

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Ira Dillon MILLS, M.D.

Birth Date: 3 April 1844

Location: Vermilion County, Illinois

Death Date: 8 October 1921

Location: Placer County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: RM 1, 265-A

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 11.84558" W117° 50' 33.43148

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



Side Served - Union

Rank:

Company: F

Unit: 1st Mounted Militia

State: Colorado

Occupation: Physician, Orange County Coroner

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Ira Mills

Birth Date/Location: 4 December 1806, Jefferson County, Tennessee

Death Date/Location: 8 August 1880, Jasper County, Missouri

Mother: Mary Dillon

Birth Date/Location: 1822, Tennessee

Death Date/Location: 1872, Jasper County, Missouri

Spouse: Elizabeth H Hill

Birth Date / Location: 23 March 1844, New Vienna, Clinton County Ohio

Death Date/Location: 12 January 1927, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 11 March 1869, Jasper County, Missouri

Children –

Name: Estelle G Mills

Birth Date / Location: March 1870, Missouri

Death Date / Location: unknown, child does not appear in 1880 census

Name: Cora Bland Mills (Caldwell)

Birth Date / Location: 8 September 1871, Missouri

Death Date / Location: 12 April 1954, Los Angeles, County, California

Name: Maude Mills (Winbigler)

Birth Date / Location: 8 July 1873, Illinois

Death Date / Location: 25 July 1962, Orange County, California

Additional Information

In Fall and Winter of 1864/1865 Ira Mills served with the Colorado Militia along the Platte River. He was in several battles stopping the uprising by the Ute and Sioux Indians and protecting the roads and mail routes to the West. This service was considered no different then if he had served in a battle of the Civil War. He was a member of Sedgwick Post No 17 GAR.

Ira Mills came from a farming family and continued in this endeavor in Jasper County, Missouri until about 1869. He sold his farm and tried his had at running a store in Illinois. His business did well until 1873 and at that time he began the study of medicine graduating from Indiana Medical College in Indianapolis in 1878. He set up practice in Lockwood, Missouri. He moved his family to California in 1887/1888 settling in Orange County in a town called El Modena a community organized by the Quakers. He first practiced medicine and then dabbled in real estate. He also served as Orange County's first Coroner beginning in 1889.

Ira Mills' wife Elizabeth Hill Mills served as a Nurse during the Civil War.

Ira and his wife Elizabeth were married in a double wedding ceremony. The other couple being Ira's sister, Elizabeth Jane Mills, and Elizabeth *Hill* Mills brother, William Wilson Hill.

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Photograph of headstone for Ira D Mills, Fairhaven Memorial Park, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 09/12/2016. Used with the permission of Charles Lewis Beal.

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- 50th Wedding Anniversary of Ira and Elizabeth Mills

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