

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** John George OPP

**Birth Date:** 9 October 1836

Location: Heddesheim, Prussia

**Death Date:** 28 April 1915

Location: Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: D (16,2,7)

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 09.20277" W117° 50' 27.13379"

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



**Side Served:** Union

Rank: Private

Company: C

Unit: 53<sup>rd</sup> Infantry

State: Wisconsin

Rank: Private

Company: K

Unit: 51<sup>st</sup> Infantry

State: Wisconsin

**Occupation:** Farmer

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father: Peter Opp**

Birth Date/Location: 1 August 1808, Prussia

Death Date/Location: 1888, Orange County, California

**Mother: Agnes Mayer**

Birth Date/Location: 12 October 1810, Prussia

Death Date/Location: 25 March 1888, Orange County, California

**Spouse: Lovina Louisa Opp**

Birth Date / Location: 9 August 1844, Greenwich, Berks County, Pennsylvania

Death Date/Location: 7 May 1922, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 29 December 1864, Winnebago County, Wisconsin

## Children –

**Name: Henry Peter Opp**

Birth Date / Location: 3 November 1865, Oshkosh, Winnebago County, Wisconsin

Death Date / Location: 9 April 1961, Orange County, California

**Name: John Herman Opp**

Birth Date / Location: 22 September 1868, Oshkosh, Winnebago County, Wisconsin

Death Date / Location: 22 February 1902, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

**Name: Anna Sarah Opp**

Birth Date / Location: 26 July 1870, Warrensburg, Johnson County, Missouri

Death Date / Location: 1 July 1905, Orange County, California

**Name: Edward Nicholas Opp**

Birth Date / Location: 16 July 1872, Warrensburg, Johnson County, Missouri

Death Date / Location: 23 December 1874, Warrensburg, Johnson County, Missouri

**Name: Elnora Opp (Williams)**

Birth Date / Location: 18 March 1875, Warrensburg, Johnson County, Missouri

Death Date / Location: 10 July 1962, California

**Name: Louis Carl Opp**

Birth Date / Location: 18 March 1879, Warrensburg, Johnson County, Missouri

Death Date / Location: 6 January 1880, Warrensburg, Johnson County, Missouri

**Name: Harry August Opp**

Birth Date / Location: 1 June 1883, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Death Date / Location: 20 December 1951, Orange County, California

**Name: Alvin George Opp**

Birth Date / Location: 1885, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Death Date / Location: 1887, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

**Name: Fred Walter Opp**

Birth Date / Location: 3 August 1889, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Death Date / Location: 21 September 1978, Costa Mesa, Orange County, California

## Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

Civil War Pension Record

Notes Service in Navy from 1862 – 1863 USS Rattler

George and his wife, Lovina, were 2nd or 3rd cousins sharing the same last name.

George Opp, 54, Germany, Carpenter, Citizen by Naturalization of Father, residence 3rd W., Santa Ana – 1890 Voter Records

Enlisted March 10, 1865 as Private in Co C, 53rd Infantry Regiment Wisconsin, transferred to Co K, 51st Infantry Regiment Wisconsin on June 30, 1865. Mustered Out of Co K August 28, 1865.

Photograph of tombstone for John George Opp, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal 03/03/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Lewis Beal.

## Biographical Data on the Opp family from the *History of John Opp and Lydia Ann Opp*

John George's Father, Peter Opp, was reportedly from a wealthy family in Germany. The name used to be Count Von Oppen with an apparent castle. Peter Opp brought his entire family to America, just before the eldest son, John George was old enough to be drafted into the German army. The family had other Opp relatives in Pennsylvania. John George and his brother John enlisted in the Wisconsin Military around 1865. John, a prisoner of war, was released shortly after the war ended. The Opp brothers, John George and John must of have been close, both having married sisters, Lovina and Lydia Opp (their 2nd or 3rd cousins). Both families moved to Warrensburg, Johnson County, Missouri in 1871.

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- Memorial 10283118, Created by Eldora Sasser, Record for Anna Sarah Opp
- Memorial 10283127, Created by Eldora Sasser, Record for John Herman Opp
- Memorial 10286670, Created by Eldora Sasser, Record for Elnora *Opp* Williams
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- Memorial 39266791, Created by Patsy Lubben DiMarco, Record for Fred Walter Opp
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*History of John Opp and Lydia Ann Opp*, <http://bootsfamily.8m.com/murray12lydia.html>