

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veterans Information

Veteran's Name: John McDONALD

Birth Date: 10 May 1833

Location: Scotland

Year of Immigration: 1848

Death Date: 29 November 1914

Location: Wintersburg, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Good Shepard Cemetery

Plot Location: unknown

GPS Coordinates: N33° 42' 07.53609" W117° 59' 18.55687"

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



Side Served: Union

Rank:

Company: Unknown

Unit: Unknown

State: Unknown

Occupation: Farmer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: unknown

Birth Date/Location: Scotland

Death Date/Location:

Mother: unknown

Birth Date/Location: Scotland

Death Date/Location:

Spouse: Martha Hangar

Birth Date / Location: abt 1839, England

Death Date/Location: Brown County, Wisconsin

Marriage Date / Location: unknown

Children –

Name: Ranald A. McDonald

Birth Date / Location: 11 January 1858, Wisconsin

Death Date / Location: 18 March 1936, Brown County, Wisconsin

Name: Sarah Elizabeth McDonald (Dawson)

Birth Date / Location: 26 May 1858, Wisconsin

Death Date / Location: 10 April 1938, Outagamie County, Wisconsin

Name: Dinah McDonald (Myers)

Birth Date / Location: abt 1862, Wisconsin

Death Date / Location: **unknown**

Name: Ida A. McDonald (Myers)

Birth Date / Location: 5 November 1864, De Pere, Brown County, Wisconsin

Death Date / Location: 4 May 1944, Saint Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri

Name: Rebecca McDonald (Anawalt)

Birth Date / Location: 1868, Wisconsin

Death Date / Location: 24 July 1938, Los Angeles County, California

Name: Catherine McDonald (Ackley)

Birth Date / Location: Abt 1869, Wisconsin

Death Date / Location: 9 September 1939, Orange County, California

Name: Flora McDonald (Oconnell)

Birth Date / Location: March 1872, Wisconsin

Death Date / Location: 23 April 1929, Los Angeles County, California

Spouse: Cynthia Ann Woodward

Birth Date / Location: 1843, New York

Death Date/Location: 8 March 1919, Riverside County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 19 March 1873, Brown County, Wisconsin

Children –

Name: John Henry McDonald

Birth Date / Location: 12 April 1875, Wisconsin

Death Date / Location: 9 September 1955, Ventura County, California

Name: Charles E McDonald

Birth Date / Location: 14 October 1877, Wisconsin

Death Date / Location: 15 February 1943, Los Angeles County, California

Name: George James McDonald

Birth Date / Location: 6 April 1881, Nebraska

Death Date / Location: 16 June 1950, Los Angeles County, California

Additional Information

On the 1910 census, John McDonald indicated that he had been in the Union Army during the Civil War. Local historians have indicated he fought with the 2nd Artillery unit in Illinois or Missouri. John McDonald was living in Lawrence, Brown County, Wisconsin in 1860 and 1870. It is possible he was in a state or local militia group. Rosters of these units are not readily available.

Photograph of headstone for John McDonald, The Good Shepherd Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 2/19/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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- Memorial 42878458, Created by David M. Myers, Record for Ida A *McDonald* Myers
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- Memorial 123049526, Created by Daniel Allen, Record for Ranald A McDonald
- Memorial 47533233, Created by Peggy Bargaen Duey, Record for Rebecca Anawalt
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- Memorial 11703297, Created by Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Record for Flora Oconnell

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