

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veterans Name: Josiah Clay JOPLIN

Birth Date: 15 September 1844

Location: Bedford County, Virginia

Death Date: 19 June 1933

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: OO(11, 4, 10)

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 11.86512" W117° 50' 19.88721"

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



Side Served: Confederacy

Rank: Private

Company: A

Unit: 2nd Cavalry Regiment

State: Virginia

Occupation: Apiarist, County Treasurer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: James W. Joplin

Birth Date/Location: 14 November 1807, Virginia

Death Date/Location: 12 May 1900, Hardin County, Kentucky

Mother: Emily Divers Booth

Birth Date/Location: 4 June 1816, Franklin County, Virginia

Death Date/Location: 2 August 1869, Franklin County, Virginia

Spouse: Rebecca Clarise Boyd

Birth Date/Location: 1845, Virginia

Death Date/Location: 20 March 1911, Orange County, California

Marriage Date/Location: 25 February 1869, Botecourt County, Virginia

Children –

Name: Andrew Boyd Joplin

Birth Date/Location: 20 March 1870, Virginia

Death Date/Location: 14 August 1954, Orange County, California

Name: John Booth Joplin

Birth Date/Location: April 1872, Virginia

Death Date/Location: 20 January 1944, Orange County, California

Name: James Allen Joplin

Birth Date/Location: 23 June 1878, California

Death Date/Location: 1 July 1943, Topock, Mohave County, Arizona

Name: William Patton Joplin

Birth Date/Location: 14 May 1888, California

Death Date/Location: 15 September 1955, Santa Clara County, California

Name: Joseph Cole Joplin

Birth Date/Location: 13 March 1886, California

Death Date/Location: 23 October 1968, Orange County, California

Name: Otho Joplin

Birth Date/Location: unknown

Death Date/Location: unknown

Additional Information

Josiah enlisted 26 March 1862 at Liberty, Virginia for 3 years, he was on the Company Muster Roll in August 1864. Josiah Joplin's unit fought under General J.E.B. Stuart, General Beauregard, and General Robert E. Lee. He saw action at Stonewall Jackson's Valley Campaign, Meadow Bridge, Antietam, Gettysburg, Richmond and the Wilderness.

Received Southern Cross in 1903 from Emma Sansom Chapter 449, Santa Ana

Josiah's wife, Rebecca Boyd, was the niece of US Senator from Virginia, W. W. Boyd. Senator Boyd removed himself from Washington, D. C. and joined the government of the Confederacy once the War started.

Josiah's father, James Joplin, served in Co B, 10th Battalion Heavy Artillery Regiment Virginia during the Civil War.

Josiah's brothers who served during the Civil War:

- James Benjamin Joplin, served in Co A, 2nd Virginia Cavalry Regiment.
- Jesse Joplin, served in Co E, 2nd Cavalry Regiment Missouri and is buried at Fairhaven Memorial Park, Orange County.
- Thomas Joplin, Co A, Tennessee 1st Cavalry Battalion
- Ferdinand Martin Joplin, Co A, Virginia 2nd Cavalry Regiment
- William A Joplin, Co B, Virginia 37th Cavalry Battalion

Josiah's son, James A Joplin, married Cora Miller, daughter of Herman A. Miller, a Civil War Veteran buried in Orange County.

Josiah's son, Andrew Boyd Joplin, married Fannie Izella Straw, daughter of Philander W Straw, a Civil War Veteran buried in Orange County.

Josiah's son, John Booth Joplin, was a reporter for the Santa Ana Register.

Josiah C Joplin moved his family to Orange County area in 1876.. He resided in Santiago Canyon and Belle Canyon eventually moving to the Santa Ana area in 1895. He was Superintendent of the Orange County Exhibit at the 1893 World's Fair. He was elected Orange County Treasurer in 1898 and served for six terms. He assisted in the organization of the Trabuco and Olive School Districts. In 1900 he was one of the organizers of the Orange County Humane Society.

The family's original spelling of the last name was Jopling as found in several census records but was subsequently changed to Joplin.

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- Pioneer Resident of Santa Ana Dies – Josiah Clay Joplin

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- Josiah Joplin Passes Away This Morning

Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Tuesday, March 21, 1911, Pg 5, Col 6

- Funeral Will Be Held Tomorrow at 10 – Mrs Rebecca Joplin

Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Wednesday, March 22, 1911, Pg 5, Col 5

- Mrs Rebecca Joplin Laid to Rest Today

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