

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** John Wesley McKEEN

**Birth Date:** 29 January 1843

Location: Machias, Washington County,  
Maine

**Death Date:** 18 February 1906

Location: Bolsa, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: S-13-4

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 14.94119" W117° 50' 30.81266"

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



**Side Served:** Union

Rank: Private, Quartermaster Sergeant

Company: E, Staff and Field

Unit: Hatch's Independent Cavalry Battalion

State: Minnesota

**Occupation:** Millwright, Carpenter, Farmer

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father: John V. McKeen**

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1811, Maine

Death Date/Location: 7 April 1885, Minnesota

**Mother: Mary A.**

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1813, Maine

Death Date/Location: 17 November 1867, Minnesota

**Spouse: Hannah Elizabeth Atkinson**

Birth Date/Location: 31 March 1846, Freeport, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania

Death Date/Location: 25 February 1926, Capistrano Beach, Orange County, California

Marriage Date/Location: 1865, Unknown

**Children –**

**Name: Charles Wesley McKeen**

Birth Date/Location: 16 June 1867, Forest City, Meeker County, Minnesota

Death Date/Location: 22 May 1928, Los Angeles, California

**Name: Ethel Mae McKeen**

Birth Date/Location: 30 April 1870, Forest City, Meeker County, Minnesota

Death Date/Location: 27 August 1873, Forest City, Meeker County, Minnesota

**Name: James Arthur McKeen**

Birth Date/Location: 30 April 1870, Forest City, Meeker County, Minnesota

Death Date/Location: 25 July 1873, Forest City, Meeker County, Minnesota

**Name: Edith Abigail McKeen**

Birth Date/Location: July 1872, Forest City, Meeker County, Minnesota

Death Date/Location: 25 July 1906, Garden Grove, Orange County, California

**Name: Leroy Athelbert McKeen**

Birth Date/Location: 17 March 1879, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota

Death Date/Location: 19 March 1959, Oakland, Alameda County, California

## Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

Enlisted 8 August 1864 at St. Anthony, Minnesota, mustered in Company E 19 August 1864 at St. Paul, mustered in Staff and Field 28 August 1864, Minnesota, mustered out 1 May 1866

John McKeen's father-in-law served during the Civil War.

- James B Atkinson, Co D, Minnesota 2<sup>nd</sup> Artillery and Co H, Minnesota 1<sup>st</sup> Heavy Artillery Regiment. He enlisted as a Private and mustered out as a Captain

Photograph of tombstone for John Wesley McKeen, 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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