

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** George Washington FORBES

**Birth Date:** 1807 <sup>1</sup>

Location: Pennsylvania

**Death Date:** 19 December 1888 <sup>5</sup>

Location: Los Angeles County, California <sup>5</sup>

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery <sup>1, 5</sup>

Plot Location: I (17, 1, 12)

GPS Coordinates: N33°46'06.46052" W117°50'21.83884"

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



**Side Served:** Union <sup>1</sup>

Rank: Private

Company: Exact Unit Unable to be determined

Unit:

State:

**Occupation:** Farmer

## Family Information

### Parents –

**Father:** unknown

Birth Date/Location:

Death Date/Location:

**Mother:** unknown

Birth Date/Location:

Death Date/Location:

**Spouse:** Mary Myers <sup>3</sup>

Birth Date/Location: ABT 1809, Ohio <sup>7</sup>

Death Date/Location: 1892, Orange County, California <sup>7</sup>

Marriage Date/Location: unknown

### Children –

**Name:** Matilda Forbes (Reynolds) <sup>11</sup>

Birth Date/Location: 14 December 1831, Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio <sup>11</sup>

Death Date/Location: 24 April 1923, Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio <sup>11</sup>

**Name:** John L. Forbes <sup>3, 4</sup>

Birth Date/Location: November 1833, Ohio <sup>4</sup>

Death Date/Location: April 1909, Orange County, California

**Name: Samuel M. Forbes** <sup>3</sup>

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1837, Ohio <sup>3</sup>

Death Date/Location:

**Name: Elizabeth Forbes (Drips)** <sup>3</sup>

Birth Date/Location: May 1846, Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio <sup>6</sup>

Death Date/Location: December 1912, Santa Ana, Orange County, California <sup>6</sup>

**Name: William Forbes** <sup>3</sup>

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1848, Ohio <sup>3</sup>

Death Date/Location: died while fighting in the Civil War

**Name: George Washington Forbes** <sup>3</sup>

Birth Date/Location: 16 February 1850, Ohio <sup>3</sup>

Death Date/Location: 5 March 1904, Hamilton County, Ohio

**Name: Mary Ann Forbes (McCoy)**

Birth Date/Location: 1854, Ohio

Death Date/Location: 18 January 1876, Hamilton County, Ohio

## **Additional Information**

**Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR**

**Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System**

148th Company, 2nd Battalion. - Organized 22 January 1864. Mustered out by detachments 30 June 1865 to 18 October 1865

**Armor's History of Orange County – 1911 found under William Henry Drips**

George W. Forbes and Mary (Myers) Forbes were natives of Pennsylvania and Indiana respectfully. In 1862 Mr. Forbes became a resident of California settling in Sacramento but eventually coming to Santa Ana where he died at the age of eighty-one years. His wife, who came to the coast in 1882, passed away at the age of eighty-three. Prior to the Civil War he followed the trade of a tanner, and during that memorable conflict, while he was in the Union Army, he was taken prisoner by Morgan's raiders, being held in southern prisons for three months. At the expiration of that time he was paroled and honorably discharged. Out of his eight children there were two sons who saw service in the Union army, namely: William, who was killed in the war at the close of an honorable service; and John L. who came to California in 1852, enlisted in the California volunteer service, but did not see action, and in 1875 became a pioneer of what is now Orange County, settling at Gospel Swamp, now Old Newport, where in April of 1909 he passed away, leaving no family.

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**Father-in-law of Civil War Veteran William H. Drips also buried in Orange County**

Photograph of tombstone for George W. Forbes, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 1/02/2009 Retrieved 7 January 2013, from Findagrave.com. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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