

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: John Thomas NOURSE

Birth Date: 24 February 1845

Location: Milroy, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Death Date: 14 February 1933

Location: Presidio, San Francisco, San

Francisco County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: Masonic (Y,16,2)

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 11.35553" W117° 50' 24.44354"

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



Side Served – Union

First Enlistment

Rank: Private

Company: E

Unit: 13th Cavalry Regiment

State: Pennsylvania

Second Enlistment

Rank: Corporal

Company: E

Unit: 20th Cavalry Regiment

State: Pennsylvania

Occupation: Lawyer, Farmer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: James Rittenhouse Nourse, Rev.

Birth Date/Location: 30 April 1805, Washington, District of Columbia

Death Date/Location: 5 July 1854, Salem, Henry County, Iowa

Mother: Sarah North Harvey

Birth Date/Location: 18 May 1810, Germantown, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania

Death Date/Location: 15 February 1871, Milroy, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Spouse: Eleanor MacLay Pomeroy

Birth Date / Location: 15 February 1848, Concord, Franklin County, Pennsylvania

Death Date/Location: 20 July 1891, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 7 June 1871, Academia, Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Children –

Name: Sarah Harvey Nourse (Welbon)

Birth Date / Location: 2 July 1872, Cairo, Ritchie County, West Virginia

Death Date / Location: 20 July 1925, Orange County, California

Name: Joseph Pomeroy Nourse

Birth Date / Location: 15 November 1873, Academia, Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Death Date / Location: 17 February 1954, San Francisco County, California

Name: James Rittenhouse Nourse

Birth Date / Location: 19 August 1875, Academia, Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Death Date / Location: 13 January 1934, Washington, District of Columbia

Name: John Thomas Nourse, Jr.

Birth Date / Location: 3 March 1877, Academia, Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Death Date / Location: 21 June 1958, San Mateo County, California

Name: Bayard Everheart Nourse

Birth Date / Location: 10 January 1880, Academia, Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Death Date / Location: 4 January 1972, Contra Costa County, California

Additional Information

Enlisted Co F 18th Infantry 12 September 1862 and was discharged 27 September 1862. 17 years old at time of enlistment.

Enlisted in Co E, Pennsylvania 20th Cavalry on 1 July 1863 and mustered out with company 6 January 1864 at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

At the age of 16 he went to Washington to speak with Lincoln regarding an appointment to Annapolis. After meeting and talk with Lincoln who was anxious to hear what boys of John Nourse's age thought about the war, John Nourse was so compelled by what Lincoln said that he forgot to ask for the appointment and went straight home and enlisted in the Pennsylvania Cavalry.

John T Nourse received his law degree in 1867 from the University of Pennsylvania. He practiced law in Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

John T Nourse was Postmaster of Santa Ana from 1886 to 1894.

John T Nourse Sr was a descendant of James Nourse who assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of representative of Berkeley County, Virginia in the Virginia house of delegates in 1778.

John Nourse's son, John T Jr, was a Judge with the San Francisco Appellate Court System

Photograph of headstone for John Nourse, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 3/3/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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