

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** William J. LIESER

**Birth Date:** 4 July 1847

Location: Wisconsin

**Death Date:** 18 January 1938

Location: Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: K-83-1

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 17.11682" W117° 50' 30.25913"

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



**Side Served:** Union

Rank: Private

Company: F

Unit: 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

State: Wisconsin

**Occupation:** Merchant

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father: William Liese**

Birth Date/Location: 14 January 1818, Germany

Death Date/Location: 22 June 1878, Lafayette County, Missouri

**Mother: Elizabeth Reichert**

Birth Date/Location: 20 June 1820, Germany

Death Date/Location: 16 November 1910, Lafayette County, Missouri

**Spouse: Emma F. Rouse**

Birth Date/Location: 9 October 1850, Iowa

Death Date/Location: 14 December 1944, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Marriage Date/Location: 1874, unknown

**Children –**

**Name: Charles W. Lieser**

Birth Date/Location: October 1874, Kansas

Death Date/Location: 9 July 1912, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

## Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR – Post Commander

### U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles

William J Leiser was 17 and residing in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin when he enlisted as a Private on 27 September 1864. He mustered in 27 September 1864 in Co F, 12<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry. He mustered out 31 May 1865. Date of birth: 4 July 1847 and date of death: 18 January 1938.

William Lieser was a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and a merchant and banker. He came to Orange County about 1908 after retiring from active business. He served as Post Commander and Adjutant of Sedgwick No 17, GAR and served in the same posts with the Southern California Veteran's Association.

Photograph of tombstone for William J Lieser, 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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Findagrave.com, searchable database of cemeteries with tombstone inscriptions, memorials and photographs

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- Memorial 58986704, Created by Tony & Cindy Lloyd, Record for Emma F Lieser
- Memorial 58986703, Created by Tony & Cindy Lloyd, Record for Charles W. Lieser
- Memorial 55400376, Created by Rhoda Taylor Fone, Record for Elizabeth Liese
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