forest Ridge Junior College, Seattle, Washington. Margo joined the Civil Service as a secretary in WW II, and served at the Elmendorf Air Force Base, Anchorage, Alaska. While working for the Civil Service, she met Donald R. Wright, a Lieutenant Colonel, and married him shortly after the war. Her husband of over 35 years retired as the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court in 1977. He died in 1985.

Margo was actively involved in numerous charities (ef. Pasadena Rummage Sale, Huntington Library, Norton Simon Museum, and the resale shop for the San Francisco Symphony) during the years she lived in Pasadena and San Francisco. For the past 19 years Margo lived at Mt. San Antonio Gardens, Pomona, CA.

She is survived by one sister-in-law and eleven nieces and nephews.

A mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Assumption, 435 Berkeley Ave., Claremont, CA at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 19.⁵⁷¹²

• July 27, 2007: My parents, Harriet and Nelson Mills, were best friends of the Wrights. My father was a fraternity brother of Don's at Stanford. I was first introduced to Margo as a child in 1946 or 1947. I and my wife Gretchen will treasure the fond memories of Margo and all the kindnesses she extended to us over the years.

David Mills (Scottsdale, AZ)

July 28, 2007: Our parents Nelson and Harriet Mills had 3 sons born in the following order: Nelson "Barney," David, and Donald all of whom were godsons of Donald Wright. Our father Nelson Mills was Donald Wright's closest friend from their fraternity days at Stanford and was his best man twice.

As we grew up Don and Margo were our second parents and joined us in many family events over the years.

Don and Margo are now together again with our parents and many other close friends -- what fun they must be having!

All our best to your family.

Barney Mills (San Marino, CA)

July 28, 2007: What a wonderful lady; Aunt Margo & Uncle Don as I have always known them.

As a youngster, I have the fondest memories spending weekends at their Pasadena home working on the terraces and going to plays like the Music Man. Margo would always buy a jar of marshmallow creme for me whenever I visited.

In her later years, Margo would always make it a point to come to our family events such as Jeff's High School graduation or Matt's 21st birthday.

She will be greatly missed.

Jeanne & Donald Mills (Arcadia, CA)⁵⁷²⁸

Census: \bullet 1910 Census: Seattle, King, Washington. Age 2, b WA. Father b Canada; mother b WI. 5715

- \bullet 1920 Census: Seattle, King, Washington. Age 12, b WA. Father b Canada; mother b WI. 5714
- 1930 Census: Seattle, King, Washington. Age 22, b WA. Office Work; Electrical Co. Father b Canada Eng; mother b WI. 5713
- 1950 Census: Pasadena, Los Angeles, California. Age 42, b WA. 8341

No Children

Ancestors

David Levi WRIGHT^{4168, surname only} - Father

Birth: abt 1871, California⁵¹⁹⁷

Father: Amos WRIGHT - Grandfather (1839-)
Mother: Sarah E. - Grandmother (abt 1842-)

Census: • 1880 Census: Anaheim Township, Los Angeles, California. Age 9, b CA. Parents b AR. Enumerated as Levi D. Wright. 5200

- 1910 Census: Placentia, Orange, California. Age 38, b CA. Farmer. Parents b AR.⁵¹⁹⁹
- 1920 Census: Pasadena, Los Angeles, California. Age 48, b CA. No employment. Parents b AR. 5198
- 1930 Census: Pasadena, Los Angeles, California. Age 59, b CA. No employment. House value: \$20,000. Parents b AR. 5197

Spouse: Lillie ANDREW - Mother

Marriage: abt 1895⁵¹⁹⁹

Memo: married 15 years in 1910 Birth: 11 Jul 1873, California⁵²⁰²

Death: 12 Apr 1956, Los Angeles County, California⁵²⁰²

Father: T. D. ANDREW^{5202, surname only} - Grandfather (abt 1826-)

Mother: Sarah A. JAMES^{5202, surname only} - Grandmother (abt 1854-)

Census: • 1880 Census: San Bernardino, San Bernardino, California. Age 6, b CA. Father b MD; mother b CA. 5204

- 1910 Census: Placentia, Orange, California. Age 36, b CA. Father b MD; mother b CA. Mother of 5 children, all living. 5199
- \bullet 1920 Census: Pasadena, Los Angeles, California. Age 46, b CA. Father b AR; mother b CA. 5198
- 1930 Census: Pasadena, Los Angeles, California. Age 57, b CA. Father b MD; mother b CA. 5197
- 1940 Census: Pasadena, Los Angeles, California. Age 66, b CA. Widow. Head. 7666

