

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** William F. HEATHMAN

**Birth Date:** 8 March 1848

Location: Mississippi

**Death Date:** 12 March 1925

Location: Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: W-23-1

GPS Coordinates: unknown

**Side Served:** Confederacy

Rank: Private

Company: A

Unit: Gordon's Battalion Volunteer Infantry

State: North Carolina

Rank: Sergeant

Company: E

Unit: 9<sup>th</sup> Sharp Shooter Battalion

State: Missouri

**Occupation:** Attorney at Law

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father: Burrage Heathman**

Birth Date/Location: 18 October 1806, Roaring River, Wilkes County, North Carolina

Death Date/Location: 8 August 1863, Lafayette County, Mississippi

**Mother: Elvira Matilda Martin**

Birth Date/Location: 7 June 1819, Roaring River, Wilkes County, North Carolina

Death Date/Location: 16 August 1862, Lafayette County, Mississippi

**Spouse: Mary F. Adams**

Birth Date / Location: 12 May 1855, Arkansas

Death Date/Location: 3 May 1940, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 18 March 1880 (Divorced btw 1900-1910), unknown

**Children –**

**Name: Vera Heathman (Cole)**

Birth Date / Location: November 1884, California

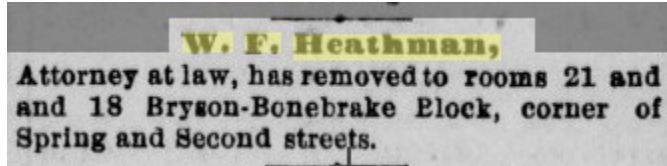
Death Date / Location: 1961, Orange County, California

## Additional Information

Received Southern Cross 3 Jun 1920 from Emma Sansom Chapter #449

Los Angeles Herald, 28 October 1884, Biographies of Democratic Nominees for State Assemblyman  
W. F. Heathman nominated at Democratic Convention for Assemblyman in the 77<sup>th</sup>  
District. A native of Mississippi he came to California in 1877.

Advertisement from Los Angeles Herald, 18 October 1889



Los Angeles Herald, 3 October 1880, W. F. Heathman, A Candidate for the Nomination as District Attorney

W. F. Heathman has resided in the city since 1875 and has a successful law practice. Graduated from the University of Mississippi and Cumberland Law School in Lebanon, Tennessee. Admitted to practice in the state Supreme Court in 1880.

Los Angeles Herald, 9 March 1899, Running for City Attorney of Santa Ana, an office he held for four terms

W. F. Heathman desires to serve as city attorney.

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  - Santa Ana, Orange County, California; Roll T623\_96, Page 8B, ED 0147, Family 235, Record for William F Heathman
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  - Santa Ana Ward 1, Orange County, California; Roll T624\_90, Page 12A, Line 20, Record for William Heathman
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  - Santa Ana Ward 1, Orange County, California; Roll T625\_124, Page 9A, ED 78, Line 47, Record for William L Heathman
11. Findagrave.com, searchable database of cemeteries with tombstone inscriptions, memorials and photographs
  - Memorial 8722293, Created by Shiver, Record for Col William F Heathman
  - Memorial 67999981, Created by Macso, Record for Mary F. Heathman
  - Memorial 67268102, Created by Macso, Record for Vera *Heathman* Cole
  - Memorial 69234578, Created by Irma Hale, Record for Burrage Heathman
  - Memorial 69234950, Created by Irma Hale, Record for Elvira M Heathman
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  - Record for Vera Heathman Cole, granddaughter Elvira Matilda Martin, descendant of Ensign James Martin, Virginia A074095
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