

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** William Henry Harrison CLAYTON

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**Birth Date:** June, 1840

Location: Pennsylvania

**Death Date:** December 18, 1917

Location: Santa Ana, CA

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: I-15-2-3

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 07.01327" W117° 50' 21.38542"

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

**Side Served:** Union

Rank: Sergeant

Company: H

Unit: 19TH INFANTRY

State: IOWA

**Occupation:** Insurance Agent, Notary Public

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father: Amos Clayton**

Birth Date/Location: May 3 1812, Ohio

Death Date/Location: October 29 1890, Iowa

**Mother: Grace Cooper**

Birth Date/Location: 1810, Ireland

Death Date/Location: April 30 1888, Iowa

**Spouse: Elizabeth Cooper**

Birth Date / Location: unknown

Death Date/Location: 1876

Marriage Date / Location: 1869

**Spouse: Ora Ann Clayton**

Birth Date / Location: May 17 1861, Oregon

Death Date/Location: February 21, 1932, California

Marriage Date / Location: 1883

## Children –

**Name: William Henry Harrison Clayton, Jr.**

Birth Date / Location: 1893, California

Death Date / Location: 1973, California

World War I Draft Registration, Los Angeles, County, California

## Additional Information

**Member of both Sedgwick Post No 17 and Gordon Granger Post No 138, GAR**

### Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles

William Henry Harrison Clayton, age 22 and living in Troy, Iowa enlisted as a Private in Co H, Iowa 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry on 21 August 1862

Received promotion to Full 2<sup>nd</sup> Sergeant on 01 June 1864.

Mustered out 10 July 1865 at Mobile, Alabama

### Civil War Pension Records

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William H H Clayton, invalid, 21 July 1896, California

Ora A Clayton, widow, 31 December 1917, California

Elected First City Treasurer of Orange in 1888 and served two terms.

His letters home written during the Civil War can be found in the "*A Damned Iowa Greyhound: The Civil War Letters of William Henry Harrison Clayton*", published by University of Iowa Press, June 1, 1998

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- Memorial 7429237, Created by James Seidلمان, Record for William Henry Harrison Clayton, Jr
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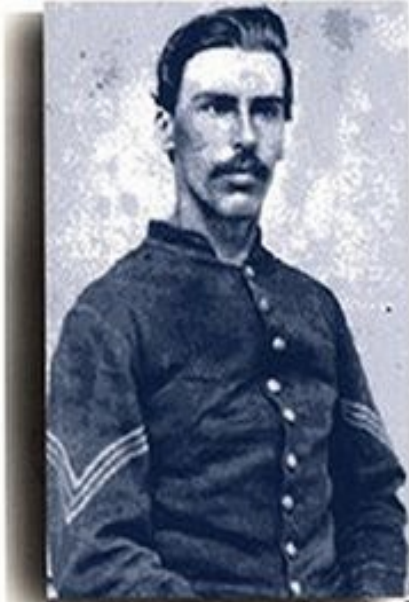
## Footnotes

**1** Photograph of tombstone for William Henry Harrison Clayton, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 2/22/2007. Retrieved 2 February 2013, from Findagrave.com. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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Mr. Clayton has the distinction of having his Civil War letters compiled into a book "A Damned Iowa Greyhound" by Dr. Donald C. Elder III a professor of history at New Mexico University.



**A Damned Iowa Greyhound**  
*The Civil War Letters of*  
**William Henry Harrison Clayton**

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