

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: William H. PFEIFER

Birth Date: abt. 1841

Location: Saxony, Germany

Death Date: 28 April 1895

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: N-5-1-1

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 05.76794" W117° 50' 22.55054"

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



Side Served: Union

Rank: Private

Company: F

Unit: 39th Infantry Regiment (10th Reserve)

State: Pennsylvania

Occupation: Hotel Proprietor

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Unknown

Birth Date/Location: Saxony, Germany

Death Date/Location: Unknown

Mother: Unknown

Birth Date/Location: Saxony, Germany

Death Date/Location: Unknown

Spouse: Ellen Himmerly

Birth Date/Location: July 1840, Württemberg, Germany

Death Date/Location: Unknown

Marriage Date/Location: Unknown

Children –

Name: Henrietta Pfeifer

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1863, Pennsylvania

Death Date/Location: Unknown

Name: Amelia Louise Pfeifer (Garroway, Hart)

Birth Date/Location: 23 April 1864, Pennsylvania

Death Date/Location: 5 November 1945, Orange County, California

Name: Josephine Ellen Pfeifer (Lee)

Birth Date/Location: 7 August 1865, Pennsylvania

Death Date/Location: 18 December 1951, Los Angeles County, California

Name: Charles Pfeifer

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1872, Pennsylvania

Death Date/Location: Unknown

Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

Enlisted 8 September 1862, wounded at Fredericksburg 13 December 1862, disability discharge 9 March 1863

Civil War Pension Index

Pvt, F 39th PA Inf

William H Pfeifer, invalid, 24 February 1879

William Pfeifer purchased the Hotel Palmyra in 1892. The original building was completely torn down by 1970. A senior apartment complex called the Palmyra sits on the location today at Glassel and Palmyra.

William's daughter, Amelia, married Joseph M Hart a Civil War Veteran also buried in Orange County

Photograph of tombstone for W H Pfeifer, Santa Ana Cemetery, taken by Judy Kendig March 3, 2012. Use with the permission of Judy Kendig.

Sources

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State of California. *California Death Index, 1940-1997*. Sacramento, CA, USA: State of California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics.

- Record for Amelia Louise Hart
- Record for Josephine Ellen Lee, Mother's Maiden Name: Himmerly

Findagrave.com, searchable database of cemeteries with tombstone inscriptions, memorials and photographs

- Memorial 10401805, Created by Eldora Sasser, Record for W. H. Pfeifer
- Memorial 10401371, Created by Eldora Sasser, Record for Josephine Ellen Lee
- Memorial 10342745, Created by Eldora Sasser, Record for Amelia L. Hart

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- Ross, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; Roll T9_1090, Page 242C, ED: 084, Family 172, Record for William Pfeifer

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- Orange, Orange County, California; Roll T623_95, Page 6A, ED: 0144, Family 14, Record for Ellen Pfeifer

Have You Seen the Hotel Palmyra? by Phil Brigandi
<http://www.orangereview.com/archive/have-you-seen/hotel-palmyra/>

The Orange News, Orange, Orange County, California, November 2nd 1892, Vol IV, No 47, Pg 3 Col 2

—The Hotel Palmyra has been sold by Welcome Fowler to W. H. Pfeifer, late of Alleghany City, Pa. All of the preliminaries are arranged, we understand, and the papers will be passed to-day. Mr. Pfeifer is a gentleman of ample means, and it is his intention to make great improvements on the property, and to keep the hotel open throughout the year. We are glad that this elegant hotel has fallen into hands that will make continuous use of it for hotel purposes. It cannot fail to be a benefit to Orange. Mr. Pfeifer and his family, consisting of his wife and daughter, arrived this morning.

Out West Magazine, Volume 18, January to June 1903, by Charles Fletcher Lummis, Out West Company, Los Angeles, California

HOTEL PALMYRA Reopened, at Orange, Cal. Complete new furnishings and facilities. Home cooking a specialty. A quiet, restful place for tourist and sight seer. See description of Orange County in these pages. **MRS. E. PFEIFER**