

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** Albert William BIRCH

**Birth Date:** March 1841 <sup>4</sup>

Location: Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio <sup>6</sup>

**Death Date:** 3 October 1877 <sup>4</sup>

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at: Santa Ana Cemetery <sup>4</sup>

Plot Location: MA-15-3-6

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 11.16035" W117° 50' 25.57249"

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

**Side Served:** Union <sup>1,3</sup>

Rank: Sergeant

Company: H

Unit: 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

State: Illinois

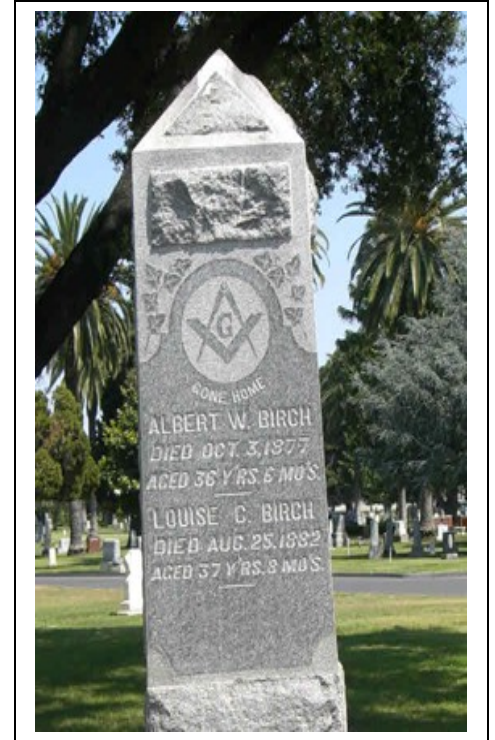
Rank: 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant

Company: D

Unit: 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

State: Illinois

**Occupation:** Hardware Ret., Farmer



## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father:** William Birch <sup>7</sup>

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1817, New York <sup>7</sup>

Death Date/Location: unknown

**Mother:** unknown

Birth Date/Location:

Death Date/Location:

**Spouse:** Louisa C. Berry <sup>5</sup>

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1845, Fulton County, Illinois <sup>8</sup>

Death Date/Location: 25 August 1882, California <sup>9</sup>

Marriage Date/Location: 25 January 1866, Fulton County, Illinois <sup>5</sup>

**Children –**

**Name:** Henry C. Birch<sup>10</sup>

Birth Date/Location: ABT 1867, Illinois<sup>10</sup>

Death Date/Location: 7 February 1875, California <sup>9</sup>

**Name: Emma L. Birch (Smith)** <sup>10</sup>

Birth Date/Location: 1869, Illinois <sup>10</sup>

Death Date/Location: 1906, Orange County, California <sup>13</sup>

**Name: Albert Otis Birch** <sup>8,13</sup>

Birth Date/Location: October 1871, Illinois <sup>8,13</sup>

Death Date/Location: March 1967, Breckenridge, Stephens County, Texas <sup>14</sup>

**Name: Clarence G. Birch** <sup>8,9</sup>

Birth Date/Location: 1873, California <sup>8,9</sup>

Death Date/Location: April 22, 1891, California <sup>9</sup>

## Additional Information

**Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR**

**Illinois Civil War Descriptive and Muster Rolls**

Albert W. Birch, Private Co H, 17 IL US INF, Residing in Cuba, Fulton County, Illinois  
Occupation Merchant, joined at the age of 20 for a period of 3 years at Peoria, Illinois on 25 May 1861

Re-enlisted as a veteran volunteer on 26 February 1864 at Springfield, Illinois

Transferred to Co D, 8 IL INF and promoted to 1st LT

Muster out 4 May 1866, Baton Rouge, LA

**California Voters Registration**

**1873**

Birch, Albert William 32, Ohio, San Joaquin, Los Angeles County, California

**Albert's daughter Emma** married Q. Ralph Smith son of Carey R. Smith, Co F, 1st Cavalry, Iowa, a Civil War Veteran also buried in Orange County.

**Albert William Birch** was a member and Past Master of Santa Ana Lodge 241, F. & A. M.

**Birch Park in Santa Ana** was named after William Birch. The original park property was deeded to the city by Emma and Albert Otis Birch, the children of Albert Birch, in 1900.

In the 1850 census Albert Birch is living with Richard Reed and Lucinda Stover Reed in Ohio. No direct relationship has been established between the two families. By 1891 Richard and Lucinda Reed and their family have moved to Orange County. Both are buried at Santa Ana Cemetery.

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