

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Edward SWEENEY

Birth Date: 1846

Location: Ireland

Death Date: 28 June 1909

Location: Gypsum Canyon, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Anaheim Cemetery

Plot Location: Unk-8-6

GPS Coordinates: N33° 50' 32.76634" W117° 53' 53.90712"

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



Side Served: Union

Rank: Private

Company: K

Unit: 215th Infantry Regiment

State: Pennsylvania

Occupation: Waiter

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Unknown

Birth Date/Location: Ireland

Death Date/Location:

Mother: Catherin

Birth Date/Location: 1815, Ireland

Death Date/Location:

Spouse: Unknown

Birth Date/Location:

Death Date/Location:

Marriage Date/Location:

Children – Unknown

Additional Information

Enlisted 11 April 1865 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, mustered out 31 July 1865 at Fort Delaware, Delaware

Edward Sweeny's body was found by hunters in Gypsum Canyon near Santa Ana. It is unknown exactly how he died, but the theory is that he died from exposure and lack of sustenance after leaving a mining camp and becoming lost. His remains were interred as a county charge. More details are contained in the 22 and 29 July 1909 Anaheim Gazette articles.

Photograph of tombstone for Pvt Edward Sweeney, Anaheim Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 1/26/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

Sources

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

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