OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Robert Simms EMERSON

Birth Date: 7 July 1838
Location: Chester, Randolph County, Illinois

Death Date: 8 June 1906
Location: Los Angeles, California
Buried at: Magnolia Memorial Park
Plot Location: AG-NE-19-61xx-1
GPS Coordinates: N 33° 47' 04.68939" W 117° 58' 33.40469"
(DMS) Datum: NAD83. Coordinates are +/- 1.00 feet of the grave location.

Side Served: Union
Rank: PRIVATE
Company: I
Unit: 10TH INFANTRY
State: ILLINOIS

Occupation: Cooper

Family Information

Parents –
Father: Amos Emerson
Birth Date/Location: 5 May 1809, Massachusetts
Death Date/Location: 1860, Massachusetts
Mother: Mary A. Walker
Birth Date/Location: 1817, Tennessee
Death Date/Location: 1870, Illinois

Spouse: Melvina Criley
Birth Date / Location: 3 October 1843, Jackson, Illinois
Death Date/Location: 11 March 1926, Multnomah County, Oregon
Marriage Date / Location: 14 December 1862, Rockwood, Randolph County, Illinois

Children –
Name: Robert Ernest Emerson
Birth Date / Location: 28 August 1863, Chester, Logan, Illinois
Death Date / Location: 13 July 1943, Monmouth, Polk, Oregon
Name: Mary Laura Emerson
Birth Date / Location: 1 December 1866, Illinois
Death Date / Location: 1922, Multnomah County, Oregon
Name: Cora Evaline Emerson (Juergens)
Birth Date / Location: 24 August 1871, Illinois
Death Date / Location: AFT 1900

Name: Alice Lillian Emerson (Foster)
Birth Date / Location: 28 February 1873, Illinois
Death Date / Location: 1919, Multnomah County, Oregon
Name: Julia Effie Emerson
Birth Date / Location: 14 September 1875,
Death Date / Location: Unknown
Name: Bertha E. Emerson
Birth Date / Location: 1879, Illinois
Death Date / Location: Unknown
Name: Jesse Eugene Emerson
Birth Date / Location: 15 February 1884, Chester, Randolph County, Illinois
Death Date / Location: 16 May 1967, Odenton, Anne Arundel County, Maryland
World War I Draft Registration, Maryland

Additional Information

Melvina Criley Emerson is the sister of John Criley a Civil War Veteran also buried in Orange County.

Illinois Civil War Muster and Descriptive Rolls
Robert S. Emerson born in Chester, Randolph County, Illinois, single and a cooper by trade
Enlisted as a Private in Co I, 10 IL US INF at the age of 23 on 6 August 1861.
5'8", Brown Hair and Hazel eyes.
Muster in 3 August 1861 for a period of 3 years at Cairo, IL
Reenlisted as Veteran Volunteer
Reenlisted 1 January 1864 at Rossville, GA for a period of 3 years
Veteran Sentenced to Confinement & Labor by Order of Court Martial

Illinois Statewide Marriage Index
Robert S. Emerson and Melvina Criley, 14 December 1862, Randolph County, IL

Civil War Pension Records
I, 10 ILL INF
Robert S. Emerson – invalid – 29 August 1890
Melvina Emerson –widow – 27 December 1916 – Oregon
While pension was applied for it was denied in both cases. Robert Emerson was convicted of desertion during Sherman's March to the Sea

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- 1860 U.S. census, population schedule. NARA microfilm publication M653, 1,438 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.
  - Menard, Randolph County, Illinois; Roll M653_221, Page 974, Family 2872, Record for Robert S. Emerson

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  - Township 7 Range 5, Randolph County, Illinois; Roll M593_272, Page 265A, Family 55, Record for Robert S. Emerson

- Tenth Census of the United States, 1880. (NARA microfilm publication T9, 1,454 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.
  - Rockwood, Randolph County, Illinois; Roll T9_244, Page 515D, Family 167, Record for Robert S. Emerson

- United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1900. T623, 1854 rolls.
  - Chester, Randolph County, Illinois; Roll T623_338, Page 4B, Family 71, Record for Robert S. Emerson

- Findagrave.com, searchable database of cemeteries with tombstone inscriptions, memorials and photographs
  - Memorial #26231165, Created by Charles Lewis Beal, Record for Robert Simms Emerson
  - Memorial #58439329, Created by Bonnie, Record for Melvina C. Emerson
  - Memorial #7097245, Created by Jim Hunt, Record for Robert Ernest Emerson
  - Memorial #58613948, Created by Bonnie, Record for Alice E. Emerson Foster
  - Memorial #58613953, Created by Bonnie, Record for Laura Emerson
  - Memorial #78516075, Created by Dee E, Record for Jesse Eugene Emerson

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