

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** John Bryson HOUSTON, MD

**Birth Date:** 3 December 1833

Location: Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio

**Death Date:** 27 February 1914

Location: Fullerton, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Loma Vista Memorial Park

Plot Location: NE-493-10

GPS Coordinates: N33° 54' 09.67922" W117° 54' 56.80947"

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

**Side Served:** Union

Rank: Private (3 months April to July 1861)

Company: C

Unit: 11<sup>h</sup> Infantry Regiment

State: Illinois

Rank: Captain

Company: I

Unit: 49<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

State: Illinois

**Occupation:** Physician

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father: Joseph Husten**

Birth Date/Location: abt 1801, Ireland

Death Date/Location: Unknown

**Mother: Rebecca**

Birth Date/Location: abt 1807, Ohio

Death Date/Location: Unknown

**Spouse: Mary Diantha Merrel**

Birth Date/Location: 18 August 1838, Westmoreland, Oneida County, New York

Death Date/Location: 8 August 1902, Richview, Washington County, Illinois

Marriage Date/Location: 10 April 1866, Richveiw, Washington County, Illinois

**Children –**

**Name: Jessie M. Houston**

Birth Date/Location: 23 December 1867, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 6 August 1962, Orange County, California

**Name: Edna Houston**

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1869, Illinois

Death Date/Location: Unknown

**Name: Clifford Spencer Houston**

Birth Date/Location: 5 July 1871, Richview, Washington County, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 17 November 1957, Fullerton, Orange County, California

**Name: Cora Linda Houston**

Birth Date/Location: 2 April 1873, Missouri

Death Date/Location: 7 November 1953, Orange County, California

**Name: Mayme Bye Houston (Cooper)**

Birth Date/Location: 19 March 1878, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 19 April 1969, Orange County, California

**Name: Doris Nellie Houston (Hails)**

Birth Date/Location: 7 October 1880, Richview, Washington County, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 7 October 1969, Orange County, California

## Additional Information

**Member of Malvern Hill Post No 131, GAR**

**Illinois Civil War Detail Report**

John B. Houston first enlisted 30 April 1861, in Co. C, 11th Infantry, served 3 months and was discharged 25 July 1861. He then enlisted in Co. I, 49th Illinois Infantry, and promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant 7 May 1862, for gallantry at Donelson, was promoted to Captain 31 August 1863, and was mustered out 9 September 1865 at Paducah, Kentucky.

**Obituary of John B Houston** - Nashville Journal, Nashville, Illinois, March 5, 1914

- Member of Pension Board during Cleveland's Administration
- Moved to Fullerton from Illinois in 1909
- Commander of the Society of Daughters of Veterans at Fullerton

John Houston was a practitioner of Eclectic Medicine holding licenses in Illinois in 1878 and Fullerton, California in 1913

John Houston's son Clifford Spencer Houston married Verda Muhr, daughter of John Muhr a Civil War Veteran buried in Orange County.

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## **Comments**

## **Addendum**

From source 10:

## Dr. J. B. Houston

Dr. J. B. Houston died Friday, Feb. 27, at his home in Fullerton, Calif., aged 80 years, 10 months and 24 days. Deceased was born Dec. 3, 1833, at Zanesville, Ohio, and in 1844 came to Washington county, the family settling at Elkhorn. He studied medicine and successfully practiced his chosen profession. He lived many years at Richview, where he stood in high regard for his services as physician and citizen. During the Civil War he fought to preserve the Union as captain of Company I, 49th Illinois Infantry. He was a member of the pension board during Cleveland's administration. In 1909 he removed from Richview to Fullerton, Calif., where he spent the evening of a life of usefulness.

He was married at Richview to Miss Mary Merrell, who preceded him in death ten years ago. While residing in California he enjoyed excellent health until a few days before his demise. He was Commander of the society of Daughters of Veterans at Fullerton, an enthusiastic Democrat and to the last took an active interest in affairs.

Dr. Houston was one of a family of ten and is survived by one brother, J.R. Houston of California, and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret McCord of Anna and Mrs. J.A. Anderson of here. Mrs. Anderson, who has long been shut in by illness, is at present in a critical condition.

Dr. Houston also leaves to mourn the loss of a beloved father six children: Mrs. C.P. Cooper and Mrs. J.J. Haile of Richview, Mrs. (Dr.) Tom J. Burgess of Trenton, Miss Jessie Houston of Sapulpa, Okla., Mrs. Bryson Houston and Clifford Houston of Fullerton, Calif.