

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Robert C. WHITSON

Birth Date: September 1848
Location: Pennsylvania

Death Date: 8 November 1902
Location: Orange, Orange County, California
Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery
Plot Location: Masonic Y (23, 2, 9)
GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 10.76317" W117° 50' 24.97075"
(DMS) Datum: NAD83. Coordinates are +/- 1.00 feet of the grave location.



Side Served: Union
Rank: Private
Company: I
Unit: 46th Infantry Regiment
State: Iowa

Occupation: Farmer, Carpenter

Family Information

Parents –

Father: James H. Whitson

Birth Date/Location: 23 March 1813, Maryland
Death Date/Location: 28 November 1854, Tipton, Cedar County, Iowa

Mother: Catharine J. Piatt

Birth Date/Location: 8 December 1818, Pennsylvania
Death Date/Location: 14 January 1886, Orange County, California
Second husband Manna C Stearns

Spouse: Mary M. Swartzlender

Birth Date/Location: 3 March 1851, Iowa
Death Date/Location: 11 February 1940, Orange County, California
Marriage Date/Location: 17 June 1869, Cedar County, Iowa

Children –

Name: Donald D. Whitson

Birth Date/Location: August 1870, Iowa
Death Date/Location: Unknown

Name: Le Roy L. Whitson, DDS

Birth Date/Location: 19 April 1872, Iowa

Death Date/Location: 4 July 1944, Orange County, California

Name: Guy W. Whitson

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1874, Iowa

Death Date/Location: 7 January 1898, Abilene, Kansas

Name: Rueben Loss Whitson

Birth Date/Location: 18 March 1876, Iowa

Death Date/Location: 15 July 1937, Orange County, California

Name: Walter Verne Whitson

Birth Date/Location: 18 July 1879, Iowa

Death Date/Location: 11 December 1935, Orange County, California

Name: Martha Jacoba Whitson

Birth Date/Location: 22 June 1881, Iowa

Death Date/Location: 20 March 1980, Orange County, California

Name: Robert Arthur Whitson

Birth Date/Location: 27 June 1889, California

Death Date/Location: 19 April 1978, San Diego County, California

Name: Elmer B. Whitson

Birth Date/Location: 25 May 1894, Kansas

Death Date/Location: 28 June 1967, Orange County, California

Name: Kate Magee – adopted daughter

Birth Date/Location: abt 1863, Pennsylvania

Death Date/Location: unknown

Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

Enlisted 28 May 1864, mustered in 10 June 1864, mustered out 23 September 1864 at Davenport, Iowa.

Photograph of headstone for Robert C Whitson, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 3/5/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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