

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veterans Name: Merriman Haskew JOHNSON
AKA: Branch H. JOHNSON

Birth Date: 5 June 1836

Location: Henderson County, North Carolina

Death Date: 8 June 1906

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: Garden X (15,1,3)

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 07.01271" W117° 50' 23.67699"

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



Side Served: Confederacy

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant

Company: I

Unit: 16th Infantry Regiment

State: North Carolina

Occupation: Farmer, Carpnter

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Hugh Johnson

Birth Date/Location: 29 July 1793, North Carolina

Death Date/Location: 8 June 1876 Henderson County, North Carolina

Mother: Sara Lane Bradley

Birth Date/Location: 22 January 1793, North Carolina

Death Date/Location: 7 February 1868, Henderson County, North Carolina

Spouse: Laura Ann Sitton

Birth Date / Location: 4 October 1846, Henderson County, North Carolina

Death Date/Location: 28 April 1925, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 6 April 1867, Henderson County, North Carolina

Children –

Name: Hugh Edgar Johnson

Birth Date / Location: 24 February 1868, North Carolina

Death Date / Location: 16 May 1935, Los Angeles County, California

Name: Harriet Lane "Hattie" Johnson (Purdom)

Birth Date / Location: 1 March 1870, Henderson County, North Carolina

Death Date / Location: 10 December 1919, Orange County, California

Name: Laurence Pinkney Johnson

Birth Date / Location: 11 February 1872, Henderson County, North Carolina

Death Date / Location: 31 August 1873, Henderson County, North Carolina

Name: Augustus Emory Johnson

Birth Date / Location: 20 April 1874, Henderson County, North Carolina

Death Date / Location: 1 May 1874, Henderson County, North Carolina

Name: Bessie Susan Johnson

Birth Date / Location: 28 June 1875, Henderson County, North Carolina

Death Date / Location: 16 June 1876, Henderson County, North Carolina

Name: Josiah/Joseph Marvin Johnson

Birth Date / Location: 13 April 1877, Buncombe County, North Carolina

Death Date / Location: 6 November 1967, Los Angeles County, California

World War I Draft Registration, Los Angeles County, California

Name: Charles Francis Johnson

Birth Date: 18 January 1880, Henderson County, North Carolina

Death Date: 4 August 1938, Santa Monica, Los Angeles County, California

World War I Draft Registration, Orange County, California

Name: Fielding Doune Johnson

Birth Date / Location: 10 April 1882, Henderson County, North Carolina

Death Date / Location: 30 May 1884, Henderson County, North Carolina

Name: John Carey Johnson

Birth Date / Location: 30 October 1884, Henderson County, North Carolina

Death Date / Location: 2 November 1907, Orange County, California

Additional Information

Received Southern Cross 19 January 1903, Emma Sansom Chapter 449

U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles

Enlisted in Company I, North Carolina 16th Infantry Regiment on 05 May 1861 at Hendersonville, North Carolina and mustered in 31 August 1861 for a period of 12 months. He was transferred to 14th Battalion North Carolina Cavalry. He was Promoted to Full 2nd Lieutenant on 26 Nov 1863. Paroled 23 April 1865.

He is also listed as serving with Co A, 7th Cavalry and Company A, 69th Infantry.

He was listed as being wounded at Gaines' Mill, Virginia.

Merriman Johnson's father, Hugh Johnson, was a Captain, 1st NC Regiment during the War of 1812.

Merriman Johnson's grandfather, James Johnston (changed to Johnson) fought in the Revolutionary War with the 2nd Virginia Regiment, Continental Line, under Captain Pollard and Colonel Hawes, Wounded at the Battle of Guilford and captured by the British Army.

Merriman Johnson's daughter, Harriet Lane, married Thomas Purdom, son of Civil War Veteran Hamilton Purdom

Merriman Johnson's son, Josiah Marvin, married Flora Head, daughter of Civil War Veteran Henry W. Head

Merriman Johnson's son Hugh Edgar was the Editor of the Tribune for many years

Photograph of tombstone for Merriman H Johnson, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 3/1/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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- Memorial 11566854, Created by Betty, Record for Capt Hugh Johnson
- Memorial 11566900, Created by Betty, Record for Sarah Lane *Bradley* Johnson
- Memorial 9176302, Created by Eldora Sasser, Record for John Carey Johnson
- Memorial 90008427, Created by Mary V (Johnson) Edgar, Record for Harriet Lane "Hattie" *Johnson* Purdom
- Memorial 90010650, Created by Mary V (Johnson) Edgar, Record for Charles Frances Johnson
- Memorial 44379159, Created by Betty, Record for Josiah Marvin Johnson
- Memorial 16881344, Created by Trevor P Thomas, Record for Augustus Emory Johnson
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