

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Francis Alden GATES

Birth Date: 27 July 1834

Location: Groton, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

Death Date: 17 May 1911

Location: Anaheim, Orange County, California

Buried at: Magnolia Memorial Park

Plot Location:

GPS Coordinates: N 33° 47' 03.96464" W117° 58' 32.47020"

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



Side Served – Union

Rank: Non-commissioned officer

Company:

Unit: Home Guard

State: Illinois

Occupation: Rancher

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Loring Gates

Birth Date/Location: 30 September 1797, Ashburnham, Worcester County, Massachusetts

Death Date/Location: 23 August 1863, Madison County, Illinois

Mother: Nancy Adams

Birth Date/Location: 27 July 1800, Ashburnham, Worcester County, Massachusetts

Death Date/Location: 16 January 1859, Benton County, Iowa

Spouse: Sarah Adelaide Fitch

Birth Date / Location: 27 March 1842, Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts

Death Date/Location: 25 January 1892, Garden Grove, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 28 June 1858, Cook County, Illinois

Children –

Name: Frank Sumner Gates

Birth Date / Location: 9 November 1862, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Death Date / Location: March 1932, Anaheim, Orange County, California

Name: James Loring Gates

Birth Date / Location: 1875

Death Date / Location: 1941, Orange County, California

Name: Clara Isabel Gates (Huff)

Birth Date / Location: 13 October 1872, Anaheim, Orange County, California

Death Date / Location: 7 February 1951, Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California

Name: Nellie Gates

Birth Date / Location: unknown

Death Date / Location:

Additional Information

Served with Illinois National Guard for three years guarding prisoners possibly at Camp Douglas

Francis' father Loring Gates enlisted at the age of 65 and fought with Co A, Iowa 37th Infantry Regiment from 6 November 1862 until 23 August 1863 where he died at Alton, Madison County, Illinois from disease.

Illustrated History of Southern California

It is written that Francis Gates attended the University at Hartford, Pennsylvania. At the age of 18 he was in Chicago in the wholesale clothing business with his brother James. He subsequently went into the guns and sporting goods business in Chicago with his cousin, Charles A. Eaton. After that he ran a hotel in Cheyenne, Wyoming for three years before coming to Orange County in 1870. First stopping in San Diego and then moving to Anaheim where he started a fruit farm.

Photograph of tombstone for Francis Alden Gates, Magnolia Memorial Park, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 8/09/2007. Retrieved 10 August 2013, from Findagrave.com. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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- Memorial 42510836, Created by Joseph Huff, Record for Clara Isabel *Gates* Huff
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