6 Children...

- i. **Leonard** Brother (29 Jan 1897-Jan 1980)
- ii. **Kenneth A.** Brother (24 Jul 1897-23 Dec 1974)

- iii. Norman D. Brother (20 Jan 1904-11 Jan 1961)
- iv. Hon. Donald Richard Source (2 Feb 1907-21 Mar 1985)
- v. **Bernice M.** Sister (7 May 1909-29 Sep 1994)
- vi. **James M. Brother** (17 Mar 1911-10 Jul 1947)

Amos WRIGHT - Grandfather

Birth: 1839, Sevier County, Arkansas 5200,5201

Father: Amos WRIGHT^{5201, p 1} - G Grandfather

Mother: Elizabeth WILSON⁵²⁰¹ - G Grandmother

Census: • 1880 Census: Anaheim Township, Los Angeles, California. Age 41, b AR.

Farmer. Father b PA; mother b KY. 5200

Spouse: **Sarah E.** - Grandmother

Marriage: abt 1860⁵²⁰⁰

Memo: based on birth of 1st child abt 1861

Birth: abt 1842, Arkansas⁵²⁰⁰

Census: • 1880 Census: Anaheim Township, Los Angeles, California. Age 38, b AR.

Father b TN; mother b IN. 5200

7 Children...

- i. **Helen E.** Aunt (abt 1861-)
- ii. Mary Frances Aunt (abt 1863-)
- iii. **Anna P.** Aunt (abt 1865-)
- iv. **Jessie L. Aunt** (abt 1869-)
- v. **David Levi** Father (abt 1871-)
- vi. **Roberta** Aunt (abt 1876-)
- vii. Margaret Aunt (abt 1879-)

T. D. ANDREW⁵²⁰², surname only - Grandfather

Birth: abt 1826, Maryland 5204

Census: • 1880 Census: San Bernardino, San Bernardino, California. Age 54?, b MD.

Farmer. Parents b MD. 5204

Spouse: **Sarah A. JAMES** - Grandmother

Marriage: abt 1872⁵²⁰⁴

Memo: based on birth of Lillie in 1873

Birth: abt 1854, California⁵²⁰⁴

Father: **John M. JAMES** - G Grandfather (abt 1818-) Mother: **Margaret H.** - G Grandmother (abt 1824-)

Census: • 1880 Census: San Bernardino, San Bernardino, California. Age 26, b CA. Father b TN; mother b MO. 5204

2 Children...

- i. Lillie Mother (11 Jul 1873-12 Apr 1956)
- ii. Charles Uncle (abt 1875-)

Amos WRIGHT^{5201, p1} - G Grandfather

Spouse: **Elizabeth WILSON** - G Grandmother

1 Child...

i. Amos - Grandfather (1839-)

Family Notes: • 11 children; see R5201 for family group. 5201

John M. JAMES - G Grandfather

Birth: abt 1818, Tennessee⁵²⁰⁵

Census: • 1870 Census: San Bernardino, San Bernardino, California. Age 52, b TN. Saw Mill Owner. \$8000; \$1000. 5205

 \bullet 1880 Census: San Bernardino, San Bernardino, California. Age 63, b TN. Farmer & Carpenter. Father b NC; mother b VA. 5206

Spouse: Margaret H. - G Grandmother

Birth: abt 1824, Missouri⁵²⁰⁵

Census: • 1870 Census: San Bernardino, San Bernardino, California. Age 46, b MO.⁵²⁰⁵

• 1880 Census: San Bernardino, San Bernardino, California. Age 55. b MO. Father b NC; mother b KY. 5206

6 Children...

- i. William G Uncle (abt 1849-)
- ii. Sarah A. Grandmother (abt 1854-)
- iii. **Cyrus S. G Uncle** (abt 1857-)
- iv. Huldah G Aunt (abt 1860-)
- v. Margaret G Aunt (abt 1862-)
- vi. **Lucy** G Aunt (abt 1865-)

Siblings

Leonard WRIGHT - Brother

Birth: 29 Jan 1897, California 5199,5203

Death: Jan 1980, San Diego County, California 5203

Father: David Levi WRIGHT^{4168, surname only} - Father (abt 1871-)

Mother: Lillie ANDREW^{4168, surname only} - Mother (11 Jul 1873-12 Apr 1956)

Census: • 1910 Census: Placentia, Orange, California. Age 14, b CA. Parents b CA. [difficult to read his name]⁵¹⁹⁹

Kenneth A. WRIGHT - Brother

Birth: 24 Jul 1897, California⁵²⁰²

Death: 23 Dec 1974, Los Angeles County, California⁵²⁰²

Father: David Levi WRIGHT^{4168, surname only} - Father (abt 1871-)

