

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: John BRESSLER

Birth Date: 14 January 1832 ¹

Location: Duncan County, Pennsylvania ^{1,7}

Death Date: 13 Jan 1884 ²

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery ²

Plot Location: F (6, 4, 10) ²

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 09.79862" W117° 50' 20.69031" ²

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

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Side Served: Union ¹

Rank: Corporal

Company: E

Unit: 19th Infantry Regiment

State: Iowa

Rank: Corporal ¹

Company: D

Unit: 29th Infantry Regiment

State: Iowa

Occupation: Mason, Plasterer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: George Bressler ⁷

Birth Date/Location: 24 June 1791, Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania ⁷

Death Date/Location: 9 May 1850 ⁷

Mother: Rebecca Carlin ^{5, 6, 7}

Birth Date/Location: 12 August 1795, Pennsylvania ^{5, 7}

Death Date/Location: Tama County, Iowa ⁷

Spouse: Casiah (Kate) Thompson ^{3, 4}

Birth Date / Location: Jul 1834, Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania ²

Death Date/Location: 1 August 1911, El Modena, Orange County, California ²

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Marriage Date / Location: 9 August 1855, Marion, Linn, Iowa ⁴

Children –

Name: **John Carlin Bressler** ^{3,8}

Birth Date / Location: 9 October 1855, Iowa ³

Death Date / Location: 21 April 1924, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California ²

Name: **Emma Linda Bressler (Helwig)** ^{3,8}

Birth Date / Location: 31 March 1858, Lisbon, Linn County, Iowa ³

Death Date / Location: 8 April 1951, Orange, Orange County, California ³

Name: **Ella Rose Bressler (McEthron)** ^{3,8}

Birth Date / Location: 28 September 1860, Iowa ³

Death Date / Location: 30 December 1942, Laguna Beach, Orange County, California

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Additional Information

John was the ninth of eleven children born to George Bressler and Rebecca Carlin both of Pennsylvania. All of the children were born in Pennsylvania. George passed away in May 1850 and does not appear on the 1850 census for Iowa. Rebecca is found on the 1856 Iowa Census in Franklin, Linn County, Iowa. Rebecca lived with her youngest son Daniel for several years. John had five sisters, Mary, Magdalen, Sarah, Margaret and Rebecca and five brothers Henry, Jacob, George, Samuel, and Daniel. In the 1850 Census most of the family resides in Linn County, Iowa. By the 1860 Census John is married to Casiah Thompson and is living in Lisbon, Linn County, Iowa with their two children John Carlin and Emma. He lists his occupation as Mason with the value of his personal estate listed as \$50 or about \$1200 in today's dollars.

John enlisted in the Iowa 19th Volunteer Infantry Regiment in 1864 and then transferred to the 29th Infantry Regiment. His brother Samuel also enlisted at the same time in the same units. His brother George enlisted in Eyster's Independent Infantry Regiment for Pennsylvania. During John's service with the 29th Infantry Regiment the unit saw action in Little Rock, Arkansas, campaign against Mobile, Siege of Fort Blakely, Occupation of Mobile, and duty in New Orleans where the unit mustered out.

In 1870 the family can be found in Fort Madison, Lee County, Iowa. They now have three children with the youngest Florence R. John lists his occupation as Plasterer and has an estate value of \$125 about \$2,200 in today's dollars. In 1880 the family was not found in the census record nor was John found in any California voter records. He is, however, listed as having been a member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR, Santa Ana, California. His burial was in Orange County in 1884 but his wife did not apply for a pension until 1891.

In the 1900 census she is living in Orange, Orange County, California. The census records indicates that "Kate" had 4 children but only three are living. The fourth child is referred to in the McEarthon Family Tree as Rosa born in 1856 and passed away in 1856 in Iowa.

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR, Santa Ana

National Archives and Records Administration. *Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934*

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John Bressler
Kate Bressler, Widow , Jul 12 1891, California

Roster and Record of Iowa Troops in the Rebellion, Vol III, Report of the Adjutant General of Iowa

Nineteenth Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry Co E

John Bressler, Age 31, Residence Ft. Madison, born in Pennsylvania. Enlisted Jan 5, 1864, Muster In: Jan 5, 1864, Promoted Eighth Corporal June 5, 1865, transferred to Company D Twenty-ninth Infantry

Twenty-Ninth Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry Co D

John Bressler, Age 31. Residence Ft. Madison, born in Pennsylvania. Enlisted Jan 5, 1864, Promoted 8th Corporal June 5, 1865, Muster Out: Aug 10, 1865, New Orleans, Louisiana
His brother Samuel was in the same unit.

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Footnotes

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- ⁹ Photograph of headstone for John Bressler taken by Judy Kendig, March 10, 2012 at Santa Ana Cemetery. Photograph being used with the permission of Judy Kendig.