

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name: Nels Frederick AXELSON**

**Birth Date: 28 August 1829**

Location: Slathult, Misterhult, Sweden  
Naturalized: August 9, 1892, Santa Ana, Ca

**Death Date: 21 May 1916**

Location: Santa Ana, Orange County, California  
Buried at: Santa Ana Cemetery  
Plot Location: N-5-3-8

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 05.54443" W117° 50' 22.85372"

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



### Side Served - Union

Rank: Private  
Company: C  
Unit: 43RD Infantry Regiment  
State: Illinois

**Occupation: Stone Mason**

## Family Information

### Parents –

**Father: Axel Nilsson**

Birth Date/Location: May 7, 1798, Hycklinge, Doderhult, Sweden  
Death Date/Location: unknown

**Mother: Anna Lisa Pettersdotter**

Birth Date/Location: May 21, 1797, Slathult, Misterhult, Sweden  
Death Date/Location: unknown

### Spouse: Christine Mary Magnuson

Birth Date / Location: 14 November 1840, Doderhultsvik, Doderhult, Sweden  
Death Date/Location: 9 September 1903, Santa Ana, Orange County, California  
Marriage Date / Location: 2 October 1863, Henry County, Illinois

### Children –

**Name: Charles F. Axelson**

Birth Date / Location: 25 June 1864, Illinois  
Death Date / Location: 2 August 1957, Orange County, California

**Name: Anna M. Axelson (Hill)**

Birth Date / Location: 21 December 1866, Illinois  
Death Date / Location: 10 November 1953, Orange County, California

**Name: Gustavus Axelson**

Birth Date / Location: 6 June 1870, Kansas

Death Date / Location: 8 February 1953, Los Angeles County, California

**Name: Anton H. Axelson**

Birth Date / Location: 1872, Kansas

Death Date / Location:

**Name: Lincoln L. Axelson**

Birth Date / Location: 10 June 1875, Kansas

Death Date / Location: 27 July 1896, Orange County, California

**Name: Emma E. Axelson (McDowell)**

Birth Date / Location: 9 February 1880, Kansas

Death Date / Location: 31 July 1953, Los Angeles, California

**Name: Hilda C. Axelson (Helvey)**

Birth Date / Location: 6 April 1881, Kansas

Death Date / Location: 26 February 1962, Orange County, California

## Sources

- Civil War Veterans – Orange County, California submit by Gordon Bricken, searchable data base, <http://www.cagenweb.com/orange/civilwarvets.htm>
- 1870 U.S. census, population schedules. NARA microfilm publication M593, 1,761 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.
- “Illinois Civil War Muster and Descriptive Rolls” Searchable Data Base, Illinois State Archives, An Index Compiled by Fred Delap in cooperation with the Illinois State Archives, <http://www.ilsos.gov/genealogy/>
- Illinois State Archives, Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763 – 1900, Searchable Data Base, <http://www.ilsos.gov/GenealogyMWeb/marrsrch.html>
- Ancestry.com. California, Voter Registers, 1866-1968 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011.
- United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1900. T623, 1854 rolls.
- Findagrave.com, searchable data base of cemeteries, tombstone inscriptions, memorials and photographs
- State of California. California Death Index, 1940-1997. Sacramento, CA, USA: State of California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics, Microfilm

## Comments

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

### Illinois Civil War Muster and Descriptive Rolls

Nels Axelson, 36, of Berlin, Mercer County, Illinois enlisted as a Private in Co. C, 43<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment on 1 September 1861 for a period of 3 years. He was a farmer, single, 5' 7 ½" tall with brown eyes and brown hair. He mustered in on Dec 16, 1861 at Otterville, Missouri and was discharged on 9 April 1863 on a surgical certificate of disability. His recorded date of death was 21 May 1916.

**Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763-1900 about Nels F. Axelson**

Name: Nels F. Axelson  
Spouse Name: Christina M. Magnuson  
Marriage Date: Oct 02, 1863  
Marriage County: Henry  
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**1870 United States Federal Census about Frederick Axelson, Shannon, Pottawatomie County, Kansas**

**1880 United States Federal Census about Frederick Axelson, Blue Rapids, Marshall County, Kansas**

Frederick Axelson, 51, ABT 1829, Sweden, Stone Mason  
Mary C. , wife, 39, ABT 1841, Sweden  
Charles F., son, 15, ABT 1865, Illinois  
Anna M. , daughter, 13, ABT 1867, Illinois  
Gustavus A., son, 10, ABT 1870, Kansas  
Anton H., son, 8, ABT 1872, Kansas  
Lincoln L., son, 4, ABT 1876, Kansas  
Emma E., daughter, 4m, 1880, Kansas

**California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898 about Nels F Axelson**

**1892**

Nels F Axelson, 64, Orange, California  
Naturalized: August 9, 1892, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

**Findagrave.com, Nels F. Axelson, Memorial # 8721877, Created by: Shriver, Record Added: May 04, 2004**

Photograph of tombstone for Nels F. Axelson, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 2/20/2007. Retrieved February 2012, from Findagrave.com. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.



## Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Photograph of tombstone for James M. Brown, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Judy Kendig, 3/8/2012. Used with the permission of Judy Kendig.