Mother: Lillie ANDREW^{4168, surname only} - Mother (11 Jul 1873-12 Apr 1956)

Census: • 1910 Census: Placentia, Orange, California. Age 12, b CA. Parents b ${\rm CA.}^{5199}$

• 1920 Census: Pasadena, Los Angeles, California. Age 22, b CA. No employment. Parents b CA. 5198

Norman D. WRIGHT - Brother

Birth: 20 Jan 1904, California⁵²⁰²

Death: 11 Jan 1961, Los Angeles County, California⁵²⁰²

Father: David Levi WRIGHT^{4168, surname only} - Father (abt 1871-)

Mother: Lillie ANDREW^{4168, surname only} - Mother (11 Jul 1873-12 Apr 1956)

Census: • 1910 Census: Placentia, Orange, California. Age 6, b CA. Parents b CA. 5199

• 1920 Census: Pasadena, Los Angeles, California. Age 15, b CA. Parents b CA. 5198

• 1930 Census: Pasadena, Los Angeles, California. Age 26, b CA. Single. Chemical Work; Finance. Parents b CA. Living in parents' household. 5197

Bernice M. WRIGHT - Sister

Birth: 7 May 1909, California⁵²⁰²

Death: 29 Sep 1994, Santa Clara County, California 5202

Father: David Levi WRIGHT^{4168, surname only} - Father (abt 1871-)

Mother: Lillie ANDREW^{4168, surname only} - Mother (11 Jul 1873-12 Apr 1956)

Census: • 1910 Census: Placentia, Orange, California. Age 11/12ths, b CA. Parents b CA. 5199

- \bullet 1920 Census: Pasadena, Los Angeles, California. Age 12 [sic], b CA. Parents b ${\rm CA.}^{5198}$
- 1930 Census: Pasadena, Los Angeles, California. Age 20, b CA. Single. No employment. Parents b CA. Living in parents' household. 5197

Spouse: (Private)

James M. WRIGHT - Brother

Birth: 17 Mar 1911, California⁵²⁰²

Death: 10 Jul 1947, San Bernardino County, California 5202

Father: David Levi WRIGHT^{4168, surname only} - Father (abt 1871-)

Mother: Lillie ANDREW^{4168, surname only} - Mother (11 Jul 1873-12 Apr 1956)

Census: • 1920 Census: Pasadena, Los Angeles, California. Age 8, b CA. Parents b CA. 5198

- 1930 Census: Pasadena, Los Angeles, California. Age 19, b CA. Single. No employment. Parents b CA. Living in parents' household. 5197
- 1940 Census: Pasadena, Los Angeles, California. Age 29, b CA. Single. Wood pulp beater; Paper Factory. Living in mother's household. 7666

Aunts and Uncles

Helen E. WRIGHT - Aunt

Birth: abt 1861, Arkansas⁵²⁰⁰

Father: Amos WRIGHT - Grandfather (1839-)
Mother: Sarah E. - Grandmother (abt 1842-)

Census: • 1880 Census: Anaheim Township, Los Angeles, California. Age 19, b AR.

Parents b AR. 5200

Mary Frances WRIGHT - Aunt

Birth: abt 1863, Arkansas⁵²⁰⁰

Father: Amos WRIGHT - Grandfather (1839-)
Mother: Sarah E. - Grandmother (abt 1842-)

Census: • 1880 Census: Anaheim Township, Los Angeles, California. Age 17, b AR.

Parents b AR. 5200

Anna P. WRIGHT - Aunt

Birth: abt 1865, Arkansas⁵²⁰⁰

Father: Amos WRIGHT - Grandfather (1839-)
Mother: Sarah E. - Grandmother (abt 1842-)

Census: • 1880 Census: Anaheim Township, Los Angeles, California. Age 15, b AR.

Parents b AR. 5200

Iessie L. WRIGHT - Aunt

Birth: abt 1869, Arkansas⁵²⁰⁰

Father: Amos WRIGHT - Grandfather (1839-)

Mother: Sarah E. - Grandmother (abt 1842-)

Census: • 1880 Census: Anaheim Township, Los Angeles, California. Age 11, b AR.

Parents b AR. 5200

Roberta WRIGHT - Aunt

Birth: abt 1876, California 5200

Father: Amos WRIGHT - Grandfather (1839-)

Mother: **Sarah E.** - Grandmother (abt 1842-)

Census: • 1880 Census: Anaheim Township, Los Angeles, California. Age 4, b CA.

