

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** James GORDON

**Birth Date:** May 1840

Location: Sprouston, Roxburghshire, Scotland

**Death Date:** 8 December 1909

Location: Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: G-4-1

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 18.55390" W117° 50' 33.79860"

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



### Side Served:

Rank: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant

Company: H

Unit: 47<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

State: Indiana

**Occupation:** Merchant, Tailor, Farmer

## Family Information

### Parents –

**Father: Thomas Gordon**

Birth Date/Location: 1794, Eckford, Roxburghshire, Scotland

Death Date/Location: 31 August 1867, Wells County, Indiana

**Mother: Margaret Maggie Smith**

Birth Date/Location: 1800, Newstead, Melrose, Roxburghshire, Scotland

Death Date/Location: 31 December 1879, Wells County, Indiana

Marriage Date / Location: 20 December 1822, Roxburghshire, Scotland

### Spouse: Jennie Jane Wilson

Birth Date / Location: June 1846, Ohio

Death Date/Location: 14 July 1915, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 5 December 1867, Wells County, Indiana

### Children –

**Name: William E. Gordon**

Birth Date / Location: 25 November 1874, Danville, Vermillion County, Illinois

Death Date / Location: 30 July 1945, Chico, Butte County, California

## Additional Information

### Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

### Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana

Enlisted 10 October 1861 in Bluffton, Wells County, Indiana as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. Mustered out 15 December 1864.

### Civil War Pension Index

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James Gordon, invalid, 8 August 1890, Colorado

Jane Gordon, widow, 16 December 1909, California

Photograph of grave location for James Gordon taken by Charles Lewis Beal 3/10/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Lewis Beal.

James Gordon was born to Thomas Gordon and Maggie Smity in Scotland. His siblings were William, Andrew, Margaret (Dickie), Elisabeth (Mason), Janet (Oliver), John, Agnes (Gregg), and Douglas Gordon, all born in Scotland. His parents and most of his siblings were in Wells County, Indiana by the 1860 Census. James Gordon immigrated about 1858.

The 46th Regiment Indiana Infantry Volunteers was formed mainly at Bluffton, Indiana. "In September 1861, John A. McLaughlin, a Mexican war veteran, came to that town to organize a company for the war, expecting to join the 34th Regiment, then in camp at Anderson, Indiana. On the 25th day of September he went into that camp with an enrollment of 83 men, but found the regiment already full, and, holding the men a few days, he was ordered to Camp Sullivan, Indianapolis. Here the required number for a full company was soon added, and on the 2nd day of November the company, with 101 men, including officers, was mustered into the United States service for three years or during the war by mustering officer John B. Ely, of Company A, of the 47th." The Company H officers included James Gordon as Second Lieutenant.

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