

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** Joseph TREFETHEN

**Birth Date:** 7 February 1824

Location: Maine

**Death Date:** 11 August 1887

Location: Los Angeles County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Magnolia Memorial Park

Plot Location: AG-NE-125SxS-1

GPS Coordinates: N33° 47' 03.98359" W117° 58' 32.28404"

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



**Side Served:** Union

Rank: Captain

Ship: Merchant Ship

**Occupation:** Ship's Captain, Farmer

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father: George Trefethen**

Birth Date/Location: 29 May 1800, Monhegan, Lincoln County, Maine

Death Date/Location: 26 March 1870, Monhegan, Lincoln County, Maine

**Mother: Sarah Sally Thompson**

Birth Date/Location: 19 September 1801, Maine

Death Date/Location: 26 May 1856, Monhegan, Lincoln County, Maine

**Spouse: Gratia Ann Kingsbury**

Birth Date/Location: October 1829, Monhegan, Lincoln County, Maine

Death Date/Location: 20 November 1916, Los Angeles County, California

Marriage Date/Location: Unknown

**Children –**

**Name: Mary Evelyn May Trefethen**

Birth Date/Location: 1847, Monhegan, Lincoln County, Maine

Death Date/Location: 21 February 1918, San Pedro, Los Angeles County, California

**Name: Evans Heden Trefethen**

Birth Date/Location: 27 January 1852, Monhegan, Lincoln County, Maine

Death Date/Location: 28 January 1918, Westminster, Orange County, California

**Name: Everett B. Trefethen**

Birth Date/Location: June 1855, Maine

Death Date/Location: 4 February 1921, San Pedro, Los Angeles County, California

**Name: Annie Trefethen**

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1859, Maine

Death Date/Location: bef 1870, Maine

## Additional Information

Capt Trefethen was a merchant sea captain who lent his services and ship to blockading the South.

Joseph Trefethen's son, Evans, followed his father's career path and became a Captain at the age of 19 sailing from Maine to the West Indies in 1872. After moving to California he worked for the Wilmington Transportation Co. for 27 years

Photograph of tombstone for Capt Joseph Trefethen, Magnolia Memorial Park, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 2/19/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

## Sources

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- Memorial 19189718, Created by Beca, Record for Mary Evelyn May Trefethen
- Memorial 19190651, Created by Beca, Record for Capt Evans Heden Trefethen
- Memorial 19191836, Created by Beca, Record for Sarah Sally Thompson Trefethen
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- Record for Gratia A Trefethen
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