

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Francis Marion ELSEY

Birth Date: 14 November 1842

Location: Maries County, Missouri

Death Date: 5 November 1920

Location: Long Beach, Los Angeles County, CA

Buried at: Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: K-46-4

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 18.85886" W117° 50' 30.35992"

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

Side Served: Union

Rank: Private

Company: E

Unit: 48TH INFANTRY

State: MISSOURI

Occupation: Merchant

Family Information

Parents –

Father: John Elsey

Birth Date/Location: 1819, Tennessee

Death Date/Location: August 1863, Elsey Prairie, Miller, Missouri

Mother: Rachel Rowden

Birth Date/Location: January 10, 1822, Roane, Tennessee

Death Date/Location: November 14, 1881, Elsey Prairie, Miller, Missouri

Spouse: Albina D. Page

Birth Date / Location: ABT 1842, Miller County, Missouri

Death Date/Location: BEF 1867, Missouri

Marriage Date / Location: 2 May, 1861, Miller County, Missouri

Children –

Name: Addie Elsey

Birth Date / Location: 1865, Missouri

Death Date / Location: AFT 1880, Ozark, Franklin County, Missouri

Spouse: Mary Amanda "Mollie" Berry

Birth Date / Location: 4 October 1846, Arkansas

Death Date/Location: 1932, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 2 June 1867, Franklin County, Arkansas

Children –

Name: Eva Elsey (Mayers)

Birth Date / Location: January 1870, Arkansas

Death Date / Location: Unknown

Name: Frank Leon Elsey

Birth Date / Location: 7 April 1873, Arkansas

Death Date / Location: 12 July 1873, Franklin County, Arkansas

Name: Lena Blanche Elsey (Bradley)

Birth Date / Location: 21 July 1875, Arkansas

Death Date / Location: 22 June 1954, Shawnee, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma

Additional Information

Pension Records

E 48 MO INF

Francis M. Elsey – Invalid – 10 March 1891 – Missouri

Mary A. Elsey – Widow – 19 November 1920 – California

US Civil War Soldiers

Francis M. Elsey

48th Regiment, Missouri Infantry

Private

Miller County Missouri Pre 1870 Marriage Records

Groom: Elsey, Francis M.

Date: 2 May 1861

Bride: Page, Albina D

Arkansas Marriages

F. M. Elsey and M. M. Berry on 2 June 1867, Franklin County, Arkansas

SOURCE: History of Benton, Washington, Carroll, Madison, Crawford, Franklin, and Sebastian Counties, Arkansas. Chicago: The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1889.

Excerpts -

Frank M. Elsey – 14 Nov 1842 in Maries County, MO. Son of John and Rachel (Rowden) Elsey. Frank's parents came to Maries and Miller County, MO about 1840. They eventually settled on a piece of land in Miller County that came to be called Elsey's Prairie. During the Civil War a battle was fought there that came to be called the "Elsey Prairie Fight".

In 1864 Frank enlisted in 48th Missouri Infantry and participated in the battle of Nashville. In 1867 he moved to Ozark, Arkansas. He established a stock business with his brother. He also served as sheriff for two terms and mayor for one. The family made two trips to California once spending the winter.

Frank Elsey was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

***Shootout Climaxed Civil War Feud in Iberia* by Peggy Smith Hake**

Peggy Smith Hake provides an insight into the animosity felt in towns that were split by the Civil War. One such town was Rocktown later called Iberia, Miller County, Missouri where Francis M. Elsey settled and married his first wife Albina Page. Francis Elsey "Bud" owned a grocery store and saloon in Rocktown. On Christmas Day 1865 several Southern sympathizers decided to settle some old scores. When the fighting was over among the fatalities were Albina Elsey, the wife of Francis, her 16 year old brother and two other men. Francis and his sister Polly were among the wounded.

This episode apparently led to the departure of most of the Elsey families from Rocktown departing to Arkansas and Oklahoma

The entire story can be found at http://www.millercountymuseum.org/civilwar/cw_05.html

Mary Amanda Berry was the daughter of the Honorable Thomas David Berry and Jemima Boatright. T.D. Berry was born in Alabama and relocated to Madison County, Arkansas where he served as sheriff. In 1861 he enlisted in the army in the 3rd Arkansas Infantry attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He became a Legislature and Lawyer after the war and served as Mayor of Ozark for five years.

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- *Long Beach, Los Angeles, California*; Roll: T625_104; Page: 5B; Family 183, Record for Francis M Elsey

Findagrave.com, searchable database of cemeteries with tombstone inscriptions, memorials and photographs

- Memorial #8722251, Created by Shiver, Record for Francis M. Elsey
- Memorial #37889401, Created by Grover1962, Record for Mary A. Elsey
- Memorial #79304594, Created By LaMona J W Phillips, Record for Frank Leon Elsey

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Photograph of tombstone for Francis Elsey, Fairhaven Memorial Park, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, April 2013. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