Parents b AR.⁵²⁰⁰

Margaret WRIGHT - Aunt

Birth: abt 1879, California⁵²⁰⁰

Father: Amos WRIGHT - Grandfather (1839-)

Mother: **Sarah E.** - Grandmother (abt 1842-)

Census: • 1880 Census: Anaheim Township, Los Angeles, California. Age 1, b CA.

Parents b AR. 5200

Charles ANDREW - Uncle

Birth: abt 1875, California⁵²⁰⁴

Father: T. D. ANDREW^{5202, surname only} - Grandfather (abt 1826-)

Mother: Sarah A. JAMES^{5202, surname only} - Grandmother (abt 1854-)

Census: • 1880 Census: San Bernardino, San Bernardino, California. Age 5, b CA.

Father b MD; mother b CA. 5204

William JAMES - G Uncle

Birth: abt 1849. Arkansas⁵²⁰⁵

Father: **John M. JAMES** - G Grandfather (abt 1818-)
Mother: **Margaret H.** - G Grandmother (abt 1824-)

Census: • 1870 Census: San Bernardino, San Bernardino, California. Age 21, b AR.

Teamster. \$0; \$500. Living in parents' household. [Note the presence of Samuel

James, age 23, b AR, Teamster, one household away; probably his brother.] 5205

Cyrus S. JAMES - G Uncle

Birth: abt 1857. California⁵²⁰⁵

Father: **John M. JAMES** - G Grandfather (abt 1818-)
Mother: **Margaret H.** - G Grandmother (abt 1824-)

Census: • 1870 Census: San Bernardino, San Bernardino, California. Age 13, b CA.

Enumerated as Sirus, female. 5205

 \bullet 1880 Census: San Bernardino, San Bernardino, California. Age 23, b CA. Laborer. Father b TN; mother b MO. 5206

Huldah JAMES - G Aunt

Birth: abt 1860, California⁵²⁰⁵

Father: **John M. JAMES** - G Grandfather (abt 1818-)
Mother: **Margaret H.** - G Grandmother (abt 1824-)

Census: • 1870 Census: San Bernardino, San Bernardino, California. Age 10, b

 $CA.^{5205}$

Margaret JAMES - G Aunt

Birth: abt 1862. California⁵²⁰⁵

Father: **John M. JAMES** - G Grandfather (abt 1818-)
Mother: **Margaret H.** - G Grandmother (abt 1824-)

Census: • 1870 Census: San Bernardino, San Bernardino, California. Age 8, b CA. 5205

 \bullet 1880 Census: San Bernardino, San Bernardino, California. Age 18, b CA. Father b TN; mother b $\rm M0.^{5206}$

Lucy JAMES - G Aunt

Birth: abt 1865, California⁵²⁰⁵

Father: **John M. JAMES** - G Grandfather (abt 1818-)

Mother: **Margaret H.** - G Grandmother (abt 1824-)

Census: • 1870 Census: San Bernardino, San Bernardino, California. Age 5, b CA. 5205

• 1880 Census: San Bernardino, San Bernardino, California. Age 15, b CA. Father b TN; mother b MO. 5206

2228. Ex-Chief Justice Wright Dies, Publisher: *Pasadena Star-News*, Pasadena, CA,

Page(s): Page One, Date: 22 Mar 1985.

• Obituary of California Chief Justice Donald R. Wright

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- 5197. 1930 Census, Pasadena, Los Angeles, California, Call Number: 399 South Los Robles, Date: 9 Apr 1930, Page(s): ED 19-1251; Sheet No. 11A, Date: 6 Jun 2006, Image Restored: 1 Nov 2024, Other surname(s): *Wright*.

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5205. 1870 Census, San Bernardino, San Bernardino, California, Date: 25 Jun 1870, Page(s): page 429, Date: 7 Jun 2006, Image Restored: 1 Nov 2024, Other surname(s): *James.*

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- **5206. 1880 Census,** San Bernardino, San Bernardino, California, Page(s): 482B, Date: 7 Jun 2006, Image Restored: 1 Nov 2024, Other surname(s): *James*. File: 5206.jpeg
- **5207. New City Planner Taking Keen Interest in Job,** Publisher: *Pasadena Star-News,* Date: 7 Aug 1948, Submitter: Pasadena (CA) Public Library, Date: Jul 2004, Image Restored: 30 Oct 2024, Other surname(s): *Wright.*File: 5207.jpeg
- **5208. Commission Head Likes Proposed Zoning Plan,** Publisher: *Pasadena Star-News,* Date: 19 Sep 1953, Submitter: Pasadena (CA) Public Library, Date: Jul 2004, Image Restored: 30 Oct 2024, Other surname(s): *Wright, McClellan.* File: 5208.jpeg
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