

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Leander Wallace STEARNS

Birth Date: 15 October 1829

Location: Sodus, Wayne County, New York

Death Date: 10 March 1925

Location: Huntington Beach, Orange County, California

Buried at: Good Shepard Cemetery

Plot Location: EG965/183/2

GPS Coordinates: N33° 42' 06.77153" W117° 59' 19.81421"

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



Side Served - Union

Rank: Private

Company: G

Unit: 8th Infantry Regiment

State: Minnesota

Occupation: Real Estate Agent

Family Information

Parents –

Father: John Stearns

Birth Date/Location: 23 August 1804, St. Lawrence County, New York

Death Date/Location: 2 February 1895, Crow Wing County, Minnesota

Mother: Hannah Johnson

Birth Date/Location: 16 May 1812, New Hampshire

Death Date/Location: 24 January 1887, Crow Wing County, Minnesota

Spouse: Sarah Octavia Reynolds

Birth Date / Location: 14 July 1839, Southfield, Oakland County, Michigan

Death Date/Location: 23 January 1918, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 4 July 1855, Lamont, Ottawa County, Michigan

Children –

Name: Adella Stearns (Gardner)

Birth Date / Location: 22 May 1856, Lamont, Ottawa County, Michigan

Death Date / Location: 6 December 1922, Orange County, California

Name: Clara Alma Stearns (Wilson)

Birth Date / Location: 9 December 1859, Lamont, Ottawa County, Michigan

Death Date / Location: 1 May 1951, Jackson County, Oregon

Name: Hattie May Stearns

Birth Date / Location: 29 May 1858, Michigan

Death Date / Location: 25 February 1859, Ottawa County, Michigan

Name: Eliza Auroa Stearns (Lindsley)

Birth Date / Location: 19 Jan 1862, Minnesota

Death Date / Location: 24 April 1949, Los Angeles County, California

Name: Leander John Stearns

Birth Date / Location: 10 Dec 1863, Minnesota

Death Date / Location: 13 April 1951, Arlington, Riverside County, California

Name: Rhoda Marie Stearns (Hiler)

Birth Date / Location: 9 April 1866, Minnesota

Death Date / Location: 22 February 1956, Freeborn County, Minnesota

Name: Frank R. Stearns

Birth Date / Location: abt. 1867, Minnesota

Death Date / Location: 7 February 1934, Los Angeles County, California

Name: Marco Byron Stearns

Birth Date / Location: 25 February 1869, Minnesota

Death Date / Location: 25 April 1952, Orange County, California

Name: Lucius James Stearns

Birth Date / Location: 1872, Minnesota

Death Date / Location: 1872, Minnesota

Name: Peter Joshua Stearns

Birth Date / Location: 1873, Minnesota

Death Date / Location: 1873, Minnesota

Name: Lena Maude Stearns (Bolton)

Birth Date / Location: 14 June 1875, Michigan

Death Date / Location: 3 October 1971, Los Angeles County, California

Name: Leo Burt Stearns

Birth Date / Location: abt. 1878, Minnesota

Death Date / Location: 22 March 1941, Los Angeles County, California

Additional Information

Member of Huntington Beach Post No 194, GAR

Enlisted 19 February 1864, mustered out 8 May 1864

Leander's brother, John J. Stearns, also fought with Co G, 8th Infantry Minnesota

Leander's father, John Stearns, served as a Private in the Black Hawk War.

Leander's grandfather, Joshua Stearns, was a Private in the War of 1812 at Sackett's Harbor, New York

Leander had two grandsons that served during World War I

- Owen Stearns, was a Private First Class with the US Army
- Everett C Hiller was a Private with the US Army

Sarah Octavia Reynolds, Leander's wife, is the sister of Lemar Reynolds, Co H, 4th Infantry, Michigan who is also buried in Orange County.

Leander and his wife first moved to Redlands in 1902 and then to Huntington Beach in 1907.

