

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** John L. CHAPIN (Chafen)

**Birth Date:** 27 October 1844

Location: Anderson, Madison County, Indiana

**Death Date:** 1929

Location: unknown

Buried at: Westminster Memorial Park

Plot Location: unknown

GPS Coordinates: N33° 45' 05.61165" W117° 59' 23.93873"

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



**Side Served:** Union

Rank: Private

Company: H

Unit: 54<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

State: Indiana

**Occupation:** Farmer

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father: Oran Chapin**

Birth Date/Location: 1816, Kentucky

Death Date/Location: 1850, Indiana

**Mother: Martha White**

Birth Date/Location: 1824, Indiana

Death Date/Location: 1853, unknown

**Spouse: Zillah Tyner**

Birth Date / Location: September 1853, Wabash County, Indiana

Death Date/Location: 1928, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 15 January 1873, Indian Village, Tama, Iowa

**Children –**

**Name: Corwin Clay Chapin**

Birth Date / Location: 15 October 1873, Cherokee County, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 6 December 1961, Miles City, Custer County, Montana

**Name: Orville G. Chapin**

Birth Date / Location: unknown, Cherokee County, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 7 March 1877, Cherokee County, Iowa

**Name: Mary Elizabeth Chapin (Gundry)**

Birth Date / Location: 22 December 1874, Cherokee County, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 27 May 1968, Nobles County, Minnesota

**Name: Ella Jane Chapin**

Birth Date / Location: 2 August 1878, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 31 January 1952, Los Angeles County, California

**Name: Izora A. Chapin**

Birth Date / Location: abt. 1880, Cherokee County, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 4 March 1899, Cherokee County, Iowa

**Name: Cora Dell Chapin (Foxworthy)**

Birth Date / Location: 7 September 1886, Cherokee County, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 12 March 1978, Los Angeles County, California

**Name: Chester Arthur Chapin**

Birth Date / Location: abt. 1883, Cherokee County, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 28 September 1903, Cherokee County, Iowa

**Name: Edith E. Chapin**

Birth Date / Location: 16 February 1888, Cherokee County, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 22 December 1918, Cherokee County, Iowa

**Name: Minerva Elfa Chapin (Anderson)**

Birth Date / Location: 1 November 1890, Cherokee County, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 29 January 1982, Los Angeles County, California

**Name: Geraldine Maude Blanch Chapin (Estes)**

Birth Date / Location: 13 May 1893, Cherokee County, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 16 December 1983, Los Angeles County, California

## Additional Information

**Member of General Custer Post 25, GAR while living in Iowa**

**John L. Chapin was a councilman for the Township of Meriden, Iowa in 1889**

### American Civil War Soldiers

- Enlisted 8 November 1862

Photograph of tombstone for John L. Chapin, Westminster Memorial Park, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 9/07/2013. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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