

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Henry Adams PEABODY

Birth Date: 19 March 1837

Location: Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan

Death Date: 24 April 1915

Location: Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Cremated, buried at sea

Plot Location: Unknown

GPS Coordinates: Unknown

Side Served: Confederate

First Enlistment

Rank: Captain

Company: -

Unit: State Guard

State: Missouri

Second Enlistment

Rank: Private / Sergeant Major

Company: A / Field & Staff

Unit: 1st Cavalry Regiment

State: Missouri

Transferred Into

Rank: -

Company: -

Unit: Major Lawther's Partisan Rangers

State: Missouri

Occupation: Editor, Printer, Merchant

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Adams Peabody, Reverend

Birth Date/Location: 22 January 1813, Milford, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire

Death Date/Location: 10 March 1887, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas

Mother: Frances Croun Smith

Birth Date/Location: 6 April 1815, New York, New York

Death Date/Location: 7 August 1852, Boone County, Missouri

Spouse: Sallie Ann Bradley

Birth Date/Location: 5 August 1844, Warrensburg, Johnson County, Missouri

Death Date/Location: 15 May 1925, Ventura County, California

Marriage Date/Location: 3 February 1867, Sonoma County, California

Children –**Name: Amanda Christine Peabody**

Birth Date/Location: 18 November 1867, Sonoma County, California

Death Date/Location: 7 January 1869, Sonoma County, California

Name: Sallie Peabody (Powell)

Birth Date/Location: 25 March 1870, Sonoma County, California

Death Date/Location: 20 November 1946, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Name: Henry Sterling Peabody

Birth Date/Location: 12 February 1873, Vallejo, Solano County, California

Death Date/Location: 23 January 1945, Manila Interment Camp, Manila, Philippines

Name: George Tompkins Peabody

Birth Date/Location: 23 July 1879, Sacramento, Sacramento County, California

Death Date/Location: 23 December 1942, Celebes Islands, Malaysia

Name: Fannie P. Peabody (Barker)

Birth Date/Location: 7 August 1884, Ukiah, Mendocino County, California

Death Date/Location: 19 November 1961, Ojai, Ventura County, California

Additional Information

Enlisted 7 December 1861 in Company A at St Clair County, Missouri, promoted Sergeant Major 2 January 1862 and assigned to Field and Staff, the record appears to indicate he transferred to Lawther's Partisan Rangers in June 1862.

Henry Peabody came to Northern California as early as 1857 settling in Colusa and finding work with the Sonoma Democrat eventually with the Globe and the San Francisco Daily. He returned to Missouri and enrolled in law school at the University of Missouri in 1861. In 1862 he joined the Confederate forces. He quickly advanced through the ranks ending the war as a Major. He returned to California after the war and again worked for the Sonoma Democrat eventually becoming part owner. He worked for several other papers before becoming a foreman with the California State Printing Office. After 1880 he and his family move to Mendocino County where he became part owner Democratic Weekly Dispatch. In 1890 the family again moved this time to Santa Ana where Henry became part owner of the Morning and Weekly Blade.

In 1893 he became Director of the new Orange County Chamber of Commerce and was appointed Postmaster of Santa Ana under then President Grover Cleveland. He again moved to Newport Beach starting a general store and again becoming Postmaster of Newport Beach. He was also appointed police judge and later was a city trustee.

Henry Peabody's son Henry Sterling died 23 December 1945 at a Japanese Interment Camp near Manila. Henry Sterling had been a reporter for the the Blade in Santa Ana. He was a stenographer for General Otis whom he served during the Spanish American War. In 1900 he was in the service of the government in Manila. In 1905 he quit to manage a fruit farm on the Island of Mindanao. In a 1905 newspaper article Henry stated that he liked the Philippines and said he will never live in the United States again.

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