

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Joel T. O'BRIEN

Birth Date: November 1843

Location: Illinois

Death Date: 11 December 1924

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at: Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: W-166-1

GPS Coordinate: N33° 46' 12.34937" W117° 50' 36.15427"

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



Side Served: Union

Rank: Corporal

Company: E

Unit: 47th Infantry Regiment

State: Illinois

Occupation: Farmer, Vice President Peoria Lounge & Mattress Company

Family Information

Parents –

Father: John O'Brien

Birth Date/Location: 20 March 1796, Nova Scotia

Death Date/Location: 26 December 1881, O'Brien Cemetery, Tazewell County, Illinois

Mother: Love Knowles Morse

Birth Date/Location: 20 June 1804, Antrim, Hillsborough, New Hampshire

Death Date/Location: 16, February 1871, O'Brien Cemetery, Tazewell County, Illinois

Spouse: Katherine Harris

Birth Date / Location: May 1854, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 19 April 1937, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 1885, Unknown

Children – No Known Children

Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR - Post Commander

Illinois Civil War Detail Report

Joel T. O'Brien, Age 18 residing in Groveland, Tazewell County, Illinois enlisted as a Private in Co E, 47th Illinois Infantry on August 16, 1861 for a period of 3 years
6', Sandy Hair, Grey Eyes, Single and a Farmer
Muster In at Peoria, Illinois on August 16, 1861
Muster Out at Springfield, Illinois
Rank Out: Corporal

General Index to Pension Files

Name: Joel T. O'Brien
Widow: Katherine T. O'Brien

Joel's brother Henry fought in the Civil War as a Private in Co E, 47th Infantry Regiment Illinois along side Joel. Henry did not survive the war. He died from disease 4 July 1863 in Young's Point, Louisiana

Photograph of tombstone for Joel T. O'Brien, Fairhaven Memorial Park, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 3/12/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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