

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** John A. WOOLSEY

**Birth Date:** February 1841

Location: Illinois

**Death Date:** 9 September 1910

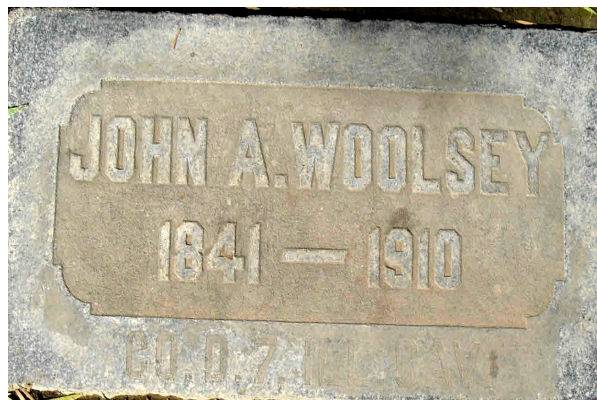
Location: Orange, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: Lawn I-57-1

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 17.97202" W117° 50' 33.41168"

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



**Side Served:** Union

Rank: Quartermaster Sergeant

Company: Field and Staff / D

Unit: 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment

State: Illinois

**Occupation:** Farmer, Fruit Grower

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father: George Woolsey**

Birth Date/Location: abt 1816, Ohio

Death Date/Location: abt 1852, Victoria, Knox County, Illinois

**Mother: Minerva Olmstead**

Birth Date/Location: abt 1819, New York

Death Date/Location: 11 July 1867, Victoria, Knox County, Illinois

**Spouse: Prudence Jane Woolsey**

Birth Date/Location: 12 December 1842, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 4 July 1923, Orange County, California

Marriage Date/Location: 5 May 1864, Knox County, Illinois

**Children –**

**Name: Eddie Rosen Woolsey**

Birth Date/Location: 16 October 1867, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 15 September 1957, Orange County, California

**Name: Etta M Woolsey (Jones)**

Birth Date/Location: June 1872, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 23 July 1929, Orange County, California

**Name: Luella S. Woolsey (Hemphill)**

Birth Date/Location: 19 September 1875, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 31 December 1958, Los Angeles County, California

**Name: Maud Woolsey (Alexander)**

Birth Date/Location: July 1877, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 17 October 1939, Orange County, California

## Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

### Illinois Civil War Detail Report

John A Woolsey age 22 born in Illinois and residing in Knox, Knox County, Illinois enlisted as a Private in Co D, 7<sup>th</sup> Illinois US Cavalry on 10 February 1864 at Germantown, Tennessee. He mustered in on 30 March 1864 at Memphis, Tennessee. Transferred to Non Com Staff as Quartermaster Sergeant. Mustered out 4 November 1866 in Nashville, Tennessee. Reenlisted as a veteran with Co D, 7<sup>th</sup> Illinois US Cavalry.

Photograph of headstone for John A Woolsey, Fairhaven Memorial Park, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 3/16/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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