

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Seth Lesley BERRY (Berray)⁸

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Birth Date: July 1844^{1,6}

Location: Franklin, New York^{5,6}

Death Date: 25 May 1911¹

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery¹

Plot Location: IOOF (14, 3, 10)¹

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 11.05181" W117° 50' 20.16785"¹

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



Side Served: Union^{1,3}

Rank: Private

Company: I

Unit: 7th Infantry

State: Wisconsin

Occupation: Farmer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Edward Berry⁷

Birth Date/Location: ABT 1819, New York⁷

Death Date/Location: unknown

Mother: Lorreta⁷

Birth Date/Location: ABT 1817, New York⁷

Death Date/Location: unknown

Spouse: Mary Ann Lee^{4,6,8}

Birth Date / Location: Nov 1848, New York⁶

Death Date/Location: unknown

Marriage Date / Location: 28 February 1866, Winnebago County, Wisconsin⁸

Children –

Name: **Clara Loretta Berry (Smith)**⁹

Birth Date / Location: 19 June 1879, Dakota Territory⁹

Death Date / Location: 7 March 1945, Los Angeles County, California⁹

Additional Information

Seth L. Berry was one of at least eight children (6 boys and 2 girls) born to Edward and Loretta Berry. In 1850 the family was living in Manchester, Boone County, Illinois where his father farmed. By 1860 they had moved to a farm in Leon, Waushara, Wisconsin.

Seth enlisted in the 7th Wisconsin Infantry Jan 1864 to July 1865. During this period his unit saw action at Battles of the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor, Siege of Petersburg. Hatcher's Run, Fall of Petersburg and surrender of Lee at Appomattox Courthouse.

In 1866 Seth married Mary Ann Lee in Winnebago County, Wisconsin. In 1880 the family is living in Parker, Turner County, South Dakota. It was not determined where the family was during the time period of 1866 to 1880. They have a daughter Clara Lorretta and they are listed with a last name of Berray which is also the spelling used on some military records. Seth is working his farm that consists of 160 acres. The 1900 census still has the family living in Turner County. The records indicate that they had a total of 4 children but only one was still living. The family remains in South Dakota through the 1910 Census. Seth passes away in 1911 while in Orange County. By the 1920 census his wife Mary is living with their daughter Clara and her husband Louis Smith in Los Angeles County. Mary is also buried at Santa Ana Cemetery.

Member J. H. Carleton Post No 17, GAR, Parker, South Dakota

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR, Santa Ana, California

Roster of Wisconsin Volunteers, War of the Rebellion, 1861 – 1865, Wisconsin Historical Society

Berray, Seth L., Private
Co I, 7th Wisconsin Infantry

Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934

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Seth L Berry, Invalid Dec1, 1894 South Dakota
Mary A. Berry, widow, June 3, 1911 California

Grand Army of the Republic Post Records, SDGENWEB

Served Jan 21 1864 to July 2, 1865 Mustered Out: Louisville, Kentucky

Wisconsin Historical Society Genealogy Index, Marriage Record

Seth Lesley Berray, 28 February, 1866, Winnebago County Wisconsin
Mary Ann Lee

Sources

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Footnotes

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

² Photograph of tombstone for Seth L. Berry, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Beal, 2/21/2007. Retrieved 2 April 2012 from Findagrave.com. Used with the permission of Charles Beal

³ Roster of Wisconsin Volunteers, War of the Rebellion, 1861 – 1865, Wisconsin Historical Society, searchable database on-line, <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/roster/search.asp>

⁴ 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.

⁵ Grand Army of the Republic Post Records, SDGENWEB, <http://usgwarchives.net/sd/military/gar.htm>

⁶ 1900 Census, Parker, Turner County, South Dakota, T623_1554, Page 2B record for Seth Berry

⁷ 1860 Census, Leon, Waushara County, Wisconsin, M653_1453, Page 161 record for Seth Berry

⁸ Wisconsin Genealogical Research Service, Wisconsin Genealogy Index, Marriage Record Detail <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/vitalrecords/> record for Seth Berry

⁹ State of California. California Death Index, 1940-1997. Sacramento, CA, USA: State of California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics, Microfilm record for Clara Loretta Smith