

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: John W. SHIRLEY

Birth Date: March 1835

Location: Hancock County, Ohio

Death Date: 9 May 1930

Location: Los Angeles County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: N (20, 3, 4)

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 04.27163" W117° 50' 22.77859"

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

Side Served: Union

Rank: Private

Company: K

Unit: 7th Infantry Regiment

State: California

Occupation: Township Justice

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Daniel Shirley

Birth Date/Location: 1792, Pennsylvania

Death Date/Location: 10 April 1872, Jackson County, Iowa

Mother: Anna Flynn

Birth Date/Location: abt 1789, Virginia

Death Date/Location: 25 January 1872, Jackson County, Iowa

Spouse: Harriet Powers

Birth Date/Location: abt 1846, Arkansas

Death Date/Location: 1871, California

Marriage Date/Location: 1860, California

Children –

Name: Howard Shirley

Birth Date/Location: 1862, California

Death Date/Location: 1882, Sutton, Clay County, Nebraska

Name: Anna Shirley (Rountree)

Birth Date/Location: 24 March 1869, California

Death Date/Location: 31 August 1962, Ventura County, California

Spouse: Mary B. Detwiller

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1847, Virginia

Death Date/Location: 7 November 1896, Orange County, California

Marriage Date/Location: October 1876, Sutton, Jackson County, Nebraska

Children –**Name: John M. Shirley**

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1877, Nebraska

Death Date/Location: 19 November 1908, Orange County, California

Name: George Ward Shirley

Birth Date/Location: 5 May 1879, Nebraska

Death Date/Location: 25 December 1935, Orange County, California

Name: Minnie Enid Shirley (Houtz, Thompson)

Birth Date/Location: 17 February 1881, Nebraska

Death Date/Location: 13 January 1874, Santa Paula, Ventura County, California

Additional Information

Member of Huntington Beach Post No 194, GAR

Enlisted 2 November 1864 at Marysville, California, mustered out 26 April 1866 at Presidio, San Francisco, California

John Shirley came to California around 1859 settling first in Northern California. He enlisted in Co K, 7th Infantry Regiment and served for two years. He returned to the midwest settling in Clay County, Nebraska where he built the first good grain elevator. He lived in the area for 17 years before selling his land and business. While in Clay County he also served as Justice of the Peace.

John built the first house in Huntington Beach called Pacific City at the time. He was also Justice of the Peace in Huntington Beach from 1907 to 1915.

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- Record for Annie S Rountree

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- Memorial 10402175, Created by Eldora Sasser, Record for Mary Shirley
- Memorial 103332205, Created by Peggy Bargaen Duey, Record for Howard M Shirley
- Memorial 10401976, Created by Eldora Sasser, Record for Ann S "Annie" Rountree
- Memorial 89363376, Created by Stan Franzer, Record for Minnie Enid Shirley Thompson
- Memorial 10402165, Created by Eldora Sasser, Record for George "M" Shirley

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