

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** John BAKER

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**Birth Date:** 14 Oct 1846<sup>3</sup>

Location: Illinois<sup>3</sup>

**Death Date:** 6 November 1916<sup>6,8</sup>

Location: Los Angeles County, California<sup>8</sup>

Buried at (Cemetery): Fairhaven Memorial Park<sup>1</sup>

Plot Location: R-54-4\*<sup>1</sup>

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 16.33768" W117° 50' 31.52213"<sup>1</sup>

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



**Side Served:** Union<sup>1</sup>

Rank: Private

Company: F

Unit: 44<sup>th</sup> Infantry

State: Illinois

**Occupation:** Farmer, Horseman

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father:** Ira W. Baker<sup>2</sup>

Birth Date/Location: 1814, New York<sup>2</sup>

Death Date/Location: AFT 1880

**Mother:** Sarah Wilkins<sup>2,4</sup>

Birth Date/Location: ABT 1819, Illinois

Death Date/Location: AFT1880

**Spouse:** Hannah E. Hunt

Birth Date / Location: May 1854, Illinois<sup>3</sup>

Death Date/Location: 1933, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 1872<sup>3</sup>

## Children –

### Name: Louis W. Baker <sup>5</sup>

Birth Date / Location: 1873, Illinois <sup>5</sup>

Death Date / Location: 1898, Orange County, California

Co L, 7<sup>th</sup> California U.S. Volunteer , Artificer, Spanish American War

### Name: Arthur J. Baker <sup>5</sup>

Birth Date / Location: January 1878, Illinois <sup>3</sup>

Death Date / Location: 1905, Orange County, California <sup>9</sup>

## Additional Information

John Baker was the son of Ira W. Baker and Sarah Wilkins who were married in Greene County, Illinois April 2, 1835. In the 1850 census the family is living on the family farm in Wyoming, Lee County, Illinois. John is the fourth of five children listed with the family. He has two older sisters Elizabeth and Mary, two older brothers Ira and Silas and one younger brother Schuyler. In 1860 the family is still in Wyoming, Lee County, Illinois and John has four more sisters Sophia, Harriet, Carrie and Henrietta, and one brother James. Mary and Elizabeth are not listed with the family. Elizabeth is married to George McBride and remained in Lee County through the 1880 census.

John Baker joined Co F 44th US Infantry as a Private at Joliet, Illinois. John's military records indicate that he was a substitute enlistment for a John Shey.<sup>a</sup> His older brother Ira joined Co K 75th Illinois US Infantry as a Private in September 1862 for a period of 3 years. He mustered out June 12, 1865 at Camp Harker, Tennessee.

In 1870 we find John Baker living with his parents and 4 siblings working on the family farm. John's future wife Hannah E. Hunt is also living in Lee Wyoming County, Illinois during this time. She is the daughter of George S. Hunt, MD and Louisa Ward.<sup>2</sup> Hannah and John are married in 1872 location not found. By the 1880 Census for Wyoming, Lee County, Illinois the family includes two sons Lewis W. and Arthur J. At this time John is listed as a farmer. John and his family arrived in California as early as 1896 as John is listed in the voter rolls for Santa Ana California listing his occupation as Horseman. In the 1900 census the family is living at 336 Orange Avenue, Santa Ana, Orange County, California and it is noted that Arthur is the only child still living. John Baker still lists his occupation as Horseman.

In the 1910 census, John and Hannah are living at 1212 W. 37th Place in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California. John is retired. Marcella A Vincent is living with them and is listed as a boarder. Their son Arthur J. passed away in 1905 and is buried at Fairhaven Memorial Park in Orange County. John passes way 16 November 1916. Hannah is still living in Los Angeles in 1920. She dies in 1933 and is buried in Fairhaven Memorial Park, Orange County, California

John Baker was a member of Sedgwick Post No. 17 of the GAR which recorded his death on their "Roll of Honor".

<sup>a</sup>**Substitution**--authorization enabling a person, for a sum to be negotiated, to engage another to take ones place in entering the service.

## Illinois State Archives, Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763 – 1900

Groom	Bride	Date	Volume	Page	Lic No	County
BAKER, IRA	WILKINS, SARAH	1835-04-02	1	28	826	GREENE

### “Illinois Civil War Muster and Descriptive Rolls”

John Baker, 18, 5'5", Brown Hair, Hazel Eyes, Farmer  
Joined October 7, 1864, Joliet, Illinois for the period of 1 year  
Muster In: October 7, 1864, Joliet, Illinois  
Muster Out: September 25, 1865, Camp Irwin, Texas  
Sub for John Shey

### Findagrave.com

Memorial # 8722202, Created by Shiver, Record for John Baker  
Memorial # 58490653, Created by Tony & Cindy Lloyd, Record for Hannah E. Baker  
Memorial # 58490668, Created by Tony & Cindy Lloyd, Record for Louis W. Baker  
Memorial # 58490358, Created by Tony & Cindy Lloyd, Record for Arthur J. Baker

## Sources

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- Findagrave.com, searchable database of cemeteries with tombstone inscriptions, memorials and photographs
- Orange County California Genealogy Society Quarterly Journal, XVIII, #2, June 1981 – Roll of Honor for the Sedgwick Post No 17 GAR.
- Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920. (NARA microfilm publication T625, 2076 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C

## Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> “*Pioneers in Blue and Gray*”, Civil War Veterans in Orange County by Gordon Bricken, First Edition, The Bricken Press, Santa Ana, California, Copyright 2009

<sup>2</sup> 1850 Census, Wyoming, Lee, Illinois, M432\_116; Page 142A, record for John Baker  
M432\_116; Page 139B record for Louisa Hunt

<sup>3</sup> 1900 Census, Santa Ana, Orange, California, T623\_96, Page 5A, record for John Baker

<sup>4</sup> Illinois State Archives, Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763 – 1900 record for Ira Baker

<sup>5</sup> 1880 Census, Wyoming, Lee County, Illinois; T9\_225, Page 3C, record for John Baker  
T9\_225, Page 9A, record for Ira Baker

<sup>6</sup> Orange County California Genealogy Society Quarterly Journal, XVIII, #2, June 1981 – Roll of Honor for the Sedgwick Post No 17 GAR

<sup>7</sup> 1910 Census, Los Angeles Assembly District 70, Los Angeles County, California, T624\_80, Page 7A record for John Baker.

<sup>8</sup> National Archives and Records Administration. *Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2000. record for John Baker

<sup>9</sup> Findagrave.com, searchable database of cemeteries with tombstone inscriptions, memorials and photographs record for Arthur J. Baker

<sup>10</sup> Photograph of tombstone for John Baker, Fairhaven Memorial Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 3/09/2007. Retrieved 29 August 2012, from Findagrave.com. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.