

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Thomas Jefferson ALEXANDER

Birth Date: 21 January 1841

Location: Jennings County, Indiana

Death Date: 2 August 1917

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: R-6-2

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 16.33070" W117° 50' 33.45831"

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



Side Served: Union

Rank: Sergeant

Company: I

Unit: 150th Infantry

State: Illinois

Occupation: Postmaster, Farmer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Unknown

Birth Date/Location: Pennsylvania

Death Date/Location: unknown

Mother: Unknown

Birth Date/Location: Pennsylvania

Death Date/Location: unknown

Spouse: Mary Elizabeth Edwards

Birth Date / Location: September 1843, Decatur County, Indiana

Death Date/Location: 28 August 1927, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 28 May 1863, Decatur, Adams County, Indiana

Children –

Name: James E. Alexander

Birth Date / Location: 23 July 1868, Indiana

Death Date / Location: 29 May 1948, Orange County, California

Name: Josephine Alexander (Druce)

Birth Date / Location: 3 July 1871, Indiana

Death Date / Location: 18 September 1949, Orange County, California

Name: Florence Alexander

Birth Date / Location: ABT 1878, Indiana

Death Date / Location: Between 1900 and 1910, unknown

Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No. 17, GAR and was a Post Commander

Jefferson T Alexander was born in Jennings County, Indiana. Residing in Tuscola, Douglas County, Illinois and working as a mechanic at time of enlistment in Co I, 150th Infantry on 9 February 1865 at Decatur, Macon County, Illinois for a period of 1 year. He mustered in 13 February 1865, was promoted to Full Sergeant 16 January 1866, and mustered out 16 January 1866 at Atlanta, Georgia. J T Alexander was stationed as a Provost Marshall in Atlanta after the war.

Thomas Jefferson Alexander spent most of this life working for the United States Postal Service.

- Worked as a clerk on the Big Four Railroad running from Muncie, Indiana to Bloomington, Illinois from 1876 to 1886
- He moved to California in 1887 and served as assistant Postmaster
- He was Postmaster from 1898 to 1902
- After 1902 he devoted his time to farming

Thomas Jefferson Alexander's son, James E., was an assistant Postmaster at the time of his father's passing.

Sources

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- Record for Jefferson T Alexander

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- Record for Thomas J Alexander
- Record for Mary E Alexander

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- Record for Josephine A Druce, Mother's Maiden Name: Edward, Father's Name: Alexander
- Record for James E Alexander, Mother's Maiden Name: Edwards

Decatur County, Indiana: Marriage Records 1852 – 1878 [Books H thru K] Compiled by Ruth M Slevin

- Record for Thomas J Alexander and Elizabeth E Edwards

Find A Grave, database and images - <https://www.findagrave.com>

- Memorial 8722194, Created by Shiver, Record for Thomas Alexander
- Memorial 58639292, Created by Tony & Cindy Lloyd, Record for Mary E Alexander
- Memorial 58639287, Created by Tony & Cindy Lloyd, Record for James E. Alexander
- Memorial 58628277, Created by Tony & Cindy Lloyd, Record for Josephine A Druce

Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Monday, August 6, 1917, Pg 6, Col 3

- Rites Said For T.J. Alexander On Saturday

Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana California, Thursday, August 2, 1917, Pg 1, Col 4

- Ex-Postmaster T J Alexander Passes Away

Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Monday, August 29, 1927, Pg 8, Col 2

- Well Known S. A. Citizen Passes Away – Death of Mrs Mary Elizabeth Alexander

Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Wednesday, August 31, 1927, Pg 7, Col 4

- Funeral Services For Pioneer Held – Mrs. Alexander

Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Friday, July 24, 1931, Pg 1, Col 6

- Jas Alexander Retires from P. O. Position

Photograph of tombstone for Thomas Alexander, Fairhaven Memorial Park, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 1/20/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Lewis Beal.