

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name: Oliver Spencer Brooks**

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**Birth Date: ABT 1845**

Location: Winnebago County, Illinois

**Death Date: 12 August 1896**

Location: Laguna, Orange County, California

Buried at: Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: Section N, Block 8, Lot 2, Space 6

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 05.92822" W117° 50' 24.60028"

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



**Side Served: Union**

Rank: Private

Company: C

Unit: 55<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

State: Illinois

**Occupation: Farmer**

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father: Spencer Brooks**

Birth Date/Location: 1823, New York

Death Date/Location: 1857, Oklahoma

**Mother: Sylvia Malintha Hemmenway**

Birth Date/Location: 2 June 1826, Ludlow Township, Windsor County, Vermont

Death Date/Location: 10 April 1909, Orange County, California

**Spouse: Esther Caruthers**

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1848, Illinois

Death Date/Location: unknown

Marriage Date/Location: unknown

**Children –**

**Name: Edmon (Edmund) Oliver Brooks**

Birth Date/Location: 24 August 1870, Kansas

Death Date/Location: 5 August 1856, San Diego County, California

**Name: Ida Brooks**

Birth Date/Location: ABT 1874, Kansas

Death Date/Location: unknown

**Name: Cora Brooks (Welch, Dunphy)**

Birth Date/Location: 12 March 1878, Austin, Travis County, Texas

Death Date/Location: 25 August 1973, Escondido, San Diego County, California

## Additional Information

**U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles**

Enlisted 9 September 1861, mustered in 31 October 1861, mustered out 31 October 1864 at Atlanta, Georgia

**Civil War Pension Index**

Co C, 55<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry

Oliver S. Brooks, invalid, 6 October 1890, California

**Illinois State Archives, Illinois Statewide Marriage Index**

Brooks, Spencer and Hemmenway, Sylvia 17 May 1841, Winnebago County, Illinois Book I

**Illinois Civil War Muster and Descriptive Rolls**

Oliver S. Brooks, Private, Co C, 55 IL US INF, enlisted at age of 19 for a period of 3 years

Working as a farmer in Durand, Illinois he was 5'5" with Brown Hair and Gray Eyes

He was born in Winnebago County, Illinois

Muster In: October 31, 1861 at Chicago, Illinois

Muster Out: October 31, 1864

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  - Record for Edmon Oliver Brooks, mother's maiden name Carvthers
  - Record for Cora B Dunphy
- Findagrave.com, searchable data base of cemeteries, tombstone inscriptions, memorials and photographs
  - Memorial 10322535, Created by Eldora Sasser, Record for Oliver S Brooks
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- Illinois State Archives, Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763 – 1900, Searchable Database, <http://www.ilsos.gov/GenealogyMWeb/marrsrch.html>
- “Illinois Civil War Muster and Descriptive Rolls” Searchable Database, Illinois State Archives, An Index Compiled by Fred Delap in cooperation with the Illinois State Archives, <http://www.ilsos.gov/genealogy/>

## Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Photograph of headstone for Oliver S. Brooks, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 2/21/2007. Retrieved 5 April 2012, from Findagrave.com. Used with the permission of Charles Beal