

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Simon E. CHAFFEE

a.

Birth Date: 5 November 1845

Location: St. Charles, Kane County, Illinois

Death Date: 18 May 1916

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: K-28-6(N)

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 12.28587" W117° 50' 33.20591"

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



Side Served: Union

Rank: Sergeant

Company: F

Unit: 147th Infantry Regiment

State: Illinois

Occupation: Milk Dairy Manager

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Eber Kize Chaffee

Birth Date/Location: 4 December 1799, Athens, Windham County, Vermont

Death Date/Location: 2 August 1877, Campton, Kane County, Illinois

Mother: Anna D. Davis

Birth Date/Location: 7 April 1803, Grafton, Windham County, Vermont

Death Date/Location: 24 October 1876, Campton, Kane County, Illinois

Spouse: Sarah Elizabeth Woodman

Birth Date/Location: 28 February 1848, Woodstock, Grafton County, New Hampshire

Death Date/Location: 1921, Orange County, California

Marriage Date/Location: 26 March 1867, Virgil Kane County, Illinois

Children –

Name: Anna Edith Chaffee (Seay)

Birth Date/Location: 17 March 1869, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 26 March 1958, San Bernardino County, California

Name: Everett Simon Chaffee

Birth Date/Location: 20 February 1872, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 1972, unknown

Name: John Woodman Chaffee

Birth Date/Location: 26 March 1874, Kane County, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 20 May 1944, St. Charles, Kane County, Illinois

Name: Grace Harriett Chaffee (Finn)

Birth Date/Location: 27 August 1877, Wasco, Kane County, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 26 June 1961, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Name: Eleanor May Chaffee

Birth Date/Location: October 1879, Kane County, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 1884, Kane County, Illinois

Name: Earle G. Chaffee

Birth Date/Location: 8 September 1881, Kane County, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 30 September 1960, San Bernardino County, California

Name: Mabel E. Chaffee (Read)

Birth Date/Location: 5 June 1886, Kane County Illinois

Death Date/Location: 10 April 1976, Riverside County, California

Name: Ray Dow Chaffee

Birth Date/Location: 27 July 1889, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 26 August 1935, Los Angeles, California

World War I Draft Registration, Los Angeles County, California

Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

Civil War Pension Index

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Simon E. Chaffee, invalid, 23 January 1906, California

Sarah E. Chaffee, widow, 25 May 1916

U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles

Enlisted 30 January 1865, mustered out 20 January 1866 at Savannah, Georgia

Simon's brother Dorr B. Chaffee fought with Co B, 69th Illinois Infantry during the Civil War and is buried a Los Angeles National Cemetery

Simon's son Ray D Chaffee served in the US Army in Co D, 305th Tank Corps from 14 August 1918 to 2 January 1919

Simon Chaffee was a Notary Public and was a Westminster Town Justice from 1 January 1911 to 31 May 1916.

Several of Simon's brothers lived in Southern California

Albert J Chaffee who ran a dairy farm in the Westminster area

John D. Chaffee, MD who came to Garden Grove in 1875 and had a medical practice in Long Beach. He was considered a pioneer of Garden Grove and his home was called The Pines.

Sereno S. Chaffee prominent in the business and political circles of the Los Angeles area

Fernando H. Chaffee a prominent businessman in Long Beach

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