

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: William Sydney S. HARRIS, Jr.

Birth Date: 8 August 1838

Location: Obion County, Tennessee

Death Date: 25 March 1916

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at: Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: S-296-1

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 13.49275" W117° 50' 28.74409"

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



Side Served: Confederacy

Rank: Private

Company: H (Avalanche Company)

Unit: 9th Infantry

State: Tennessee

Occupation: Druggist

Family Information

Parents –

Father: William Sidney Harris, Sr.

Birth Date/Location: 9 May 1809, Williamson County, Tennessee

Death Date/Location: 4 February 1860, Obion County, Tennessee

Mother: Anzeletta A. Meadows

Birth Date/Location: 1814, Jackson County, Tennessee

Death Date/Location: Aft 1900, Tennessee

Spouse: Mary E. "Lena" Ruddell

Birth Date / Location: May 1849, Missouri

Death Date/Location: 1929, California

Marriage Date / Location: October 1871, Tennessee

Children –

Name: Lambert C. Harris

Birth Date / Location: 30 August 1874, Tennessee

Death Date / Location: 14 December 1941, Orange County, California

Name: Lester Gay Harris

Birth Date / Location: 17 July 1880, Tennessee

Death Date / Location: 09 November 1949, Los Angeles County, California

World War I Draft Registration, Los Angeles County, California

Additional Information

U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles

Mustered in 24 May 1861 at Jackson, Tennessee

William's son Lambert was also a druggist and is listed in the 1908 Directory published of the Pacific Pharmacist Volume 2.

William's son Lester also worked as a pharmaceutical sales person and auditor.

History of Tennessee, Obion Co., TN

William S. S. Harris, dealer in drugs, was born one mile west of Troy, August 8, 1839, son of Hon. William S. S. Harris, who was born in Williamson County, May 9, 1809, and came to Obion County in 1827. He was a lawyer of note and was at one time clerk of the county court and register of the county. In 1849 and 1850 he represented Obion, Weakley and Henry Counties in the State Senate. He was judge of the probate court, and died in February, 1859. His wife's maiden name was Anzeletta Z. Meadows. She was born in Jackson County, Tenn., in 1814, and came to Obion County in 1824, and is now one of the oldest living settlers of Obion County. Our subject is the fifth of nine children and is of Scotch-Irish origin. He received a common school education and remained on the farm until 1858, when he engaged in his present business in Troy. In 1861 he enlisted in Avalanche Company, Ninth Tennessee Infantry, Confederate States Army, as a private, and was in the service about three years. He returned home in 1864. He is the oldest druggist in Obion County, and was married in October, 1871, to Mary E. Ruddell, of Missouri. She was born in 1849 and is the mother of two children: Lambert C. and Lester Gay. Mr. Harris is a Democrat and Mason - Western Sun Lodge, No. 88: Obion Chapter, No. 33; Trojan Council, No. 18. His wife belongs to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Photograph of tombstone for William S. S. Harris, Fairhaven Memorial Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Judy Kendig on 10 February 2010.

Sources

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- District 6, Obion County, Tennessee: Roll M593_1552, Page 121A, Family 96, Record for S S Harris

Tenth Census of the United States, 1880. (NARA microfilm publication T9, 1,454 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

- Troy, Obion County, California; Roll T9_1273, Page 112A, ED 109, Family 475, Record for William S S Harris

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Findagrave.com, searchable data base of cemeteries, tombstone inscriptions, memorials and photographs

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- Record for Lambert C Harris, Mother's Maiden Name: Ruddell
- Record for Lester Gay Harris, Mother's Maiden Name: Riddell

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