

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** Charles Fredrich SCHMIDT

**Birth Date:** 5 October 1840

Location: Leipzig, Saxony, Germany  
Year of Immigration: 1860

**Death Date:** 11 July 1918

Location: Los Angeles, Los Angeles County,  
California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: S-12-3-3

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 03.05288" W117° 50' 22.75859"

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



**Side Served:** Union

First Enlistment

Rank: Private

Battery: E

Unit: 3<sup>rd</sup> Artillery Battalion

State: New York

Unit Became

Rank: Private

Battery: E

Unit: 15<sup>th</sup> Heavy Artillery Regiment

State: New York

**Occupation:** Clerk, Barber

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father:** unknown

Birth Date/Location: Germany

Death Date/Location: Unknown

**Mother:** unknown

Birth Date/Location: Germany

Death Date/Location: Unknown

**Spouse:** Alma Johanna Welke

Birth Date/Location: 7 June 1844, Prussia, Germany

Death Date/Location: 9 September 1934, Orange County, California

Marriage Date/Location: 1873, Unknown

## Children –

**Name: Charles F. Schmidt**

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1873, Kansas

Death Date/Location: 29 May 1902, Orange County, California

**Name: Alfred Schmidt**

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1875, Kansas

Death Date/Location: Unknown

**Name: Herman Schmidt**

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1877, Kansas

Death Date/Location: Unknown

**Name: William Martin Schmidt**

Birth Date/Location: 26 December 1880, Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas

Death Date/Location: 10 May 1954, Orange County, California

**Name: Harry Eugene Schmidt**

Birth Date/Location: 27 October 1884, Kansas

Death Date/Location: 1 September 1953, Orange County, California

## Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR – Post Commander

Enlisted as Charles Eidner, age 21, on 27 November 1861 at New York; mustered in as private, Company E, Third Battalion Artillery, 27 November 1861 (which became Co. E, 15<sup>th</sup> Heavy Artillery Regiment, 30 September 1863), to serve three years; reenlisted 4 December 1863; mustered out with company, 22 August 1865 at Washington D.C. Some of the engagements he participated in were the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor, Hatcher's Run and the Appomattox raid.

### Civil War Pension Record

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Charles F Schmidt, alias Charles F Eidner, invalid 27 September 1890, California

Alma J Schmidt, widow, 29 July 1918, California

Charles Schmidt came to Orange County in 1887.

Photograph of headstone for Charles F Schmidt, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 3/24/2009. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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