

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: James R. BRUCE

Birth Date: December 1841

Location: Scotland

Death Date: 12 July 1912

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Anaheim Cemetery

Plot Location: B-3, Lot 2, Space 1

GPS Coordinates: N33° 50' 35.65631" W117° 53' 56.23442"



Side Served: Union

Rank: Sergeant Major

Company: Field & Staff, E, F, and I

Unit: 15th Infantry Regiment

State: US Army

Occupation: Laborer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: James Bruce

Birth Date/Location: Scotland

Death Date/Location: Unknown

Mother: Ann Gaurus

Birth Date/Location: Scotland

Death Date/Location: Unknown

Spouse: Unknown

Birth Date / Location: Unknown

Death Date/Location: Before 1892 , Unknown

Marriage Date / Location: Unknown

Spouse: Hannah M. Bennett (Shafer)

Birth Date / Location: October 1845, Canada

Death Date/Location: 1906, Bay City, Bay County, Michigan

Marriage Date / Location: 24 April 1892, Freeland, Saginaw County, Michigan

Spouse: Laura A. Libby (Burns)

Birth Date / Location: 30 May 1844 , Albion, Kennebec County, Maine

Death Date/Location: 6 January 1921, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 2 July 1910, Fullerton, Orange County, California

Children – Unknown

Additional Information

James R. Bruce enlisted 27 September 1861 into the 15th Infantry Regiment of the US Army, was wounded at the Battle of Chickamauga, Tennessee September 19 & 20, 1863, reenlisted at Chattanooga, Tennessee 26 February 1864, deserted 6 September 1864

James R. Bruce was the son of James Bruce and Ann Gaurus based on info in the marriage record between James R. Bruce and Hannah Bennett (Shafer). Hannah Bennett was previously married to John Shafer. After Hannah died, James R. Bruce married Laura A. Libby, who had been married to Samuel Sumner Burns. His marriage to Laura A. Libby stated that she was his third wife. No children for James Bruce and any of his marriages could be found.

Photograph of tombstone for James R. Bruce, Anaheim Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 2/19/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Beal

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- Record for James R Bruce
- Record for Laura A Bruce

Findagrave.com, searchable data base of cemeteries with tombstone inscriptions, memorials and photographs

- Memorial 8722457, Created by Shiver, Record for James R Bruce
- Memorial 17561147, Created by Patsy Lubben DiMarco, Record for Laura A Bruce
- Memorial 68046713, Created by Rosalie H Kaufman, Record for Hannah *Bennett* Bruce