

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Nathan Colby CHENEY

Birth Date: 10 July 1823

Location: Sutton, Merrimack County, New Hampshire

Death Date: 26 July 1910

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: X (15 4, 6)

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 06.89752" W117° 50' 23.79760"

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

Side Served: Union

Rank: Private

Company: H

Unit: 11th Infantry

State: Minnesota

Occupation: Farmer, Postal Carrier

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Silas Cheney

Birth Date/Location: 17 May 1798, Sutton, Merrimack County, New Hampshire

Death Date/Location: 21 April 1828, Sutton, Merrimack County, New Hampshire

Mother: Judith Colby

Birth Date/Location: 4 March 1797, Warner, Merrimack County, New Hampshire

Death Date/Location: After 1870, Probably Sutton, Merrimack County, New Hampshire

Marriage Date / Location: 20 October 1819 / Merrimack County, New Hampshire

Spouse: Abigail A. Trow

Birth Date / Location: 5 November 1826, Sullivan County, New Hampshire

Death Date/Location: 25 March 1899, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: Before 1851, New Hampshire

Children –

Name: Ella J. Cheney (Sheeler)

Birth Date / Location: April 1851, Merrimack County, New Hampshire

Death Date / Location: After 1910, possibly Los Angeles County, California

Name: Eva J. Cheney (Huntley)

Birth Date / Location: About 1857, Illinois

Death Date / Location: 1884, Beadle County, South Dakota

Name: Ernest James Cheney

Birth Date / Location: 17 August 1862, Steele County, Minnesota

Death Date / Location: 3 February 1955, Martin County, Minnesota

Name: George Herbert Cheney

Birth Date / Location: October 1866, Steele County, Minnesota

Death Date / Location: After 1940, Unknown

Additional Information

Nathan C. Cheney was the son of Silas Cheney and Judith Colby. His siblings were Timothy, Wait Stevens, Joseph Warren, and Caleb Cheney. After his father died, his mother married David Bagley. Nathan Cheney married Abigail A. Trow before 1851 in New Hampshire.

Nathan C. Cheney joined Company H of the 11th Minnesota Infantry Regiment on 24 August 1864 at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and mustered in on 5 September 1864. He was discharged with the regiment on 11 July 1865 at St. Paul, Minnesota.

The 11th Minnesota Infantry was assigned to duty guarding the line of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad from Nashville to the Kentucky line, and Company H was positioned at Mitchellsville October 1864, to June 1865.

Nathan C. Cheney applied for a pension on 6 August 1890 and 11 March 1907. A pension payment card showed that he died on 26 July 1910 in Orange County, California.

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- Memorial 8721923, Created by Record for Nathan Colby Cheney
- Memorial 28844243, Created by Record for Abigail A. Trow

Photograph of tombstone for Nathan Colby Cheney, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal 2/22/2007, Retrieved 21 March 2013, from Findagrave.com. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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