

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: John Grant SHIRLEY

Birth Date: 15 December 1823

Location: Morgan County, Ohio

Death Date: 24 May 1908

Location: Tustin, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: R-65-1

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 13.68918" W117° 50' 28.32221"

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



Side Served: Union

Rank: Musician (Bugler)

Company: E

Unit: 1st Cavalry Regiment

State: Arkansas

Occupation: Farmer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: John Servis Shirley

Birth Date/Location: 1786, Huntington County, Pennsylvania

Death Date/Location: 3 March 1853, Beebe, Athens County, Ohio

Mother: Maria Matthews

Birth Date/Location: 10 May 1797, Virginia

Death Date/Location: 9 September 1897, Decaturville, Washington County, Ohio

Spouse: Mary Jane Coleman

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1838, Ohio

Death Date/Location: 1862, Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas

Marriage Date/Location: 18 June 1853, Athens County, Ohio

Children –

Name: Samantha Fidelia Shirley (Mathis)

Birth Date/Location: 24 April 1854, Missouri

Death Date/Location: 8 October 1927, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas

Name: Martha Flavis Shirley

Birth Date/Location: 24 October 1860, Arkansas

Death Date/Location: Unknown

Spouse: Eliza Ann Box (Shirley)

Birth Date/Location: August 1845, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri

Death Date/Location: 1920, San Fernando, Los Angeles County, California

Marriage Date/Location: 11 January 1866, Franklin County, Arkansas

Widow of Elisha P Shirley brother of John G Shirley

Children –**Name: Lillie Kay Shirley (Wooten)**

Birth Date/Location: 4 February 1867, Paris, Logan County, Arkansas

Death Date/Location: 11 October 1951, Lamesa, Dawson County, Texas

Name: John Grant Shirley, Jr

Birth Date/Location: 31 August 1868, Logan County, Arkansas

Death Date/Location: 9 June 1932, Ft. Worth, Tarrant County, Texas

Name: Joseph Harrison Shirley

Birth Date/Location: 5 February 1871, Paris, Logan County, Arkansas

Death Date/Location: 31 May 1959, Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas

Name: Eliza Peoria Shirley (Corbel)

Birth Date/Location: 22 February 1873, Paris, Logan County, Arkansas

Death Date/Location: 13 June 1964, Roseburg, Douglas County Oregon

Name: Minnesota “Minnie” May Shirley (Howell)

Birth Date/Location: 24 March 1875, Paris, Logan County, Arkansas

Death Date/Location: 12 August 1970, Mckinleyville, Humboldt County, California

Name: Ella Teola Shirley (Simpson)

Birth Date/Location: 7 August 1877, Paris, Logan County, Arkansas

Death Date/Location: Unknown

Name: Alphreta Lenia Shirley (Howell)

Birth Date/Location: 16 October 1879, Burnett, Burnett County, Texas

Death Date/Location: 31 August 1925, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon

Name: Leanne (Lena) Shirley (Swoape)

Birth Date/Location: 21 July 1882, Texas

Death Date/Location: 16 January 1965, Los Angeles County, California

Name: Ada Mae Shirley (Arnold)

Birth Date/Location: 31 July 1885, Burnett, Burnet County, Texas

Death Date/Location: 13 April 1983, Sacramento, Sacramento County, California

Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

Enlisted 1 July 1862 at Franklin County, Arkansas. John was wounded during the war in Arkansas while fighting Indians.

John's brother Elisha served with Co H, 24th Regiment, Missouri Infantry during the Civil War

Photograph of tombstone for John Shirley, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 3/04/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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- Memorial 79170883, created by Debbie Shirley, Record for Martha Flavis Shirley
- Memorial 79171234, created by Debbie Shirley, Record for Lillie Kay "Lilla" Shirley Wooten
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"Death of John Shirley", Oxnard Courier, Oxnard, California, Friday, June 5, 1908, Pg 7, Col 3

"The Will Has Been Filed for Probate", Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Tuesday Evening, June 2, 1908, Pg 5, Col 3

Death of John Shirley.

On the twenty-fourth of May, 1908, at Tustin, California, at the home of R. M. Arnold, John Shirley passed into the great beyond.

Mr. Shirley was born in Morgan County, Ohio, on December 15, 1825.

In 1858 he moved to Arkansas, where he later enlisted in the Federal Army and served with distinction and was wounded twice, carrying one bullet to his grave.

In 1878 he moved to Burnett, Texas, where he lived until 1899, when he moved to Hueveme, Cal. He later drifted back to Texas, but was never satisfied there. He seemed to realize that the end was drawing near and said that he wished to end his days in sunny Southern California. Alas, he did not get to enjoy the pleasant climate long, as he reached Tustin on May 7th and his oft repeated wish was fulfilled May 24th.

Mr. Shirley leaves a wife and eleven children to mourn his death. His wife and two of his daughters, Mrs. Ralph Arnold, formerly of Oxnard, and Mrs. M. Howell, are in Tustin; one daughter is in Oregon and the remainder of his children are scattered around Marble Falls, Texas, where he formerly lived. He lived a consistent Christian the past fifty years, and a more beautiful example of true Christian fidelity could not be found than shown in his great suffering the past several years.

Peace to thee, thou noble
soldier of thy country and
thy God.