

OCCGS Civil War Veteran's Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: James S. (Allyn) ALLEN

Birth Date: April 1846

Location: Chelsea, Washtenaw County, Michigan

Death Date: 25 June 1909

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: North R (NL)

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 14.28409" W117° 50' 28.20930"

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



Side Served: Union

Rank: Private

Company: A

Unit: 15th Infantry

State: Michigan

Occupation: Farmer/Carpenter

Family Information

Parents –

Father: James Samuel Allen

Birth Date/Location: ABT 1800, Connecticut

Death Date/Location: 7 May 1875, Dexter, Washtenaw County, Michigan

Mother: Elizabeth Prosser

Birth Date/Location: ABT 1803, Vermont

Death Date/Location: AFT 1880, Michigan

Spouse: Susan E. Royce (Cathcart)

Birth Date / Location: August 1849, Michigan

Death Date/Location: 15 October 1928, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 13 November 1895, Grand Rapids, Washtenaw County, Michigan

Children – None

Additional Information

James Allen was the last of at least 7 children born to James Samuel Allen and Elizabeth Prosser. James Samuel Allen born in Connecticut died in Michigan 7 May 1875 and Elizabeth Prosser of Vermont died in Michigan in 1880. James had four brothers, Loomis W., Oliver, Charles and Lorenzo and two sisters, Maria A. and Emily. The family was living in Dexter, Washtenaw County, Michigan in 1850. James, the subject of this paper, was born in 1844.

James S Allen or Allyn was drafted for 1 year, from Dexter, Washtenaw County, Michigan, age 20. He mustered in on 17 March 1865 with Co A, 15th Regiment Michigan Infantry as a Private. He joined the regiment at Alexandria, Virginia 21 May 1865. He mustered out on 13 August 1865 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

James marries Susan E. Royce Cathcart, the daughter of Thomas Royce, on 13 November 1895 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The family can be found in Santa Ana, Orange County, California in 1900. James's occupation is listed as House Carpenter.

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR, Santa Ana, California

James's brother, Oliver Allen/Allyn, also served in the Civil War as a Corporal with Co K, 20th Michigan Infantry.

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- Obituary – James S Allyn

Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Monday, October 15, 1928, Pg 3, Col 1

- Death Notice – Susan E Allyn

Photograph of tombstone for James S. Allen, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 02/20/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Lewis Beal.