

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: James Little WIGHTMAN

Birth Date: 6 April 1821

Location: Dumfries, Scotland

Death Date: 20 December 1891

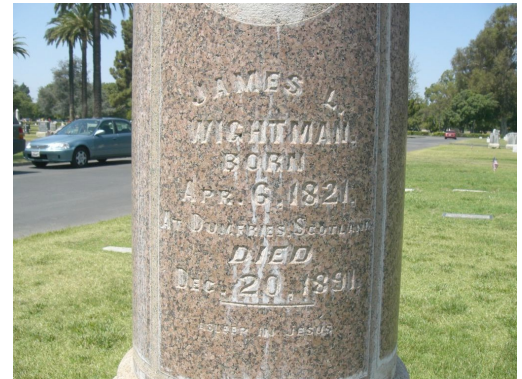
Location: Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: Masonic (24,4,3)

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 10.58422" W117° 50' 23.87430"

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



Side Served: Union

Rank: Private, Commissary Sergeant, First Lieutenant

Company: G and Staff

Unit: 16th Artillery Regiment

State: Kansas

Occupation: Farmer, Painter

Family Information

Parents –

Father: James Wightman

Birth Date/Location: Unknown, Scotland

Death Date/Location: Unknown

Mother: Martha Jane Brown

Birth Date/Location: Unknown, Scotland

Death Date/Location: Unknown

Spouse: Margaret Stewart McGuffie

Birth Date / Location: 1829, Scotland

Death Date/Location: 5 January 1853, Wantage, Sussex County, New Jersey

Marriage Date / Location: 27 December 1845, Sussex County, New Jersey

Children –

Name: Charlotte “Lottie” S. Wightman (Fisher)

Birth Date / Location: About 1849, New Jersey

Death Date / Location: After 1880

Name: James Maxwell Wightman

Birth Date / Location: About 1848, New Jersey

Death Date / Location: unknown, Kansas

Name: Mary Jane Wightman

Birth Date / Location: 1850, Wantage Township, Sussex County, New Jersey

Death Date / Location: unknown, Kansas

Name: Margaret A. Wightman (Warner, Gulley)

Birth Date / Location: 12 September 1852, Montague, Sussex County, New Jersey

Death Date / Location: 10 January 1921, Orange County, California

Spouse: Isabella Parker

Birth Date / Location: May 1820, Scotland

Death Date/Location: 28 June 1910, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 27 May 1853, Wantage Township, Sussex County, New Jersey

Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

James L. Wightman joined the 16th Kansas Cavalry Regiment in Monmouth on 25 February 1864 as a Private, and became a Commisary Sergeant on 1 March 1864, and later a First Lieutenant. He mustered out on 6 December 1865.

James L. Wightman was born in Dumfries, Scotland and was one of seven children of James Wightman and Mary Jane Brown. He went to Manchester, England before settling in New Jersey in 1840 as a farmer. In 1857 he moved to Kansas where he built an ore mill eventually moving to Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas. In 1870 he went to Colorado, and discovered gold, and was elected Recorder of the mines district in Conejos County, Colorado. He sold his Annie Mine in Colorado for \$60,000. He also built a wagon road from Silverton to Durango, Colorado. In 1880 he moved to Santa Ana, California.

Photograph of tombstone for James Wightman, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 26 May 2009. Retrieved 14 December 2013, from Findagrave.com. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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- Record for Margaret Gulley

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- Memorial 6009411, Created by Michael Keates, Record for Margaret S. Wightman
- Memorial 119285751, Created by Masco, Record for Isabell R. Wightman
- Memorial 118906436, Created by Mia Houghton, Record for Lottie Fisher
- Memorial 119233203, Created by Mia Houghton, Record for Margaret A Gulley