

OCCGS Civil War Veterans' Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Chester Cook BARNUM

Birth Date: September 1838 ⁷

Location: New York ⁷

Death Date: 26 May 1916 ¹

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery ¹

Plot Location: OO (3,2,4) ³

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 12.77789" W117° 50' 20.70638" ³

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



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Side Served - Union ^{3,5}

Rank: Private

Company: K

Unit: 1st Heavy Artillery

State: Minnesota

Occupation: Hay Farmer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Marcus Barnum ¹

Birth Date/Location: May 17, 1807, New York ^{1, 4}

Death Date/Location: 31 March 1899, Ripon, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin ¹

Mother: Elizabeth B. Lounsbury

Birth Date/Location: 1812, New York ^{1, 4}

Death Date/Location: 1857, Ripon, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin ¹

Spouse: Lucy Ann Bush ^{1, 6}

Birth Date / Location: 27 August 1839, Ontario, Wayne County, New York ^{1,7}

Death Date/Location: 1923, Orange County, California ¹

Marriage Date / Location: 3 June 1860, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin ⁶

Children –

Name: **Willie E. Barnum** ⁷

Birth Date / Location: May 1861, Wisconsin ⁷

Death Date / Location: AFT 1930

Additional Information

Chester C. Barnum was the fourth of five children born to Marcus Barnum and Elizabeth Lounsbury. Chester's mother was born in New York in 1812 and married Marcus Barnum in 1830 or 1831 in Lafayette, Onondaga County, New York based on New York Marriage Notices. Chester's father was also born in New York. The family first appears in the 1830 Census for Homer, Courtland County, New York. In 1840 and 1850 they appear in census for Onondaga County, New York indicating that all six children were probably born in Onondaga County. Chester had three sisters and one brother. Chester's father was listed as a shoemaker and then a harness maker on census records.

By the time of 1860 census Chester is living in Alto, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin on the farm of Marion Allen where he lists his occupation as farm laborer. By June of 1860 he has married Lucy Bush. His father Marcus and sister Caroline are living in Metomen, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin. His brother Marcus H. is married to Phebe and living in Wausau, Marathon County, Wisconsin.

In 1864 Chester is living in Minnesota where he enlists as a Private in Co K of the 1st Minnesota Heavy Artillery Regiment which did garrison duty in Chattanooga, Tennessee until September 1865. His brother Marcus H. enlists in Co G then Co I of the 5th Infantry Regiment of Wisconsin.

After the war Chester and Lucy move to California where Chester appears on the 1875 Voter Registration for Ventura Township, Ventura County. They next appear in Crooked Creek, Lake County, Oregon on the 1880 census with their son Willie age 20 born in Wisconsin. Willie is working on his father's farm. The family is still together in Crooked Creek in 1900. By 1910 Chester and his wife have moved to Orange, Orange County, California where Chester continues to farm. Their son Willis is also living in Orange County with his wife Delia E. Alvora and her parents Asa and Martha.

Chester Barnum was a member of John Sedgwick GAR Post 17 in Santa Ana.

Dalby Data Base – Civil War Record for Chester Barnum

Chester C. Barnum, Private, Age 26

Muster In: 16 February 1865 Muster Out: 16 May 1865

Co K, Heavy Artillery, Minnesota

Nativity – New York

Discharged on order from War Department

Wisconsin Marriage Records, 1836 to 1930

Chester Cook Barnum and Lucy Ann Bush, 3 June 1860, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin

Groom's parents: Marcus Barnum and Elizabeth B. Lonnsberry

Bride's parent: Asa Lox Bush and Lucy Bush

Sources

- Civil War Veterans – Orange County, California submitted by Gordon Bricken, searchable database, <http://www.cagenweb.com/orange/civilwarvets.htm>
- Findagrave.com, searchable database of cemeteries with tombstone inscriptions, memorials and photographs
- "Pioneers in Blue and Gray", Civil War Veterans in Orange County by Gordon Bricken, First Edition, The Bricken Press, Santa Ana, California, Copyright 2009
- Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars 1861-1865, Prepared and Published under the Supervision of the Board of Commissioners Appointed by the Act of the Legislature of Minnesota April 15, 1869, Second Edition, Pioneer Press Company, St. Paul, MINN 1891
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Footnotes

- ¹ Findagrave.com, searchable database of cemeteries
 Memorial # 8721884, Created by: Shiver, Added May 4, 2004 record for Chester Barnum linked to Memorial # 73830310 Created By: C. Elliott, Added Jul 24, 2011 record for Lucy Barnum
 Memorial # 19564752, Created by Henry Arthur Gaugert, Added May 28, 2007, record for Marcus Barnum
 Memorial # 57423293, Created by Grave Walker (L Kopet), Added Aug 21, 2010, record for Elizabeth B Barnum

² Photograph of tombstone for Chester C. Barnum, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 2/21/2007. Retrieved 23 March 2012, from Findagrave.com. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

³ "*Pioneers in Blue and Gray*", Civil War Veterans in Orange County by Gordon Bricken, First Edition, The Bricken Press, Santa Ana, California, Copyright 2009

⁴ 1850 Census, De Witt, Onondaga County, New York, M432_570, Page 362B record for Marcus Barnum (Barnham on image)

⁵ Dalby Data Base, Sponsored by Owatonna Public Library, on-line searchable data base of Minnesota records, <http://www.dalbydata.com/>, Civil War Record for Chester C. Barnum

⁶ "Wisconsin Marriages, 1836-1930." index and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>): record for Chester Barnum.

⁷ 1900 Census, Crooked Creek, Lake County, Oregon, T623_1347, Page 17A record for Chester Barnum