

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** Camillus Randolph CAUDLE 1

**Birth Date:** 18 September 1846

Location: Rankin County, Mississippi

**Death Date:** 21 April 1900

Location: Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: E(6,1,2)

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 10.16002" W117° 50' 23.08726"

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



**Side Served:** Confederacy

Rank: Courier/Private

Company: A

Unit: Crawford's Louisiana Company of Couriers

State: Louisiana

Rank: Private

Company: A

Unit: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Trans-Mississippi Confederate Cavalry (Hawkins Regiment)

State: Louisiana

**Occupation:** Farmer

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father: Willis Randolph Caudle**

Birth Date/Location: 4 July 1812, Chatham County, North Carolina

Death Date/Location: 5 Sept 1892, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

**Mother: Mary Jane Jones**

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1820, Virginia

Death Date/Location: 21 May 1904, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

**Spouse: Sara Ellen "Ella" Smith**

Birth Date/Location: 1857, Missouri,

Death Date/Location: 4 December 1901, Orange County, California

Marriage Date/Location: unknown

## Children –

**Name: Jennie Lee Caudle (Beckman)**

Birth Date/Location: 4 March 1884, California

Death Date/Location: 9 July 1971, Orange County, California

**Name: Rosa “Rose” Caudle (Parker)**

Birth Date/Location: 13 February 1890, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Death Date/Location: 24 January 1958, Orange County, California

**Name: Sarah Caudle**

Birth Date/Location: Orange County, California

Death Date/Location: Orange County, California

**Name: Violet Caudle**

Birth Date/Location: Orange County, California

Death Date/Location: Orange County, California

**Name: Pearl Caudle**

Birth Date/Location: Orange County, California

Death Date/Location: Orange County, California

## Additional Information

**Enlisted 20 July 1863 at Shreveport, Louisiana. He was a Drummer Boy, Courier.**

**Camillus’ sister Viola married** Henry Lee Chandler a civil war veteran also buried in Orange County.

**Camillus’ wife Ella is the daughter** of Francis Marion Smith a Civil War Veteran also buried in Orange County.

**Obituary: "C.R. Caudle:**

The "Hi Bledsoe Camp" No 1201 records with sorrow the death of Comrade C.R. Caudle at his home in Santa Ana April 21 1900. Comrade Caudle was born in Rankin County, Mississippi in September 1846. At the commencement of the war he lived near the town of Magnolia AR and there joined Company A, Crawford's company of couriers of Hawkins's Louisiana Regiment with which he served until the surrender in 1865. All who knew him can truthfully say that he was a brave soldier, a devoted husband and an indulgent father, a true friend, and an honest man. He was one of the "beardless boys in gray" who helped to make the Confederate soldier famous throughout the world for courage and endurance, and to emblazon upon the pages of history unparalleled feats of arms (Source: Obituary, Confederate Veterans magazine, 1900, vol. 8 p.368)

**Camillus Randolph "C.R." Caudle,**  
by Chris Hanson, OCCGS, Adopt-A-Veteran Project

Camillus Caudle was born in Rankin County, Mississippi in September 1846. When the Civil War started, he lived near the town of Magnolia, Arkansas.

He appears in the Confederate War records as C. R.Caudle. He was a private in Company A 1<sup>st</sup> Trans-Mississippi Cavalry Battalion, which was a unit of couriers. His company commanders were Captain John A. Hawkins and Captain Edwin S. Crawford. He enlisted on July 20, 1863 in Hawkins' Company at age 15. If he was paroled at the end of the war there is no record of it. Perhaps he, like thousands of others, simply went home when he learned of Confederate surrenders east of the Mississippi River. There is a brief history of this battalion in Arthur Bergeron's Book\_Guide to Louisiana Confederate Military Units, 1861-1865\_(LSU Press, 1989).

He married Sarah Jane "Ella" Smith who was born in 1857. She was the daughter of a Union Civil War Veteran, Francis Marion Smith, of the 35<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry Regiment.

Camillus and Ella Caudle had five daughters: Pearl, Violet, Rosa "Rose", Jennie Lee and Sarah. Ella is buried in the Santa Ana Cemetery in Santa Ana, Orange County, California.

Rose Caudle's daughter, Nadine Parker and her husband John Guptil, presently (2001) live in Orange County, California and have been a great help with the research of Camillus Caudle and Francis Marion Smith.

From: 1890 Great Register Orange County, California; Caudle Age 41 born in Mississippi; Occupation; Drayman; lived in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward. Definition of Drayman: One who drives along strong cart without fixed sides for carrying heavy loads.

Camillus Caudle died April 21, 1900 in Santa Ana, Orange County, California.

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Camillus R. Caudle is buried in the Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California in Section: SA E\* (6, 1, 5), Lat. GPS N33° 46' 10.16002" Long. W117° 50' 23.08726"

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## **Footnotes**

**1** Photograph of tombstone for Camillus Caudle, 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.