

OCCGS Civil War Veteran's Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Peter Taylor ADAMS

Birth Date: 22 November 1834

Location: Collierville, Shelby County, Tennessee



Death Date: 3 December 1924

Location: Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Buried at: Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: Lawn R, Lot 130, Space 3

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 16.41064" W117° 50' 32.82216"

(DMS) Datum: NAD83. Coordinates are +/- 1.00 feet of the grave location

Side Served: Confederacy

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant / Captain

Company: B

Unit: 46th Cavalry Regiment (aka McCord's Frontier Regiment)

State: Texas

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant / Captain

Company:

Unit: General Smith P Bankhead's Brigade – Texas Cavalry

State: Texas

Occupation: Rancher and Farmer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Peter Adams

Birth Date/Location: 28 August 1789, Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina

Death Date/Location: 4 April 1854, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas

Mother: Sarah B. Walton

Birth Date/Location: 26 July 1797, North Carolina

Death Date/Location: 24 October 1882, Tustin, Orange County, California

Spouse: Elizabeth Henrietta Downs

Birth Date / Location: March 1848, Comanche County, Iowa

Death Date/Location: 5 May 1892, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 23 October 1865, Medina County, Texas

Children –

Name: Henry M. Adams

Birth Date / Location: 24 July 1866, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas

Death Date / Location: 29 March 1956, Orange County, California

Married Katherine Fall

Name: Anna Darling Adams

Birth Date / Location: 15 April 1869, Uvalde County, Texas

Death Date / Location: 12 January 1911, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Married John Gowen

Name: Frank Cood (Coodie) Adams

Birth Date / Location: 15 September 1871, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas

Death Date / Location: 16 May 1950, Orange County, California

Married Elizabeth Fall

Name: Edward L. Adams

Birth Date / Location: March 1876, Texas

Death Date / Location: 25 July 1902, Orange County, California

Name: Infant Adams

Birth Date / Location: 1879, California

Death Date / Location: 1879, California

Name: Frances Ideala Adams

Birth Date / Location: 16 June 1888, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Death Date / Location: 31 October 1979, Orange County, California

Married Hugh J Plumb

Additional Information

Peter Taylor Adams was one of 9 children born to Peter and Sarah B Walton Adams. He had one sister Margaret who died in infancy and 7 older brothers, John Quincy, Daniel W., William C, Henry Clay, David G., James M. and Martin Vanburen. In 1830 the family was still in McNairy County, Tennessee. The family moved to what would become Bexar County, Texas around 1839. While the Adams family resided in Texas they were cattle ranchers. Their herds were said to be over 100,000 strong.

Peter started his own cattle ranch near San Antonio and after 25 prosperous years he sold it in 1876 and left Texas for California. He settled in the Tustin area November of 1877. He initially grew oranges and limes on his land before turning 18 acres over to the cultivation of walnuts. He was president of the Santa Ana Walnut Grower's Association.

Served in Texas Rangers prior to Civil War

Enlisted 15 April 1861

- Appointed Lieutenant in Captain McCord's Frontier Regiment 26 March 1863, Medina County, Texas;

Transferred to General Bankhead's Brigade in 1863 and surrendered 1865.

Received Southern Cross from Emma Sansom Chapter 449 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy

Peter's brother Martin Van Buren Adams served in Company C of the 2nd Texas Cavalry Regiment and is also buried in Orange County, California.

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- Frances A Plumb

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- Memorial 7439953, Created by Becky, Record for Henry M Adams
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- Memorial 7439934, Created by Becky, Record for Cood Adams
- Memorial 7439956, Created by Becky, Record for Edward L Adams
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- Mrs John Gowen Dies from Gasoline Iron Explosion

Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Wednesday, December 3, 1924, Volume XX, No 5, Page 6, Column 2, 3

- Early Pioneer Passes: Came Here in 1877 – Death of P T Adams

Photograph of tombstone for Peter T Adams, Fairhaven Memorial Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 1/20/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Lewis Beal.