

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veterans Information

**Veteran's Name:** James A. JONES

**Birth Date:** 25 December 1842

Location: Sicily  
Immigrated: 1849

**Death Date:** 4 July 1903

Location: Orange County, California  
Buried at: Santa Ana Cemetery  
Plot Location: T (9, 3, 10)  
GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 03.02287" W117° 50' 27.14224"  
(DMS) Datum: NAD83. Coordinates are +/- 1.00 feet of the grave location



**Side Served:** Union

Rank: unknown  
Unit: USS SANTEE  
State: US Navy

**Occupation:** Restaurant Keeper

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father: unknown Jones**

Birth Date/Location: Wales  
Death Date/Location:

**Mother: unknown**

Birth Date/Location: Sicily  
Death Date/Location:

**Spouse: Gussie A.**

Birth Date / Location: September 1853, Sweden  
Immigrated: 1880  
Death Date/Location: 1902, Orange County, California  
Marriage Date / Location: 1886

**Children –**

**Name: Bessie N. E. Jones**

Birth Date / Location: December 1889, California  
Death Date / Location: unknown

## Additional Information

### Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

### U.S., Civil War Draft Registration Records

- James Jones, Seaman, born in in Italy abt 1841, residence as of May/June 1863, 698 Water Street, New York City

Photograph of tombstone for James A. Jones, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 3/01/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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## Comments

The USS *Santee* (1855) was a wooden-hulled, three-masted sailing frigate of the United States Navy. She was the first U.S. Navy ship to be so named and was one of its last sailing frigates in service. She was acquired by the Union Navy at the start of the American Civil War, outfitted with heavy guns and a crew of 480, and was assigned as a gunship in the Union blockade of the Confederate States of America (Source: Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia – USS *Santee* (1855))