

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** James Davidson OTT

**Birth Date:** April 1841

Location: Rockbridge County, Virginia

**Death Date:** 20 February 1922

Location: Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: E, (13,1,9)

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 09.10152" W117° 50' 22.65129"

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



**Side Served:** Confederacy

First Enlistment

Rank: Private

Company: Capt. J.R. McNutt's

Unit: Rockbridge 2<sup>nd</sup> Dragoons

State: Virginia

Re-Designated

Rank: Private

Company: H

Unit: 14<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment

State: Virginia

**Occupation:** Farmer, Teamster

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father: William H. Ott**

Birth Date/Location: 19 July 1813, Virginia

Death Date/Location: 26 April 1886, Rockbridge County, Virginia

**Mother: Mary Steckler**

Birth Date/Location: 1816, Virginia

Death Date/Location: 6 June 1849, Rockbridge County, Virginia

**Spouse: Eliza J. Bartlett**

Birth Date/Location: March 1852, Contra Costa County, California

Death Date/Location: 23 December 1878, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Marriage Date/Location: 10 January 1878, Los Angeles County, California

## Children –

### **Name: Charles William Ott**

Birth Date/Location: 17 December 1878, New Hope, Orange County, California

Death Date/Location: 19 August 1939, Orange County, California

Listed as adopted son of Peter and Sophie Cullem in 1880 census

## Spouse: **Melinda J Britton**

Birth Date/Location: 1855, Augusta County Virginia

Death Date/Location: 1886, Orange County, California

Marriage Date/Location: 22 August 1882, Middlebrook, Augusta, Virginia

## Children –

### **Name: Mary V. Ott (Dyer)**

Birth Date/Location: 14 October 1883, California

Death Date/Location: 24 October 1962, Tulare County, California

### **Name: Lula B. Ott (Moore)**

Birth Date/Location: 20 May 1885, California

Death Date/Location: 7 June 1962, Los Angeles County, California

## Additional Information

Enlisted 14 May 1861 at Brownsburg, Virginia and served through 31 December 1864.

Received Southern Cross in 1903 from Emma Sansom #440, Santa Ana

James had two brothers that served during the Civil War:

David Alexander Ott, served with Co B, 52<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment and is buried in Orange County

Franklin Augustus Ott, served with Co H, 14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry Regiment

Resident of Orange County for 51 years, ran a ship lighter service from Anaheim Landing and was an Orange County Supervisor.

Photograph of headstone for James D Ott, 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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