

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** Benjamin Franklin NIMMO

**Birth Date:** 15 February 1845

Location: Springfield, Greene County, Missouri

**Death Date:** 8 March 1906

Location: Elsinore, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: N(10,4,4)

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 05.12679" W117° 50' 23.79051"

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



**Side Served:** Confederacy

Rank: Private

Company: A

Unit: 29<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment

State: Texas

**Occupation:** Rancher, Saloon Proprietor

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father: William Grant Nimmo**

Birth Date/Location: 1808, Franklin, Virginia

Death Date/Location: unknown, Missouri

**Mother: Elender Nellie Tracy**

Birth Date/Location: 1811, Barren County, Kentucky

Death Date/Location: 1881, Denton, Denton County, Texas

**Spouse: Susan Elizabeth Bedwell**

Birth Date / Location: 15 October 1844, Arkansas

Death Date/Location: 12 June 1896, Westminster, Los Angeles County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 27 November 1867, California

**Children –**

**Name: Roy Nimmo**

Birth Date / Location: 15 September 1865, Los Angeles County, California

Death Date / Location: 1869, Orange County, California

**Name: Emma Catherine Nimmo (Beswick)**

Birth Date / Location: 30 June 1867, Orange, Los Angeles County, California

Death Date / Location: 4 September 1935, Orange County, California

**Name: George W. Nimmo**

Birth Date / Location: 10 July 1868, California

Death Date / Location: 5 December 1942, Los Angeles County, California

**Name: Cora E. Nimmo (Corser)**

Birth Date / Location: 22 March 1871, California

Death Date / Location: 11 November 1909, Orange County, California

**Name: Benjamin Franklin Nimmo, Jr.**

Birth Date / Location: 25 November 1872, California

Death Date / Location: 3 June 1956, Orange County, California

**Name: Julia A. Nimmo (Ward, Bondurant)**

Birth Date / Location: 7 November 1875, Orange, Los Angeles County, California

Death Date / Location: 23 October 1961, Orange County, California

## Additional Information

Received Southern Cross 19 January 1903, Emma Sansom Chapter 449, Santa Ana

Enlisted 1861 and discharged 1865

Three of Benjamin's brothers served during the Civil War:

Isaac, Co B, 8<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry

Robert, Co A, 29<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry

James H, Co G, 8<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry

Managed the Irvine Ranch and was proprietor to one of the most popular saloons/clubs in early Orange County. Had a prized draft horse called "Belgian King". Enjoyed going on hunts for coyotes and bobcats in the area, as well as, stories of his hunting coyotes on what is now Main Street, Santa Ana.

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