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NAME Cunningham, Stephen W.

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CITY:

City Council.....1933-1939

COUNTY:

1939-1941

STATE:

FEDERAL:

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Advertising
Brokerage business
World War soldier
Corporation and association executive
City official

PORTRAIT:

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Biography

NAME Cunningham, Stephen H.
Occupation Association Executive
Address 1421 Woodruff Ave., West Los Angeles
Birth (Date and Place) July 29, 1886, San Bernardino, Calif.

FATHER Reuben F. Cunningham
Birth (Date and Place) 1852, Nova Scotia, Canada
If Deceased, When 1910

MOTHER Annie B. Magee
Birth (Date and Place) 1863, Ohio
If Deceased, When 1920

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM Frances Lippincott Flint
Birth of Same (Date and Place) 1895, Los Angeles, Calif.
If Deceased, When _____
When Married 1919

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)

John Stephen

Donald Edward

Frances Ann

SKETCH

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

Native son Stephen W. Cunningham was born July 29, 1886, in San Bernardino, California. He received his education in the locality of his birth, in San Bernardino, and Riverside public schools, finishing with a B.S. from the University of California, Berkeley, California.

Upon graduating in 1910 Mr. Cunningham engaged in advertising business in San Francisco for three years, then in the brokerage business for five years.

During the World War Mr. Cunningham went overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, and upon his return, from 1921 to 1924 served as secretary for the Southern California Canning Association. From 1924 until 1933, when he became a city official he was Graduate Manager at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Appointed to the City Council in 1933 Mr. Cunningham is now serving his second term as councilman (1937). Committees upon which he has served are: Building and Safety; Finance, Traffic and Lighting, Efficiency & Personnel, and State and County Affairs, the last two of which he served as chairman.

ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

Since his college days in Berkeley when he was president of the student body Stephen Cunningham has evinced executive ability in the business world.

Becoming General Manager of the student body of U.C.L.A. at the time the southern branch was credited with graduate rating and a man was needed until such time as a graduate with the necessary ability could be found, Mr. Cunningham brilliantly fulfilled the position. He is credited with bringing William Spalding to the school, and starting the impetus of business and football improvement that landed U.C.L.A. in the coast conference.

From the small college on Vermont Avenue he helped them grow, and when the University moved to the new campus at Westwood, Cunningham was credited with the management which made possible the smooth and efficient functioning of the Associated Students.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

BOOKS:

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:

PERSONAL INTERVIEW:

INTERVIEWED BY: Luella Sawyer

DATE OF INTERVIEW: October 31, 1934

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December 23, 1936





THIRD DISTRICT

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Stephen W. Cunningham is the incumbent. He was elected to the Council four years ago after devoting a decade to building up the University of California at Los Angeles. To Cunningham goes much of the credit for obtaining State and county allocations of gasoline tax for the city. Cunningham has led the fight in the Council against radicalism, and this element, assisted by bookies expelled by Cunningham, is eager for his defeat.



STEPHEN W. CUNNINGHAM

City Council—Third District

Born July 29, 1886, San Bernardino, California.

Educated: Public schools, San Bernardino; Riverside High School; B.S., University of California.

Married; three children.

Native Son.

Career: After graduation from U.C. in advertising business for three years in San Francisco; followed by overseas with American Expeditionary Forces; 1921-1924 secretary to Southern California Canning Association; 1924-1933 Graduate Manager, University of California at Los Angeles.

Public Offices: City Council, 1933-1937.