

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** Gilbert Lafayette VAN EATON

**Birth Date:** 14 October 1843

Location: Thorntown, Boone County, Indiana

**Death Date:** 2 June 1936

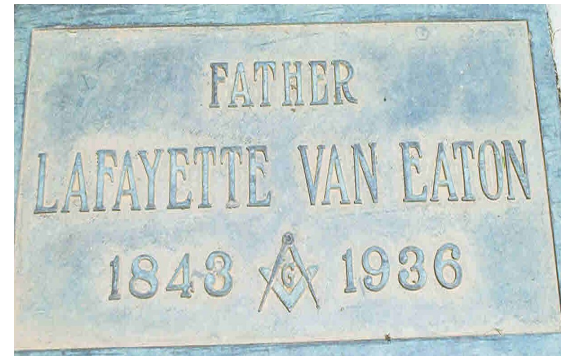
Location: Fullerton, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Anaheim Cemetery

Plot Location: OC (6,3)

GPS Coordinates: N33° 50' 29.12257" W117° 53' 54.39050"

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



**Side Served:** Union

Rank: Private

Company: A

Unit: 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry

State: Wisconsin

**Occupation:** Farmer, Lumber & Grain Dealer

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father: James Van Eaton**

Birth Date/Location: 28 June 1800, Sugar Creek Township, Greene County, Ohio

Death Date/Location: 1891, Canisota, McCook County, South Dakota

**Mother: Julia Gulielma Brown**

Birth Date/Location: 12 September 1806, Deep Creek, Anson County, North Carolina

Death Date/Location: 23 May 1847, Boone County, Indiana

**Spouse: Mary Elizabeth “Lizzie” Fridd**

Birth Date / Location: December 1846, Livingston County, New York

Death Date/Location: 16 July 1934, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 6 October 1865, Winnebago County, Wisconsin

**Children –**

**Name: Jennie F. Van Eaton (Minton)**

Birth Date / Location: 30 July 1866, Winnebago County, Wisconsin

Death Date / Location: 14 April 1957, Orange County, California

**Name: Mirtie B. Van Eaton (Dean)**

Birth Date / Location: 15 January 1869, Minnesota

Death Date / Location: 31 October 1950, Orange County, California

## Additional Information

Member of Malvern Hill Post No 131, GAR – Post Commander  
Member of Ireland Post No 118, Sibley, Lyon County, Iowa, GAR

Gilbert Lafayette Van Eaton was born to James Van Eaton and Guilialma Julia Brown in Indiana, moved to Wisconsin with his parents, then moved to Iowa, where he lived for forty years, before moving to Orange County, California in 1920.

Gilbert Lafayette Van Eaton enlisted as a Private into Company A of the 16<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry on 1 October 1861, and mustered out on 30 July 1865. The 16<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry was organized at Camp Randall in Madison, and left Wisconsin for St. Louis, Missouri on 13 March 1862. The unit participated in the battles of Shiloh, Atlanta, General Sherman's March to the Sea, and the surrender of the Confederate army at Appomattox.

He married Mary Elizabeth Fridd in 1865 in Winnebago County, Wisconsin. In 1872 Mr. Van Eaton moved from Wisconsin to Osceola County, Iowa, where he homesteaded land for farming. In 1883 he moved to Little Rock, Iowa, and formed a partnership as a dealer in grain, lumber, and coal. He became a three term Mayor of Little Rock.

Gilbert Lafayette Van Eaton was a member of the Odd Fellows, Kiwanis, Knights Templar, and the Masons.

Photograph of tombstone for Lafayette Van Eaton, Loma Vista Memorial Park, Fullerton, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 2/20/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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- Memorial 124884187, Created by Lesa Pfrommer, Record for Myrtie B. *Van Eaton* Dean
- Memorial 58110865, Created by Lady DeAnna, Record for James VanEaton
- Memorial 20418865, Created by Marc Doty, Record for Gulielma Brown Van Eaton