

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** Stephen Washburn SMITH

**Birth Date:** 1 April 1838

Location: Waterloo, Canada



**Death Date:** 30 March 1916

Location: Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: L-19-A

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 17.57596" W117° 50' 32.67488"

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

**Side Served:** Union

Rank: First Sergeant

Company: C

Unit: 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

State: Illinois

**Occupation:** Grain Buyer, Farmer, Undertaker

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father:** Unknown

Birth Date/Location: Vermont

Death Date/Location: Unknown

**Mother:** Unknown

Birth Date/Location: Pennsylvania

Death Date/Location: Unknown

**Spouse:** Betsy Jane Myers

Birth Date / Location: September 1836, Vermont

Death Date/Location: 9 November 1913, Orange County, California

Marriage Date/Location: 2 January 1858, Whiteside County, Illinois

**Children –**

**Name:** William H. Smith

Birth Date/Location: 1858, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 24 June 1926, Orange County, California

**Name:** Edgar M. Smith

Birth Date/Location: 1860, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 30 December 1939, Orange County, California

**Name: Minnie E. Smith**

Birth Date/Location: October 1867, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 13 March 1915, Orange County, California

**Name: George S. Smith**

Birth Date/Location: 25 July 1871, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 24 August 1959, Orange County, California

**Name: Lloyd Leland Smith**

Birth Date/Location: 31 March 1878, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 18 February 1956, San Bernardino County, California

## Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR – Post Commander

### Illinois Civil War Detail Report

Stephen W Smith, married, age 24 and born in Canada enlisted as a Corporal in Co C, 75<sup>th</sup> Illinois US Infantry for a period of 3 years. He was living in Newton, Whiteside County, Illinois when he enlisted on 7 August 1863 at Newton, Whiteside County, Illinois. He mustered in 2 September 1862 at Dixon, Lee County, Illinois and mustered out 12 June 1865 at Camp Harker, Tennessee. He was promoted to Sergeant 7 August 1864.

Stephen Smith was part of a committee of growers who were interested in growing sugar beets in Orange County. Stephen Smith made a trip to Watsonville to investigate the industry and brought back seeds which were planted and grown under his supervision. He had the beets which were harvested analyzed for sugar content resulting in the sugar beet industry becoming part of Orange County agriculture. He also ran a undertaking business with his son called Smith and Sons.

Stephen Smith's son George married Carrie Rachel Jones the daughter of Civil War Veteran Oliver Perry Jones who is also buried in Orange County.

Stephen's son Lloyd Leland was a Private in the US Army during World War I

Photograph of tombstone for Stephens Smith, Fairhaven Memorial Park, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 3/16/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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