

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veterans Name: Samuel ARMOR

Birthdate: 20 March 1843

Location: Moriah, Essex County, New York

Death Date: 30 March 1933

Location: Orange, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: AB-469-1

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 09.54176" W117° 50' 37.50154"

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



Side Served – Union

Rank: Private

Company: H

Unit: 9th Infantry

State: Illinois

Occupation: Teacher, Carpenter. Businessman

Family Information

Parents –

Father: John Armor

Birth Date/Location: 1818, Ireland

Death Date/Location: Iowa

Mother: Jane McKee

Birth Date/Location: 27 Nov 1812, Ireland

Death Date/Location: 19 November 1889, Valley County, Nebraska

Spouse: Alice Louise Taylor

Birth Date / Location: 20 August 1848, Stockholm, New York

Death Date/Location: 12 September 1939, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 1871

Children –

Name: None

Additional Information

Samuel Armor was one of at least seven children born to John and Jane Armor. Samuel had six sisters, Mary, Jane, Eliza, Martha, Susan and Sarah. Samuel and his sisters were all born in New York. In 1860 they all lived in Otter Creek, Lucas County, Iowa on their father's farm.

Samuel Armor, age 21, listed as a student living in Kewanee, Henry County, Illinois enlisted as a Private in Co H, 9th Illinois US Cavalry on February 7, 1865 at Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois. Mustered in February 8, 1865 and mustered out September 1, 1865 in Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois

Samuel Armor came to California in 1874 with his wife Alice L. Taylor. The both graduated from Oberlin College in 1871. After graduation Samuel and Alice worked for the US Government as principal and matron at the White Earth Minnesota Indian Reservation in the Dakotas prior to moving to California. Samuel Armor was a teacher, carpenter, businessman and was a Supervisor of Orange County. He was also on the Board of the Santa Ana Water District for over 13 years. He completed two books of biographies of well-known residents of Orange County many of whom were Civil War Veterans. Samuel Armor's wife Alice was a proofreader and city editor of the Orange Post Newspaper beginning in 1890. In 1892 she purchased the paper and continued ownership until 1915.

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Samuel Armor was a member of Gordon Granger Post No 138, GAR

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- Record for Samuel Armor

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Photograph of tombstone for Samuel Armor, Fairhaven Memorial Park, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 1/22/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Lewis Beal.