

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Thomas Benton BAXTER

Birth Date: 27 July 1839

Location: Deer Ridge, Lewis County, Missouri

Death Date: 2 November 1912

Location: Anaheim, Orange County, California

Buried at: Anaheim Cemetery

Plot Location: AD (B3, 18, 3)

GPS Coordinates: N33° 50' 35.83820" W117° 53' 55.55656"

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

Side Served: Union

Rank: Private and Sergeant

Company: F

Unit: 1st Cavalry

State: California

Occupation: Farmer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: John Moore Baxter, Sr.

Birth Date/Location: 14 June 1803 , York County, Pennsylvania

Death Date/Location: 31 May 1892, Deer Ridge, Reddish Township, Lewis County, Missouri

Mother: Lydia Paulus

Birth Date/Location: 6 May 1805, York County, Pennsylvania

Death Date/Location: 25 January 1876, Lewis County, Missouri

Spouse: Lucy Ann Peabody

Birth Date / Location: 11 February 1849, Salem, Massachusetts

Death Date/Location: 3 March 1920, Anaheim, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 5 September 1872, Clay Center, Clay County, Kansas

Children –

Name: Louis (Lewis) Allen Baxter

Birth Date / Location: August 1873, Prairie Township, Jewell County, Kansas

Death Date / Location: After 1900, California

Name: Oliver Baxter

Birth Date / Location: 21 March 1875, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 20 June 1951, Sacramento County, California

Name: Laurie Baxter

Birth Date / Location: 1877, Kansas

Death Date / Location: After 1880, Unknown

Name: Bennett (Ben) Baxter

Birth Date / Location: 14 September 1884, Liberal, Barton County, Missouri

Death Date / Location: 12 January 1951, Orange County, California

Name: Leroy Edward Baxter

Birth Date / Location: 1 July 1886, Liberal, Barton County, Missouri

Death Date / Location: 29 December 1968, San Diego County, California

Name: Henry Willis Baxter

Birth Date / Location: 11 August 1890, Liberal, Barton County, Missouri

Death Date / Location: 27 April 1982, Fullerton, Orange County, California

Buried at Riverside National Cemetery – US NAVY HOSP APP YC

Additional Information

Military

Thomas B. Baxter mustered into Company F, 1st California Cavalry of the Union Army on 15 August 1863 for three years. The unit went to the New Mexico Territory, and helped build Fort Nichols to protect wagon trains.

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- Thomas B Baxter, Missouri
- Lucy A Baxter, widow, January 27, 1913, California

Prairie Township, published The Republican Part 16

Thomas B. Baxter was born in Missouri, where he lived until in 1850; when he was thirteen years old, he went to California with a herd of cattle. He stayed there eleven years, working on a farm, herding cattle and digging in the gold mines. The mining proved a failure in his case and he enlisted in the first California cavalry, where he served three years, traveling over a good part of California, Arizona and New Mexico. When discharged from the army he went to Missouri and attended school with the idea of fitting himself for a teacher, but his purse getting low he went to Arkansas and engaged in carrying the mail and finally undertook to teach a school, but was soon obliged to give it up on account of sore eyes and for the greater part of three years, was blind. When he recovered his sight he again went to carrying the mail and farming. He came to Kansas in 1870 to superintend the mail route, from Manhattan to Lake Sibley, for the contractor. He quit that business to get a home and filed on the S.E. of S.W. & S.E. of 34 and 80 acres in Mitchell County, May 2, 1871. He brought an ox team and plow and \$2.25 in money to our township. He never learned a trade or held an office, but was a bachelor farmer until September 5, 1872 when he married Miss Lucy A. Peabody of Clay County, Kansas. Their children were Louis A. and Oliver B. He claimed to be an old fogy Democrat and a Cumberland Presbyterian. Mr. Baxter was a good accommodating neighbor, friendly and sociable and one who could endure as much rest as the best of us.

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Record for Oliver Baxter

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Footnotes

1 Photograph of tombstone for Thomas B. Baxter , Anaheim Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 2/19/2007. Retrieved on 2 February 2012, from Findagrave.com. Used with the permission of Charles Beal