

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** Elijah A. Keen

**Birth Date:** 10 May 1840

Location: Tennessee

**Death Date:** 23 December 1918

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: R-243-1

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 14.27207" W117° 50' 31.87437"

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



**Side Served:** Confederacy

Rank: Private

Company: Captain Lynch's

Unit: Light Artillery Battery

State: Tennessee

Rank: Private

Company: Captain Lynch's

Unit: 1<sup>st</sup> Heavy Artillery Regiment

State: Tennessee

**Occupation:** Farmer

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father:** Terry White Keen

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1817, Washington County, Tennessee

Death Date/Location: 23 January 1902

**Mother:** Mary Hale

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1817, Sullivan County, Tennessee

Death Date/Location:

**Spouse:** Elizabeth L. Irvin

Birth Date / Location: 10 April 1857, Tennessee

Death Date/Location: 20 December 1945, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 1876

## Children –

**Name: Josie Ethel Keen (Edwards)**

Birth Date / Location: 15 October 1877, Tennessee

Death Date / Location: 9 November 1957, Orange County, California

**Name: Maggie V. Keen**

Birth Date / Location: abt. 1880, Tennessee

Death Date / Location: unknown

## Additional Information

### Compiled Service Records

Elijah A Keen enlisted in Co K, Capt. Lynch's Company Tennessee Light Artillery at Sullivan County, Tennessee for a period of 12 months on 21 December 1861. Lynch's company was temporarily attached to the first Regiment Tennessee Heavy Artillery. Elijah Keen was captured at Vicksburg, Mississippi 4 July 1863 and was paroled. He surrendered 19 April 1865 at Jonesboro, Tennessee and swore allegiance to the United States 22 May 1865.

Photograph of tombstone for Elijah A Keen, Fairhaven Memorial Park, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 3/11/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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- Memorial 58628513, Created by Tony & Cindy Lloyd, Record for Josie Keen Edwards
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