

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** George Willis SPENCER

**Birth Date:** 4 December 1843

Location: Fayette County, Kentucky

**Death Date:** 31 January 1934

Location: Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: IOOF (12, 4, 10)

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 11.86975" W117° 50' 19.19076"

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



**Side Served:** Union

Rank: Private

Company: G

Unit: 79<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment

State: Indiana

Rank: Private

Company: D

Unit: 51<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment

State: Indiana

**Occupation:** Carpenter

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father: Unknown**

Birth Date/Location: Kentucky

Death Date/Location: Unknown

**Mother: Amelia**

Birth Date/Location: abt 1819, Kentucky

Death Date/Location: Unknown

**Spouse: Frances Emily Beidler**

Birth Date/Location: 14 July 1860, Wayne County, Ohio

Death Date/Location: 6 March 1944, Orange County, California

Marriage Date/Location: 22 October 1876, Ouray, Ouray County, Colorado

## Children –

**Name: Robert Perry Spencer**

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1879, Colorado

Death Date/Location: Unknown

**Name: Ora Corinne Spencer (Jones)**

Birth Date/Location: 14 October 1882, Colorado

Death Date/Location: 28 August 1975, Nevada

**Name: Lillian Ethel Spencer (Roberts)**

Birth Date/Location: 6 April 1894, LaPlata County, Colorado

Death Date/Location: 31 January 1955, Orange County, California

**Name: Alfred Spencer**

Birth Date/Location: 1902, Unknown

Death Date/Location: 1914, Unknown

## Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

Enlisted 8 March 1865 in 79<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry, transferred out 3 August 1865. Transferred in 3 August 1865 in 51<sup>st</sup> Infantry mustered out 13 December 1865. George apparently enlisted under the name George W. Schlenker.

### Civil War Pension Index

Co G, 79<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry

Schlenker, George W alias Spencer, George W

Filed 13 December 1913

Died 21 January 1934, Santa Ana, California

Photograph of headstone for George Willis Spencer, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 3/4/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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