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ON COVER – The Los Angeles City oil field at First Street circa 1900. Legend has it that in 1891 near present-day downtown, Edward L. Doheny noticed a cart with black oil on its wheels. The cart driver told him that it came from seeps near present-day Dodger Stadium. Doheny's first well at that location discovered oil on April 20, 1892 and produced about 45 barrels/day. More than 500 wells were producing from the field in 1897. The Los Angeles basin may be the most petroliferous province on Earth per volume of sedimentary fill, yet surprisingly few data have been published on the crude oil geochemistry. On p. 115 of the January 2016 issue of the *Bulletin*, Peters et al. used multivariate statistics of biomarker and stable isotope ratios for 111 oil samples to identify 6 tribes and a total of 12 genetically distinct oil families in the basin. Photo courtesy of the Seaver Center for Western History Research, Los Angeles Museum of Natural History.

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