

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Thomas VANCE

Birth Date: October 1846

Location: Ohio

Death Date: 24 June 1931

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Melrose Abbey

Plot Location: unknown

GPS Coordinates: N33° 47' 41.16142" W117° 53' 42.1325"

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



Side Served: Union

Rank: Private

Company: H / I

Unit: 69th Infantry

State: Ohio

Occupation: Minister

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Thomas Vance

Birth Date/Location: 22 June 1818, Ohio

Death Date/Location: 5 January 1896, Madison County, Ohio

Mother: Anna Cernal

Birth Date/Location: 17 September 1820, Virginia

Death Date/Location: 16 January 1902, Madison County, Ohio

Spouse: Melvina Elam

Birth Date / Location: 16 November 1857, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 3 September 1952, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 15 June 1879, Bond County, Illinois

Children –

Name: May Vance (Reeve)

Birth Date / Location: 17 February 1881, Illinois

Death Date / Location: 1 August 1930, Los Angeles County, California

Name: Mabel Vance (Tremain, Menard)

Birth Date / Location: 17 February 1881, Illinois

Death Date / Location: 8 February 1955, Riverside County, California

Name: Arlyn Thomas Vance

Birth Date / Location: 5 October 1882, Illinois

Death Date / Location: 7 December 1968, Riverside, California

World War I Draft Registration, Los Angeles County, California

Name: Anne Vance (Coxen)

Birth Date / Location: 14 February 1884, Illinois

Death Date / Location: 19 February 1961, San Bernardino County, California

Name: Joy Frances Vance (Wakefield, Winckler)

Birth Date / Location: 12 February 1886, Illinois

Death Date / Location: 29 September 1966, Riverside County, California

Additional Information

US Home for Disabled Veterans – Sawtelle

Thomas Vance admitted 24 May 1930

Private Co I, 69th Ohio Infantry, Enlisted 22 February 1862, Morristown, Ohio

Discharged 9 April 1865, Goldsboro, North Carolina

Born in Ohio, nearest relative, wife Mrs. M.E. Vance, Santa Ana

Civil War Pension Index

H & I, 69th Ohio Infantry

Thomas Vance, invalid, 14 November 1895, Indiana

Mellie E Vance, widow, 27 July 1931, California

Thomas Vance Papers – MS117, Bowling Green State University

Thomas lied about his age and enlisted at the age of 15 though his paperwork indicates 16

Became a Protestant Minister in 1872

Thomas Vance's daughter Mabel graduated from the graduated from the America School of Osteopathy of Kirksville, Missouri in 1907. Her office was in the Hervey Block of Santa Ana.

Thomas Vance's son Arlyn was also a doctor of Osteopathy with a practice in Orange County.

Thomas Vance officiated at the marriage of his daughter Mabel to Lyman Tremain in 1912.

Thomas Vance's daughter Mae Reeve was City Treasurer of Fullerton the 4 years before her death.

Photograph of tombstone for Thomas Vance, Melrose Abbey, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 6/22/20013. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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- Record for Thomas Vance
- Record for Mae Reed

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- Consist of nine letters from the American Civil War dating April 8, 1862 to April 3, 1864

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

- Memorial 20049689 Created by Patsy Lubben DiMarco, Record for Thomas Vance
- Memorial 20049695 Created by Patsy Lubben DiMarco, Record for Melvina Elam Vance
- Memorial 69314250, Created by Anonymous Graver, Record for Anne V Coxen
- Memorial 130693386, Created by macso, Record for Mabel V M Tremain
- Memorial 130693392, Created by macso, Record for May Vance Reeve
- Memorial 12934200, Created by Dave, Record for Thomas Vance, Sr.
- Memorial 12934202, Created by Dave, Record for Anna W Vance

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"Buys Practice of Dr. Laura Betz" (Dr. Mabel Vance) - Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Tuesday Evening, September 3, 1907, Pg 8, Col 2

"Tremaine-Vance Marriage" - Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Thursday Evening, October 10, 1912, Pg 5, Col 2

"City Treasure of Fullerton Passes" - Mae Vance Reeve – Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Saturday Evening, August 2, 1930, Pg 3, Col 4

"Vance-Wakefield", Miss Joy Vance Becomes Bride of Arizona Man at Pretty Home Wedding – Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Friday Evening, February 28, 1913, Pg 5, Col 3

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Thomas Vance, 420 West First street, is today celebrating his eightieth birthday, and will have as his guests at a family dinner this evening his children and their families, including Dr. Mabel Vance Tremain, Mrs. J. R. Clarkson and family, of Fullerton, Miss Joy S. Wakefield of Pasadena, Dr. A. T. Vance and Dr. and Mrs. Frank Long of Los Angeles and Dr. Tremain's friend, Mrs. T. V. Summers of Los Angeles.

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The Rev. Thomas Vance, who was seriously injured in a railroad accident near Albuquerque, N. M., July 4, and who has been in a hospital there, had today been removed to his home, 420 West First street. Returning with him was his daughter, Dr Mable Vance Tremaine, who went to Albuquerque upon receiving word of her father's serious condition. He is reported greatly improved.

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