

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Darwin C. KERR

Birth Date: 15 December 1829

Location: Erie County, New York

Death Date: 26 December 1913

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: L (-, 9. 3)

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 14.98181" W117° 50' 25.38989"

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



Side Served: Union

Rank: Musician (Fifer)

Company: A

Unit: 14th Infantry Regiment

State: Indiana

Occupation: Railroad Agent

Family Information

Parents –

Father: unknown

Birth Date/Location: Scotland⁶

Death Date/Location: unknown

Mother: unknown

Birth Date/Location: New York⁶ or Rhode Island⁷

Death Date/Location: unknown

Spouse: Mahettable B. Vertress

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1840, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 24 November 1925, Los Angeles County, California

Marriage Date/Location: 8 October 1865, Knox County, Illinois

Children –

Name: Mary Evaline Kerr (Waters)

Birth Date/Location: 15 September 1866, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 12 June 1910, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Name: Kate L. Kerr

Birth Date/Location: October 1869, Illinois

Death Date/Location: unknown

Name: Charles B. Kerr

Birth Date/Location: December 1871, Illinois

Death Date/Location: unknown

Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

Darwin C Kerr, living in Parke County, Indiana, enlisted 7 June 1861 and received a disability discharge 17 December 1862

Civil War Pension Index

Co A, 14 Ind Inf

Darwin C Kerr, invalid, 16 July 1890, Nebraska

Mehittable B Kerr, widow, 22 January 1914, California

Darwin Kerr's brother-in-law Charles M Vertrees fought for the Union with Co E, 17th Illinois US Infantry

Mehittable Kerr's paternal 3rd great grandfather, Jacob Van Meter, fought in the Revolutionary War for Virginia. He served under George Rogers Clark at the Kaskaskia Campaigns in 1778. He also commanded a company in Clark's expedition against Indian renegades who were under the command of Simon Girty in 1782.

Mehittable Kerr's great grandfather, Loudon Carol of Virginia, was a drummer boy during the Revolutionary War.

Mehittable Kerr's 2nd great grandfather, John Vertreese of Monongalia County, Virginia, fought under Colonel Thomas Gaddis in the Indian Expeditions of 1778.

Mehittable Kerr's 3rd great grandfather, Samuel Haycroft, fought for Virginia

Photograph of tombstone for Darwin C. Kerr, 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
- Memorial 9557062, Created by Eldora Sasser, Record for Mary Evaline Waters

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- Record for Darwin Kerr and Maheitable B Vertrees

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- Record for Mehetabl B Kerr
- Record for Mary E Waters