

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veterans Name: James H. BROWN**

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**Birthdate: 28 February 1845** <sup>1</sup>

Location: Boston, Massachusetts <sup>2</sup>

**Death Date: 8 November 1935** <sup>1</sup>

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at: Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: M (13, 4, 7)

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 04.73469" W117° 50' 25.19895"

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



**Side Served: Union** <sup>2, 3, 4, 5</sup>

Rank: Private (9 mos. 1862 – 1863)

Company: Co I

Unit: 27<sup>th</sup> Infantry

State: Maine

Rank: Private (Dec 1863 to August 1864)

Company: Co L

Unit: 2<sup>nd</sup> Calvary

State: Maine

Rank: Gunner (August 1864 to 1865)

Company: SS Manhattan

Unit: US Navy

**Occupation: Citrus Farmer, Day Laborer**

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father:** unknown

Birth Date/Location: Massachusetts

Death Date/Location:

**Mother:** unknown

Birth Date/Location: Canada

Death Date/Location:

**Spouse: Sarah M. Goodwin** <sup>2</sup>

Birth Date / Location: 6 February 1859, Wisconsin <sup>9</sup>

Death Date/Location: 7 April 1945, Orange County, California <sup>8</sup>

Marriage Date / Location: 1895, California <sup>2</sup>

**Children – No Children**

## Additional Information

**Obituary for James H. Brown**

- Gunner's mate on SS Manhattan under Admiral David Farragut
- Participated in siege of Galveston Bay
- Recipient of Congressional Medal of Honor in 1863
- On sailing ship "Flying Cloud" 1865 to 1868
- Commander of John Sedgwick GAR Post 17 for 6 years
- Settled in Tustin after living in Northern California

**Congressional Medal of Honor**

309 member of the 27<sup>th</sup> Maine Infantry were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1863. However, in 1916 the awarding of these medals was under review by the Adjutant General's Office as to the whether all medals issued were deserved under regulations. The Medal of Honor awarded James H. Brown and countless other members of the 27<sup>th</sup> Maine Infantry were stricken from the records on June 3, 1916. The medals were to have returned to the US government but many were not.

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- 1886, James Henry Brown, Massachusetts Lumberman, Bodega, Sonoma County
- 1892, James H. Brown, 47, Massachusetts, 5'9" Living in Tustin – Orange County

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- Record for Sarah MG *Goodwin* Brown

## Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Findagrave.com

<sup>2</sup> Obituary of James H. Brown, Santa Ana Daily Register, November 9, 1935, Page 1

<sup>3</sup> National Park Service. *U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2007

<sup>4</sup> Historical Data Systems, comp. *U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2009

<sup>5</sup> Historical Data Systems, comp. *American Civil War Soldiers* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1999

<sup>6</sup> 1900 Census, *Santa Ana, Orange, California*

<sup>7</sup> Photograph of tombstone for James H. Brown, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 2/21/2007. Retrieved 21 January 2013 from Findagrave.com. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

<sup>8</sup> State of California. California Death Index, 1940-1997.