

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Andrew Clark NIXON

Birth Date: 31 October 1844

Location: Ohio

Death Date: 21 October 1877

Location: Sunset Beach, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Magnolia Cemetery

Plot Location: unknown

GPS Coordinates: N33° 47' 02.81893" W117° 58' 37.25896"

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



Side Served: Union

Rank: Private

Company: I

Unit: 15th Infantry Regiment

State: Indiana

Occupation: Manufacturer and dealer of furniture

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Andrew Charles Nixon

Birth Date/Location: 1780, Ireland

Death Date/Location: unknown

Mother: Harriet Putnam

Birth Date/Location: 1808, New Jersey

Death Date/Location: unknown

Spouse: Hannah Marsh Conklin

Birth Date/Location: 12 February 1846, Hamilton County, Ohio

Death Date/Location: 12 November 1917, Orange County, California

Marriage Date/Location: 23 November 1869, Butler County, Ohio

Children –

Name: Alice May Nixon (Stewart)

Birth Date / Location: 26 January 1871, Cedar Vale, Chautauqua County, Kansas

Death Date / Location: 3 March 1955, Orange County, California

Name: Harriet Eleanor “Ella” Nixon (Graham)

Birth Date / Location: 9 November 1872, Morning Sun, Louisa County, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 18 January 1962, Los Angeles County, California

Name: Lilly Marion Nixon (Slaback)

Birth Date / Location: 4 April 1877, California

Death Date / Location: 3 October 1942, Orange County, California

Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

Andrew Nixon residing in Union County, Indiana enlisted in Co I, 15th Infantry Regiment Indiana as a Private on 14 June 1861. Mustered Out Company I, 15th Infantry Regiment Indiana on 25 Jun 1864 at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Andrew's widow Hannah Marsh Conklin married Civil War Veteran Thomas Aaron also buried in Orange County.

Andrew Nixon's father, Andrew, served in the War of 1812 as a Private with 1st Regiment (Jordan's) Indiana Militia or with 4th Regiment Mounted (Evan's) Indiana Militia

Andrew Nixon's daughter, Lilly Marion, married John O Slaback the son of James Harvey Slaback a Civil War Veteran also buried in Orange County.

Photograph of headstone for Andrew C Nixon, Magnolia Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 2/19/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

Sources

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- Record for Alice May Stewart, Father's Name: Nixon
- Record for Lilly M Slaback, Mother's Maiden Name: Conklin, Father's Nixon

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

- Memorial 17986432, Created by Charles Lewis Beal, Record for Andrew C Nixon
- Memorial 20886605, Created by Kimberley Terrill, Record for Hannah M. Thomas
- Memorial 5980223, Created by macso, Record for Ella H Graham

Virginia Hiber, September 22, 2011 provided our OCCGS Researcher with the following unsourced information.

Andrew Charles Nixon, b. in County Tyrone, Ireland, emigrated here around 1787, and fought in the War of 1812. Andrew Clark Nixon married Hannah Marsh Conklin on 23 Nov 1869 in Butler Co., Ohio. They had 3 daughters: Alice (b. 1870 in Kansas), Ella (b. 1872 in Iowa) and Lily (b. 1877 in California). They moved to San Francisco in 1875 and he drowned at Sunset Beach on 21 Oct 1877. He was a "manufacturer and dealer" of "all kinds of furniture" in Morning Sun, Iowa. He was a partner in Cartwright & Nixon, Carpenters and Joiners, in Anaheim. He and his family were passengers on the steamship "Ventura", southbound from San Francisco, when it ran into a group of rocks about a mile north of Point Sur, on the evening of 20 Apr 1875. He was a founding member and officer in the Trinity Episcopal Mission at Fresno. He was also very active in the temperance movement.