

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Henry Dean POLHEMUS

Birth Date: 13 October 1843

Location: Valparaiso, Chile

Death Date: 21 May 1900

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Anaheim Cemetery

Plot Location: Lawn AD (2, 38, 1)

GPS Coordinates: N33° 50' 29.03746" W117° 53' 58.80723"

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



Side Served: Union

Rank: Private / Hospital Steward

Company: C / Field and Staff

Unit: 23rd Infantry Regiment

State: New Jersey

Occupation: Telegraph/Railroad Agent, Farmer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: John Hart Polhemus

Birth Date/Location: 19 July 1799, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania

Death Date/Location: 17 August 1880, San Jose, Santa Clara County, California

Mother: Mariana Dean

Birth Date/Location: 19 December 1819, London, England

Death Date/Location: 15 April 1849, Peru

Spouse: Emma M. Hanna

Birth Date/Location: 5 November 1852, Clintonville, Greenbrier County, Virginia

Death Date/Location: 5 March 1957, Santa Barbara County, California

Marriage Date/Location: Unknown

Children –

Name: Emma Martha Polhemus (Sissom)

Birth Date/Location: 13 September 1871, California

Death Date/Location: 31 March 1947, Santa Barbara County, California

Name: Marianita (Mai) Polhemus (Weinman)

Birth Date/Location: 10 November 1873, California

Death Date/Location: 16 December 1948, Fresno County, California

Name: Henry Dean Polhemus, Jr.

Birth Date/Location: 27 April 1890, Anaheim, Orange County, California

Death Date/Location: 14 December 1966, Orange County, California

Additional Information

Enlisted 26 August 1862 mustered in Company C, 23rd New Jersey Infantry 13 September 1862, promoted to Full Hospital Steward 14 September 1862, mustered out 27 June 1863 at Beverly, New Jersey.

Civil War Pension Index

C, 23 NJ Inf

Hosp.Steward, 23 NJ Inf

Henry D Polhemus, invalid, 29 October 1890, California

Emma M Polhemus, widow, 23 April 1901, California

Emma M Polhemus, granddaughter, 5 July 1900, California

Henry's father, John Hart Polhemus, was the American Minister to Chile under President Tyler at the time of his son's birth.

Henry's father's great uncle was John Hart a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Henry's wife, Emma Hanna Polhemus, comes from a pioneer family of Orange County. Her father, John Hanna, came to California around 1862 and had a 35 acre ranch.

Photograph of tombstone for Pvt Henry D. Polhemus, Anaheim Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 2/19/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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- Record for Emma M Polhemus, Mother's Maiden Name: Rogers, Father's: Hanna
- Record for Henry D Polhemus, Mother's Maiden Name: Hanna
- Record for Mai Weinman, Mother's Maiden Name: Hanna
- Record for Emma Martha Sissom, Mother's Maiden Name: Hanna

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

- Memorial 8722489, Created by Shiver, Record for Pvt Henry D. Polhemus
- Memorial 13800488, Created by gfrank, Record for Emma M Polhemus
- Memorial 105779685, Created by Sharee Thornberry, Record for H Dean Polhemus
- Memorial 13985843, Created by Candice xo. Record for John Hart Polhemus
- Memorial 90545111, Created by Ron West, Record or Emma Martha Meta Sissom
- Memorial 13985956, Created by Candice xo. Record for Mariana Dean Polhemus

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1870 U.S. census, population schedules. NARA microfilm publication M593, 1,761 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.

- Anaheim, Santa Ana, Los Angeles County, California; Roll M593_73, Page 610B, Family 252, Record for Henry D. Palhemus

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- 1896, Polhemus, Henry D., 53, Chile, farmer, residing in Anaheim