

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veterans Information

Veterans Name: Thomas Walter RULE

Birthdate: 30 March 1846

Location: Stark County, Illinois

Death Date: 26 July 1887

Location: Newport Beach, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: E (18, 2 9)

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 08.63178" W117° 50' 24.03353"

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



Side Served – Union

First Enlistment

Rank: Private

Company: F

Unit: 124th Infantry Regiment

State: Illinois

Transferred To

Rank: Private

Company: B

Unit: 33rd Infantry Regiment

State: Illinois

Occupation: Clerk, Laborer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Robert Thomas Rule

Birth Date/Location: 15 May 1828, Scotland

Death Date/Location: 26 May 1853, Elmira, Stark County, Illinois

Mother: Charlotte Oliver

Birth Date/Location: 18 April 1822, Scotland

Death Date/Location: 5 July 1853, Elmira, Stark County, Illinois

Spouse: Helen Cobler

Birth Date / Location: 1862, Indiana

Death Date/Location: 26 May 1927, Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas

Marriage Date / Location: 23 March 1880, Santa Ana, Los Angeles County, California

Married Eben F Crocker after death of Thomas Rule

Children –

Name: Walter Rule

Birth Date/Location: 9 September 1880/1881, California

Death Date/Location: 16 May 1937, Kansas

Name: Nellie Rule

Birth Date/Location: 6 April 1881, California

Death Date/Location: 8 April 1881, Orange County, California

Name: Ida Rule

Birth Date/Location: 1 October 1883, California

Death Date/Location: 29 October 1889, Orange County, California

Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

Enlisted in Co F, 124th Illinois Infantry on 11 February 1864 and mustered in 8 April 1864. He transferred to 33rd Illinois Infantry on 16 August 1865 and was discharged 10 July 1865

Thomas's son, also Thomas Walter Rule, served during the Spanish American War

Photograph of headstone for Thomas W Rule, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 4/28/2013. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

Sources

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- Record for Thomas W Rule

Orange County California Genealogy Society Quarterly Journal, XVIII, #2, June 1981 – Roll of Honor for the Sedgwick Post No 17 GAR.

Illinois State Archives, Illinois Statewide Marriage Index,
<http://www.ilsos.gov/isavital/marriageSearch.do>

- Record for Thomas Rule and Charlotte Oliver

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- 1875, Rule, Thomas W., 28, Scotland, Well Borer, Florence, Los Angeles County
- 1879, Rule, Thomas W., 33, Scotland, Clerk, Santa Ana

Story of death of Thomas W Rule in Newport Bay

- Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California, Wednesday Morning, July 27, 1887, Vol XXVII, No 113, Pg 12, Col 1
- Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California, Monday Morning, August 1, 1887, Vol XXXII, No 118, Pg 12, Col 2

Marriage Announcement – T W Rule and Helen Cobler, Oakland Tribune, Oakland California, Thursday Evening, April 1, 1880, Vol XVII, No 78, Page 3, Col 3

Petition for Guardianship – Helen Rule, widow of Thomas W. Rule, requesting appointment of Robert McFadden as guardian of her two children Walter and Ida. Los Angeles Herald, Saturday Morning, August 27, 1887, Pg 12, Col 2

Party Announcement – Mrs. E F Crocker – Lawrence Daily Journal – World, Lawrence, Kansas, Friday, September 28, 1917, Vol LXL, No 233, Pg 5, Col 4

- Mention of Mrs Crocker's first husband and father of Walter T Rule being a Civil War Veteran

Death Announcement – Mrs Frank Crocker in Lawrence, Kansas, formerly Mrs Helen Rule – Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, June 2, 1927, Pg 2 Col 3

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

- Memorial 109672885, Created by Charles Lewis Beal, Record for Thomas W Rule
- Memorial 36702041, Created by MrPeepers, Record for Helen Crocker
- Memorial 128518020, Created by Jennie, Record for Thomas Walter Rule
- Memorial 99486563, Created by DJB, Record for Ida Rule
- Memorial 13344728, Created by Kimberley Terrill, Record for Nellie Rule
- Memorial 22889185, Created by Betty, Record for Charlotte Rule
- Memorial 22889979, Created by Betty, Record for Robert Rule

Seventh Census of the United States, 1850; (National Archives Microfilm Publication M432, 1009 rolls); Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

- Stark County, Illinois, Roll M32_129, Page 238A, Family 604, Record for Thomas W Rule

1860 U.S. census, population schedule. NARA microfilm publication M653, 1,438 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.

- Elmira, Stark County, Illinois, M653_229, Page 916, Family 989, Record for Thomas Rule in the household of John Turnbull

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- Wilmington, Los Angeles County, California; Roll T9_67, Page 364C, ED: 032, Family 163, Record for Thomas W Rule

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