

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Ira Allen Wheeler MERRILL

Birth Date: abt. 1834

Location: Canada

Death Date: 26 August 1897

Location: El Modena, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: P (5, 28, 1)

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 05.13938" W117° 50' 19.08230"

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



Side Served: Union

Rank: Private

Company: B

Unit: 25th Infantry Regiment

State: Wisconsin

Occupation: Farmer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: David Merrill

Birth Date/Location: New Hampshire

Death Date/Location: Unknown

Mother: Ann

Birth Date/Location: Canada

Death Date/Location: Unknown

Spouse: Maria T. Burnham

Birth Date/Location: September 1843, Vermont

Death Date/Location: aft 1910

Marriage Date/Location: 27 October 1867, Ithica, Richland County, Wisconsin

Children –

Name: Benjamin F. Merrill

Birth Date/Location: October 1868, Wisconsin

Death Date/Location: 22 April 1930, Orange County, California

Name: Charles W. Merrill

Birth Date/Location: 1 April 1871, Wisconsin

Death Date/Location: 7 October 1942, Los Angeles County, California

Name: Lottie F. Merrill (Long)

Birth Date/Location: September 1883, Kansas

Death Date/Location: aft 1930, California

Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

Enlisted 14 August 1862, wounded 22 July 1864 at Decatur, Georgia, mustered out 26 May 1865

Photograph of tombstone for Ira Merrill, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 3/03/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Beal

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- Record for Charles W Merrill

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- Record for Ira Allen Wheeler Merrill – 1886, Los Angeles County, California, Westminster, Farmer
- Record for Ira A W Merrill – 1896, Orange County, California

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

- Memorial 8722070, Created by Shiver, Record for Ira Merrill
- Memorial 8821397, Created by Eldora Sasser, Record for Benjamin Merrill
- Memorial 85467325, Created by Chris Mills, Record for Charles W Merrill

Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California, Friday, August 27, 1897, Pg 7, Col 3

- Death Notice, Ira Merrill

"Conduct Services for B. F. Merrill", Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Sunday, April 17, 1930, Pg 8, Col 2