

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Henry Edwin FINSTER

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Birth Date: 12 May 1848 ⁴

Location: Chicago, Illinois ^{4,7}

Death Date: 8 May 1916 ¹

Location: Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: S-229-1

GPS Coordinates: N33°46'14.28657" W117°50'29.09221"

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



Side Served: Union ³

Rank: Private

Company: Unassigned

Unit: 20th Infantry Regiment

State: Michigan

Occupation: Farm Laborer, Brick Mason

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Phillip Finster

Birth Date/Location: 1820, New York

Death Date/Location: BEF 1850, Michigan ⁷

Mother: Calista Arletta Sprague ⁷

Birth Date/Location: 17 May 1822, Hannibal, Oswego County, New York ⁷

Death Date/Location: AFT 1850

Spouse: Lizzie Jane Lucas ^{6,9,11}

Birth Date / Location: 23 October 1854, Brooklyn, New York ^{9,12}

Death Date/Location: 15 September 1932, Norwalk, Los Angeles County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 26 March 1870, Buchanan County, Iowa ¹³

Children –

Name: Nellie Calista Finster (Beltz) ^{6,10}

Birth Date / Location: 23 November 1873, South Dakota ⁶

Death Date / Location: 21 March 1955, Orange County, California ⁶

Name: Lena Ada Finster¹⁰

Birth Date / Location: May 1876, Iowa¹⁰

Death Date / Location: Unknown

Name: Minnie Gertrude Finster (German)^{6, 10}

Birth Date / Location: 24 July 1878, O'Brien, Iowa⁶

Death Date / Location: 19 December 1947, Redlands, San Bernardino County, California⁶

Name: Edna Lizzie Finster (Dewolfe)^{6, 12}

Birth Date / Location: 11 December 1882, South Dakota^{6, 12}

Death Date / Location: 7 March 1975, Orange County, California⁶

Name: Victor Leroy Finster^{6, 8, 11}

Birth Date / Location: 27 March 1886, McCook County, South Dakota^{6, 8, 11}

Death Date / Location: 12 March 1960, Orange County, California⁶

World War I Draft Registration, State of California⁸

Name: Arthur Eugene Finster^{8, 12}

Birth Date / Location: 23 September 1888^{8, 12}

Death Date / Location: AFT 1917⁸

World War I Draft Registration, State of California

Name: Frank Elmer Finster^{6, 8, 12}

Birth Date / Location: 4 October 1891, California^{6, 8, 12}

Death Date / Location: 6 November 1968, Orange County, California⁶

World War I Draft Registration, State of California⁸

Name: Vera Grace Finster (Robinson)^{6, 12}

Birth Date / Location: 19 November 1895, California^{6, 12}

Death Date / Location: 3 April 1946, Orange County, California⁶

Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

History of Western Iowa, Sioux City, Iowa: Western Publishing Co., 1882, pg 372

Henry Edwin Finster was the proprietor of the City Hotel in Harley, Iowa. Born in Chicago in 1848 he moved with his parents to Michigan in 1854 and remained there until 1864. He relocated to Independence, Iowa and engaged in the marble cutting business. He moved to Hartley, Iowa in 1880.

Michigan Soldiers and Sailors Individual Records

H. Edwin Finster, 19, enlisted as a Private in the Michigan 20th Infantry Regiment on Mar 29, 1865 in Dearborn, Michigan. He mustered out May 6, 1865 at Jackson, Michigan.

National Archives and Records Administration. *Civil War Pension Index*

Henry E. Finster, Unassigned, 20 Michigan Infantry
Lizzie J. Finster widow application made June 29, 1920 in California

“1890 The Great Register of Orange County”, State of California

Henry E. Finster, 42, Illinois, Brick Mason, 2nd West, Santa Ana

Henry’s daughter Nellie married Frank Elmer Beltz son of Civil War Veteran Alexander Beltz also buried in Orange County.

Sources

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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.
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Footnotes

¹ “Pioneers in Blue and Gray”, Civil War Veterans in Orange County by Gordon Bricken, First Edition, The Bricken Press, Santa Ana, California, Copyright 2009

² Photograph of tombstone for Henry Edwin Finster, Fairhaven Memorial Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 3/09/2007. Retrieved 24 April 2012, from Findagrave.com. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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⁶ State of California, California Death Index, 1940-1997. Sacramento, CA

⁷ 1850 Census, Vermontville, Eaton, Michigan

⁸ *World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*
 Record for Victor Leroy Finster
 Record for Arthur Eugene Finster
 Record for Frank Elmer Finster

⁹ 1870 Census, Hazelton, Buchanan County, Iowa

¹⁰ 1880 Census, Waterman, O'Brien County, Iowa T9_358, Page 15, Lines 8 – 12, record for Edward H. Finster

¹¹ South Dakota Department of Health, Birth Record Search Site for South Dakota Birth Records,
<http://apps.sd.gov/applications/PH14Over100BirthRec/index.asp>

¹² 1900 Census, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

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