

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Orrin Kenyon BROWNELL

Birth Date: July 1833

Location: New York

Death Date: 14 December 1906

Location: Orange, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: V (-, 5, 5)

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 02.30970" W117° 50' 24.27545"

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

Side Served: Union

Rank: 1st Sergeant

Company: K

Unit: 20th Infantry

State: Michigan

Occupation: Farmer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Larkin Brownell

Birth Date/Location: Abt 1803, New York

Death Date/Location: Bef 1860, Michigan

Mother: Phebe Dunn

Birth Date/Location: Ohio

Death Date/Location: Bef 1850

Spouse: Mary J Mitteer

Birth Date / Location: 14 January 1839, Michigan

Death Date/Location: 1921, Ingham County, Michigan

Marriage Date / Location: 8 April 1860, Livingston, Berrien County, Michigan

Children –

Name: Clarence L. Brownell

Birth Date / Location: February 1866, Michigan

Death Date / Location: 1930, Ingham County, Michigan

Additional Information

Civil War Soldiers Records and Profiles

Orrin K. Brownell enlisted as a Private at Chelsea, Michigan on 28 July 1862 with Co K, Michigan 20th Infantry. He transferred to Co 9th, US Veteran Reserve Corps on 18 June 1864. He mustered out 29 July 1865 at Louisville, Kentucky
Wounded in action – right knee

Civil War Pension Records

9 Co, 2 Battn, VRC
K, 20 Mich Inf
Orrin K Brownell, invalid, 6 July 1866
Mary J Brownell, widow, 5 January 1907

Ewing Family Civil War Letters

George H. Ewing was a friend of Orrin K. Brownell and Orrin is mentioned in countless letters George wrote during the Civil War. Orrin is generally referred to as O.K.. The letters provide an unusual insight into the day to day life of a soldier during the Civil War.

Oaklawn Cemetery, Stockbridge, Ingham County, Michigan

A headstone, possibly a cenotaph, for Orin K. Brownell, 1833 to 1906, was erected at Oaklawn Cemetery. Orrin's wife and son are buried at Oaklawn.

Sources

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- Memorial 93833395, Created by Ruth Steffey, Record for Mary J Brownell
- Memorial 93833339, Created by Ruth Steffey, Record for Clarence L Brownell