

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Joseph Henry KILLEFER

Birth Date: 11 February 1840

Location: Summit County, Ohio

Death Date: 1910

Location: Orange, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: MA (11, 1, 7)

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 12.21419" W117° 50' 24.72672"

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



Side Served: Union

Rank: Private

Company: I

Unit: 40th Infantry Regiment

State: Illinois

Occupation: Farmer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Christopher Killefer

Birth Date/Location: 2 August 1808, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Death Date/Location: 1853, California

Mother: Sarah Lutz

Birth Date/Location: 1 June 1818, Pennsylvania

Death Date/Location: 1898, unknown

Married Enoch Shoemaker in 1858, the father of Matilda Shoemaker

Spouse: Matilda Shoemaker

Birth Date/Location: December 1842, Ohio

Death Date/Location: 12 July 1900, Orange County, California

Marriage Date/Location: 25 February 1866, Summit County, Ohio

Children –

Name: Park Seeley Killefer

Birth Date/Location: 1 December 1866, Richland County, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 4 November 1951, Orange County, California

Name: Lura B. Killefer (Skelly)

Birth Date/Location: December 1868, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 1901, Orange County, California

Name: Scott Elwood Killefer

Birth Date/Location: August 1869, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 27 November 1934, Orange County, California

Name: Lydia Durella Killefer

Birth Date/Location: 8 April 1872, Richland County, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 20 November 1959, Orange County, California

Name: Albert "Bert" Christopher Killefer

Birth Date/Location: 16 November 1874, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 4 December 1963, Orange County, California

Name: Edith M Killefer (Reisch)

Birth Date/Location: 2 February 1876, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 14 July 1963, Orange County, California

Name: Edgar Joseph Killefer

Birth Date/Location: 4 March 1878, Clay County, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 31 December 1967, Costa Mesa, Orange County, California

Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

Illinois Civil War Descriptive Rolls

Joseph Killifer age 23 and born in Summit County, Ohio enlisted in Co I, 40th Illinois US Infantry 5 August 1861 at Xenia, Clay County, Illinois for a period of 3 years. He was single and a farmer. He mustered in 10 August 1861 at Camp Butler, Sangamon County, Illinois and was discharged 9 August 1864 – term expired.

Civil War Pension Index

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Joseph Killefer, invalid, 26 May 1880

Joseph Killefer's son, Edgar Joseph, married Sarah Sophronia Morgan, daughter of John Wesley Morgan a Civil War Veteran buried in Orange County.

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

Sources

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"Illinois Civil War Muster and Descriptive Rolls" Searchable Database, Illinois State Archives, An Index Compiled by Fred Delap in cooperation with the Illinois State Archives, <http://www.ilsos.gov/isaveterans/civilmustersrch.jsp>

- Record for Joseph Killifer

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- Record for Joseph Killefer

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Summit County, Ohio, Marriage Records, 1840-1980. Akron, Ohio: Summit County Court of Common Pleas - Probate Division.

- Record for Tillie Shoemaker and Joseph Killefer

California Death Index, 1940-1997. Sacramento, CA, USA: State of California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics.

- Record for Lydia D Killefer, Mother's Maiden Name: Shoemaker
- Record for Edith M Reisch, Mother's Maiden Name: Shoemake
- Record for Park Seeley Killefer, Mother's Maiden Name: Shoemaker
- Record for Edgar J Killefer, Mother's Maiden Name: Shoemake
- Record for Albert C Killefer

California, Death Index, 1905-1939, California Department of Health and Welfare. California Vital Records

- Record for Scott Killefer

United States, Selective Service System. *World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration. M1509, 4,582 rolls.

- Record for Bert Christopher Killefer

Findagrave.com, searchable database of cemeteries with tombstone inscriptions, memorials and photographs

- Memorial 18117724, Created by Shiver, Record for Joseph Killefer
- Memorial 86258221, Created by Macso, Record for Matilda Killifer
- Memorial 86258387, Created by Macso, Record for Lydia D. Killefer
- Memorial 86259744, Created by Macso, Record for Edith M Reisch
- Memorial 86258517, Created by Macso, Record for Park S Killefer
- Memorial 118249863, Created by Macso, Record for Edgar J Killefer
- Memorial 86258250, Created by Macso, Record for Scott E Killefer
- Memorial 58985928, Created by Tony & Cindy Lloyd, Record for Bert C Killefer
- Memorial 86258209, Created by Macso, Record for Lura K Skelly

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- Record for Scott Elwood Killefer, 1896, Stanislaus County, California

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- Bath, Summit County, Ohio; Roll M432_732, page 330A, Family 234, Record for Joseph Killefer

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- Bonpas, Richland County, Illinois; Roll M593_272, Page 482B, Family 158, Record for Joseph Killefer

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- Orange Ward 2, Orange County, California; Roll T624_90, Page 16A, ED: 0051, Family 457, Record for Joseph Killefer

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Marriage of Lura Killifer to F. F. Skelly, Weekly Blade, Santa Ana, Orange County, California, Thursday, September 17, 1891, Vol 2 No 38, Page 3, Column 3