

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** William H. DRIPS

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**Birth Date:** 14 January 1835

Location: Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania

**Death Date:** 17 April 1897

Location: Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Buried at: Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: I-17-1-5

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 06.49768" W117° 50' 21.72768"

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



### Side Served - Union

Rank: Corporal

Company: D

Unit: 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry

State: OHIO

**Occupation:** Contractor

## Family Information

### Parents –

**Father: William Allison Drips**

Birth Date/Location: 22 November 1789, Pennsylvania

Death Date/Location: 18 March 1881, Clayton County, Iowa

**Mother: Martha Ann Clarke**

Birth Date/Location: 15 May 1792, Pennsylvania

Death Date/Location: 22 April 1874, Clayton County, Iowa

### Spouse: Elizabeth E. Forbes

Birth Date / Location: May 1846, Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio

Death Date/Location: 2 December 1912, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 19 December 1865, Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio

### Children –

**Name: Carrie Blanche Drips (Fuller)**

Birth Date / Location: 28 September 1866, Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio

Death Date / Location: 26 December 1945, Orange County, California

**Name: Henry Grant Drips**

Birth Date / Location: 10 October 1868, Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio

Death Date / Location: 4 January 1940, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

**Name: William H. Drips, Jr.**

Birth Date / Location: May 1870, Hamilton County, Ohio

Death Date / Location: 1892, Orange County, California

**Name: Nettie E. Drips (Faul)**

Birth Date / Location: November 1872, Hamilton County, Ohio

Death Date / Location: 28 November 1935, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

**Name: Thomas George Drips**

Birth Date / Location: February 1874, Hamilton County, Ohio

Death Date / Location: 25 December 1929, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

**Name: James Wallace Drips**

Birth Date / Location: October 1884, Los Angeles County, California

Death Date / Location: 13 February 1937, Redondo Beach, Los Angeles County, California

## Additional Information

### Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR, Post Commander

### U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles about William H Drips

William H Drips enlisted as a Private at the age of 27 on 18 June 1861 and served the state of Ohio. He was promoted to Corporal on 11 May 1863 and Mustered Out on 23 June 1864.

### Pension Records

William H . Drips, D, 6 Ohio Inf, filed 7 Aug 1890

Elizabeth Drips – widow – filed 30 April 1897

### Armor's History of Orange County

William H. Drips apprenticed as a carpenter in the years before the Civil War plying his trade between Iowa and Ohio. At the outbreak of the war he joined the 6<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry popularly known as Guthrie's Grays. After serving three years and four months William returned to Cincinnati, Ohio and married Elizabeth Forbes on December 19, 1865. She was the daughter of Mary Myers and George W. Forbes.

The Drips moved to California in April 1877 and settled on a ranch at Los Bolsas. In the early 1880's he engaged in contracting and building. He erected the first brick edifice in Santa Ana the Gilmacher Block. He also erected the Christian Church and Church Street public school.

A Republican who refrained from participation in politics and refused to become a candidate for public office. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Presbyterian Church.

### Son-in-Law of Civil War Veteran George W. Forbes also buried in Orange County

**William Drips' son Thomas George** married Mae Crowell daughter of Civil War Veteran William Henry Crowell also buried in Orange County.

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## Footnotes

**1** Photograph of tombstone for William H. Drips, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 2/25/2007. Retrieved 26 December 2012, from Findagrave.com. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.