

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: James S. (Alleyn/Allyn) ALLEN ⁴ 8

Birth Date: April 1846 ¹

Location: Washtenaw County, Michigan¹

Death Date: 25 June 1909 ⁵

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery ^{4,5}

Plot Location: North R (NL) ⁴

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 14.28409" W117° 50' 28.20930" ⁴

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



Side Served: Union ⁶

Rank: Private

Company: A

Unit: 15th Infantry

State: Michigan

Occupation: Farmer/Carpenter

Family Information

Parents –

Father: James Samuel Allen ²

Birth Date/Location: ABT 1800, Connecticut ^{2,3}

Death Date/Location: 7 May 1875, Dexter, Washtenaw, Michigan ³

Mother: Elizabeth Prosser ²

Birth Date/Location: ABT 1803, Vermont ²

Death Date/Location: AFT 1880, Michigan ⁷

Spouse: Susan E. Royce

Birth Date / Location: August 1849, Michigan ¹

Death Date/Location: 15 October 1928, Orange County, California ⁵

Marriage Date / Location: 13 November 1895, Grand Rapids, Washtenaw County, Michigan ⁵

Children – None

Additional Information

James Allen was the last of at least 7 children, the son of James Samuel Allen and Elizabeth Prosser. James born in Connecticut died in Michigan May 7, 1875 and Elizabeth of Vermont died in Michigan in 1880. James had four brothers, Loomis W., Oliver, Charles and Lorenzo and two sisters, Maria A. and Emily. The family was living in Dexter, Washtenaw County, Michigan in 1850. James, the subject of this paper, was born in 1844.

He joined Co A, 15th Regiment Michigan Infantry 17 March 1865 in Dexter, Washtenaw County, Michigan as a Private. He mustered out on 13 August 1865 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

In 1870 James can be found in Dexter, Washtenaw County, Michigan living with his parents James and Eliza and his brother Charles on the family farm. By 1880 James has his own farm. His father has passed away and his mother is living with him. The 1890 Veteran's Schedule still shows James as residing in Washtenaw County.

James marries Susan E. Royce, the daughter of Thomas Royce, on November 13, 1895 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The family can be found in Santa Ana, Orange County, California in 1900. They census lists that she had one child that is no longer living. It is possible that the child referenced was Arthur Cathcart who died at the age of 3 and was by her first husband John W. Cathcart. James's occupation is listed as House Carpenter. James passes away in 1909. Susan continues to live in Orange County through 1920. She passes away in 1928 and is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Chelsea, Washtenaw, MI as Susan E. Royce Allyn.

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

Sources

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National Park Service, Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System, searchable database on-line <http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-soldiers.htm>

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Footnotes

- ¹ 1900 Census, Santa Ana, Orange County, California, Page 6B, Family 186, Lines 95 and 96, record for James S. Allen
- ² 1850 Census, Dexter, Washtenaw, Michigan, M432_364, Page 518A, Family 99, record for James Allyn
- ³ "Michigan Deaths and Burials, 1800–1995." Index. FamilySearch, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2009, 2010.
- ⁴ Civil War Veterans – Orange County, California submitted by Gordon Bricken, searchable database, <http://www.cagenweb.com/orange/civilwarvets.htm>
- ⁵ Findagrave.com, Memorial #8721872, Created by Shriver, Added May 4,2004 for James S. Allen
Memorial # 56846921, Created by Brian, Added Aug 9, 2010 for Susan E. Royce Allyn
- ⁶ National Park Service, Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System record for James Allyn aka James Allen
- ⁷ 1880 Census, Dexter, Washtenaw County, Michigan, T9_608, Page 138B, Family 14, Lines 34 to 37, record for James S. Allyn
- ⁸ Photograph of tombstone for James S. Allen, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 2/20/2007. Retrieved 29 August 2012, from Findagrave.com. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.