OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: William W. GISNER

Birth Date: October 1838 Location: New York

Death Date: 30 June 1915

Location: Orange County, California Buried at: Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: S-257-2*

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 14.80109" W117° 50' 28.95779"

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

Side Served: Union

Rank: Sergeant Company: K

Unit: 11th Cavalry Regiment

State: Pennsylvania

Occupation: Carpenter

Family Information

Parents -

Father: Jacob Gisner

Birth Date/Location: 23 July 1810, New York City, New York

Death Date/Location: 28 February 1899, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania

Mother: Elanor Ellen Hickey

Birth Date/Location: 1 July 1811, New York

Death Date/Location: 29 May 1884, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania

Spouse: Emma Price

Birth Date / Location: 31 August 1845, England

Death Date/Location: 19 July 1896, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania

Marriage Date / Location: 2 July 1865, Providence Township, Lackawanna County,

Pennsylvania

Children -

Name: Emma G. Gisner

Birth Date / Location: 1879, Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania

Death Date / Location: After 1880, Probably Pennsylvania

Name: Ida A. Gisner (MacDonald)

Birth Date / Location: October 1881, Scranton, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania

Death Date / Location: After 1910, Probably Pennsylvania

Additional Information

Member of Sedgewick Post No 17, GAR

William W. Gisner was the son of Jacob Gisner and Eleanor Hickey. His siblings were Isaac, Jacob, Oscar, Amelia (Howards), George, and Albert. His brothers Isaac, Jacob, Oscar and Albert also served in the Civil War, Oscar being a bugler in the 1tth Pennsylvania Calvary Regiment, and Isaac and Jacob served in the 142nd Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment, and Albert served in the 76th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment.

William W. Gisner enlisted on 31 August 1861 into the 11th Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment, and discharged on 1 September 1864. Company K was composed of men from Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. In 1889 William applied for a pension, and the pension paperwork was the source of his death date.

Based on California cemetery and census records it appears that at the time of his death William Gisner was living with or visiting his sister-in-law Anna Price Gisner's children, Albert, Arthur, and Anna, while they were living in California. The siblings appear together in the 1920 Census in Huntington Park, Los Angeles County, California.

Photograph of tombstone for William W. Gisner, Fairhaven Memorial Park, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 9 March 2007, Retrieved 19 July 2013, from Findagrave.com. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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