

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Philip J. SPENCER

Birth Date: March 1849

Location: Worthington, West Virginia

Death Date: 13 August 1932

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: Old Mausoleum Corridor G-11-A

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 11.72431" W117° 50' 34.35167"

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

Side Served: Union

Rank: Private

Company: L

Unit: 3rd Cavalry Regiment

State: West Virginia

Occupation: Potter, Farmer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: John Spencer

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1807, Virginia

Death Date/Location: Unknown

Mother: Susannah

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1811, Virginia

Death Date/Location: Unknown

Spouse: Bertha Julia Wagner

Birth Date/Location: March 1852, Germany

Death Date/Location: 15 April 1937, Orange County, California

Marriage Date/Location: 5 July 1871, Muscatine County, Iowa

Children –

Name: Charles F. Spencer

Birth Date/Location: May 1873, Missouri

Death Date/Location: 15 August 1947, Weld County, Colorado

Name: Cora I. Spencer (Johnson, Hoffman)

Birth Date/Location: 8 April 1874, Iowa

Death Date/Location: 1 September 1959, Orange County, California

Name: Minnie C. Spencer (Tangye)

Birth Date/Location: July 1879, Texas

Death Date/Location: 9 November 1967, Arapahoe County, Colorado

Name: Alma Grace Spencer

Birth Date/Location: 30 May 1882, Nebraska

Death Date/Location: 16 December 1952, Orange County, California

Name: Roy Austin Spencer

Birth Date/Location: 13 February 1884, Greenwich County, Nebraska

Death Date/Location: 7 May 1963, Glenn County, California

Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

Philip Spencer, age 15, enlisted on 15 March 1865 at Wheeling, West Virginia, mustered out 30 June 1865 at Wheeling, West Virginia. He served under General George Custer and participated in the Battles of Droop Mountain and Cedar Creek. He was in the home guard prior to the war.

Philip Spencer was an accomplished violinist playing an instrument that was purported to have been constructed in 1770. He continued to entertain friends with old time songs even after becoming blind.

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- Record for Cora Hoffman, Mother's Maiden Name: Wagner
- Record for Alma Grace Spencer, Mother's Maiden Name: Wagner
- Record for Ray A. Spencer, Mother's Maiden Name: Wagner

Findagrave.com, searchable database of cemeteries with tombstone inscriptions, memorials and photographs

- Memorial 99948951, Created by Macso, Record for Philip J. Spencer
- Memorial 99949198, Created by Macso Record for Bertha J. Spencer
- Memorial 7846518, Created by Digginrellies, Record for Minnie Spencer Tangye
- Memorial 59340413, Created by Tony & Cindy Lloyd, Record for Alma Grace Spencer
- Memorial 55779188, Created by Ed Smith, Record for Cora Johnson Hoffman
- Memorial 65309365, Created by ProgBase, Record for Charles F Spencer

"Death Calls Aged Veteran of Civil War", Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Saturday, August 13, 1932, Pg 1, Col 6

Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Monday August 15, 1932, Pg 3, Col 1

- Funeral Notice – Philip J Spencer

"Mrs Spencer, 85, Dies at Her Home", Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Saturday April 17, 1937, Pg 3, Col 8