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- Brainerd Ward 2, Crow Wing County, Minnesota; Roll T623_761, page 18B, Record for Lena Maude Bolton
- Daggett Brook, Crow Wing County, Minnesota; Roll T623_761, Page 2A, ED: 0061, Record for Clara A Wilson

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- Huntington Beach, Orange County, California; Roll T624_90, Page 2A, Family 34, Record for Leander W. Stearns
- Knute, Polk County, Minnesota; Roll T624_716, Page 6B, ED: 0216, Record for Rhoda M Hiler
- Westminster, Orange County, California; Roll T624_90, Page 12 A, ED: 0061, Record for Adelle Gardner

State of California. *California Death Index, 1940-1997*. Sacramento, CA, USA: State of California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics.

- Record for Eliza Lindsley, Mother's Maiden Name: Reynolds
- Record for Leander John Stearns, Mother's Maiden Name: Reynolds
- Record for Marco Byron Stearns, Mother's Maiden Name: Reynolds
- Record for L. Burt Stearns, Mother's Maiden Name: Reynolds
- Record for Lena M. Bolton

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- Record for Adella Stearns Gardner

California, Death Index, 1905-1939. California Department of Health and Welfare. California Vital Records

- Record for Leander W Stearns
- Record for Sarah Stearns

Oregon State Library; *Oregon Death Index 1931-1941*; Reel Title: *Oregon Death Index L-Z*; Year Range: 1951-1960

- Record for Clarrie A Wilson

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

- Memorial 8596575, Created by Shiver, Record for Leander Stearns
- Memorial 32809093, Created by ed graves, Record for Sarah Octavia Reynolds Stearns
- Memorial 52163623, Created by ed graves, Record for Leander John Stearns
- Memorial 87699972, Created by Rayla, Record for Hattie May Stearns
- Memorial 85821990, Created by Mona Williamson, Record for Eliza A Lindsley
- Memorial 135564682, Created by Dick Rierson, Record for Rhoda May Hiler
- Memorial 102694994, Created by RobMinteer57, Record for Clarrie A Wilson
- Memorial 124989472, Created by A. Nelson, Record for John Leander Stearns
- Memorial 124989471, Created by A. Nelson, Record for Hannah *Johnson* Stearns

"Resident of HB Dies at 96", Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Wednesday, March 11, 1925, Pg 6, Col 2

"Man 90, Wears First Glasses", Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Friday, May 28, 1920, Pg 9 & 10

"Mrs Stearns Dead", Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Monday, January 28, 1918, Pg 6, Col 3 & 4

RESIDENT OF H. B. DIES AT AGE OF 96

HUNTINGTON BEACH, March 11.—Funeral services will be held here tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock for L. W. Stearns, 96, pioneer of Orange county and Huntington Beach, who died at the home of his son, L. J. Stearns, yesterday. The services will be in the Methodist church and will be in charge of the Rev. S. J. Rogers.

Mr. Stearns came to Orange county 23 years ago and settled in Huntington Beach. He was one of the oldest men in Orange county.

Stearns is survived by eight children, four sons and four daughters. They are L. J. Stearns, Huntington Beach; F. R. Stearns, Los Angeles; M. B. Stearns, Santa Ana; L. B. Stearns, Ventura; Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Seattle; Mrs. J. H. Hiler, North Dakota; Mrs. B. F. Lindsey, Oceanside, and Mrs. W. H. Bolton, Yuma, Ariz.

She was married in 1855 and raised a large family. The family lived in Minnesota from 1860 until they came to Redlands, Cal., in 1902, moving to Huntington Beach in 1907, where Mrs. Stearns had lived since. Five of her children were present at the funeral. One lives in Washington and one in the East, three having died in infancy. Mr. Stearns was able to attend the funeral although he has been in poor health for some time, being nearly ninety years of age. Mrs. Stearns was buried at the local cemetery.

