

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Henry John DIERKER

Birth Date: 5 April 1840
Location: Germany



Death Date: 6 December 1928
Location: Orange County, California
Buried at (Cemetery): St John's Lutheran Cemetery
GPS Coordinates: N33° 46'02.69837" W117° 50' 18.13108"
(DMS) Datum: NAD83. Coordinates are +/- 1.00 feet of the grave location

Side Served - Union

Rank: Private
Company: F
Unit: 4th Regiment Enrolled Militia
State: Missouri

Rank: Private
Company: I
Unit: 75th Regiment Enrolled Militia
State: Missouri

Occupation: Real Estate, President National Bank of Orange, Director First National Bank of Santa Ana, Farmer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Victor Dierker

Birth Date/Location: 27 February 1797, Holzhausen, Aichach-Friedberg, Bayern, Germany
Death Date/Location: 1859, New Melle, St. Charles County, Missouri

Mother: Clara Elisabeth Koenig

Birth Date/Location: 31 July 1799, Barkhausen, Hanover, Germany
Death Date/Location: 22 September 1866, New Melle, St. Charles County, Missouri

Spouse: Marie Gruer

Birth Date / Location: 28 May 1844, Saint Charles, St Charles County, Missouri
Death Date/Location: 7 November 1913, Orange, Orange County, California
Marriage Date / Location: 26 December 1865, Missouri

Children –

Name: Anna Eliza Dierker (Benne)

Birth Date / Location: 24 November 1866, Wentzville, St. Charles County, Missouri

Death Date / Location: 16 July 1940, Stanton, Stanton County, Nebraska

Name: Ella Dierker (Holsten)

Birth Date / Location: 20 September 1868, Missouri

Death Date / Location: 28 November 1954, Orange County, California

Name: George Daniel Dierker

Birth Date / Location: 9 December 1869, Missouri

Death Date / Location: 5 February 1944, Orange County, California

Name: Matilda Dierker (Boice)

Birth Date / Location: 2 July 1871, Nebraska

Death Date / Location: 25 January 1952, Orange County, California

Name: John Fredrick Dierker

Birth Date / Location: 24 June 1873, Dodge, Dodge County, Nebraska

Death Date / Location: 10 April 1963, San Diego County, California

Name: Edward Henry Dierker

Birth Date / Location: 9 October 1875, Nebraska

Death Date / Location: 25 May 1956, Orange County, California

Name: Benjamin F Dierker

Birth Date / Location: 11 October 1878, West Point, Cuming County, Nebraska

Death Date / Location: 22 November 1971, Orange County, California

Name: Albert C Dierker

Birth Date / Location: 21 January 1880, West Point, Cuming County, Nebraska

Death Date / Location: 20 November 1963, Yakima County, Washington

Name: Mary “Mamie” Dierker (Kogler)

Birth Date / Location: 28 Aug 1884, Nebraska

Death Date / Location: 29 July 1962, Orange County, California

Name: Henry Dierker

Birth Date / Location: 11 August 1882, Nebraska

Death Date / Location: 16 Mar 1971, Los Angeles County, California

Additional Information

Henry Dierker served with the 75th Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia from September 8 1862 to October 20, 1862. He also served with Co F, 4th Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia from September 25, 1864 to October 31, 1864.

Henry served during the time the notorious William “Bloody Bill” T Anderson was conducting raids in Kansas, Texas and Missouri. A guerrilla fighter associated with William Clark Quantrill, Anderson was responsible for the massacre of Union soldiers at Centralia, Missouri on September 27, 1864. On October 26, 1864 Anderson was killed by the Missouri State Militia in Ray County, Missouri.

Henry's brother, John F. Dierker, served with Co I, 8th Missouri Infantry during the Civil War and held the rank of Captain. Upon expiration of his service he joined the 49th Missouri Infantry. He is buried in Orange County, California

Henry's brother, George Dierker, served with Co D, Krekel's Battalion US Reserve Corps, Missouri Infantry and with Co C, 49th Missouri Infantry. He held the rank of Lieutenant.

Henry Dierker and his brother built and ran the Wentzville Hotel in Wentzville, Missouri until 1870. Henry sold his interest in the hotel and moved to West Point, Cuming County, Nebraska around 1870 and became a farmer and landowner. He eventually acquired 1,140 acres. He was able to sell all of the land at a nice profit and relocated his family to Orange County, California in 1891. Henry purchased a 40 acre ranch near Orange that was cultivated for walnuts. He changed to growing oranges and did quite well and was able to purchase two more ranches making his acreage total around 115 acres. He eventually split the land amongst his children and Henry and his wife settled on South Glasell Street in Orange.

Sources

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- Record for Benjamin Fred Dierker
- Record for Edward Henry Dierker
- Record for John Fred Dierker

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- Record for Henry Dierker
- Record for Mary Diecker

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- Record for Benjamin Dierker
- Record for Edward Henry Dierker, Mother's Maiden Name: Gruerr
- Record for John F Dierker, Mother's Maiden Name: Greer
- Record for Tilla Dierker Boice, Mother's Maiden Name: Gruer, Father's: Dierker
- Record for George Daniel Dierker, Mother's Maiden Name: Gruer
- Record for Ella Holsten, Mother Maiden Name: Greer, Father's: Dierker
- Record for Harry F Dierker

Findagrave.com - searchable database of cemeteries

- Memorial 6697332, Created by Charlotte Coats, Record for Henry John Dierker
- Memorial 6697333, Created by Charlotte Coats, Record for Mary *Gruerr* Dierker
- Memorial 129063256, Created by Casscogirl, Record for Anna Eliza *Dierker* Benne
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- Memorial 6697328, Created by Charlotte Coats, Record for George D Dierker
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- Death Notice of Mrs Henry Dierker

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- Death of Mrs Henry Dierker

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- Death of Mrs Henry Dierker

Photograph of headstone for Henry J Dierker, St John's Lutheran Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 05/29/2017. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.