

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name: Charles DUFFORD**

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**Birth Date: March 1839** <sup>7</sup>

Location: Pennsylvania

**Death Date: 7 December 1915** <sup>1, 4</sup>

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: S-309-1\*

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 14.52112" W117° 50' 28.74606"

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



**Side Served: Union** <sup>1, 3</sup>

Rank: 4<sup>th</sup> Corporal

Company: A

Unit: 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Regiment

State: Oregon

**Occupation: Farmer**

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father: Joseph Dufford** <sup>12</sup>

Birth Date/Location: ABT 1805, Pennsylvania <sup>12</sup>

Death Date/Location: unknown

**Mother: Sarah Kelley** <sup>12</sup>

Birth Date/Location: ABT 1808, Pennsylvania <sup>12</sup>

Death Date/Location: ABT 1875

**Spouse: Adeline (Adda) Eliza Shultz** <sup>2, 5, 6</sup>

Birth Date/Location: July 1842, Shullsburg, Lafayette County, Wisconsin <sup>6</sup>

Death Date/Location: AFT 1930, California

Marriage Date/Location: 3 December 1863, Monroe, Green County, Wisconsin <sup>11</sup>

**Children – Adopted**

**Name: Estelle B. Dufford (Pixley)** <sup>8</sup>

Birth Date/Location: 11 January 1882, Nebraska <sup>9</sup>

Death Date/Location: 3 September 1966, Orange County, California <sup>12</sup>

## Additional Information

### Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

### U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865

Enlisted 23 November 1861 at Eagle Mill, Oregon, mustered in and appointed 4<sup>th</sup> Corporal 27 November 1861, disability discharge 31 January 1863 at Fort Dallas, Oregon. Reason for discharge: Injured while in pursuit of a deserter by his horse jumping a ditch on or about the 14 September 1862.

### History of Nebraska: Hall County – 1890 - Goodspeed

#### DUFFORD, Charles

Charles Dufford, another pioneer of Doniphan Township and one of the foremost citizens of the same, emigrated to Hall County, Neb., in the spring of 1871, and homesteaded 160 acres on Section 4. He was the first to erect a frame house on the table lands south of the Platte River. Mr. Dufford was born in Northampton County, Pa., in 1839, and was the son of Joseph and Sarah (Kelley) Dufford, natives also of the Keystone State. The father was a farmer, and in 1854 removed to Wisconsin, where he continued his former pursuit, and where his death occurred in 1864. The mother died in Michigan about 1875. Charles Dufford assisted his father on the farm, and received his education in the schools of Pennsylvania. At the age of fifteen years he went to Wisconsin, and in 1864 began farming for himself. Previous to this, in 1860, he crossed the plains overland to Southern Oregon, and drove an ox-team. In 1861 he enlisted in Jackson County, Ore., in Company A., First Oregon Cavalry, and went into service at Jacksonville of that State. He then wintered there, and in 1862 went to, Walla Walla, where he took part in the Indian warfare in the Northwest Territory. He remained on the plains until 1863, when he was honorably discharged at Fort Dallas, Ore. He then worked on a farm, and in 1863 returned by the overland stage to Wisconsin. He was married in Green County of the last named State, on December 8, 1863, to Miss Addie Shultz, a native of Wisconsin and the daughter of John R. and Eliza (Armstrong) Shultz, natives of North Carolina and New York, respectively. Mr. Shultz settled in Wisconsin at an early day, and in 1872 emigrated to Nebraska, where he closed his eyes to the scenes of this world in the same year. The mother died in 1874. After his marriage Mr. Dufford farmed in Wisconsin until 1871, when he moved to Nebraska. He is now the owner of 160 acres of good arable land, and has followed agricultural pursuits ever since coming to this State, with the exception of two years, when he was in the furniture business in Doniphan. He is now engaged in farming, and a glance over his place indicates the kind of farmer that he is. He is active in politics, and his vote is cast with the Republican party. He is a member of A.J. Smith Post No. 65, G.A.R. He has no children of his own but has an adopted child, Stella. Mr. Dufford has seen the complete growth of the country, and was one of the original settlers of the township. Grand Island's population numbered not over 600 souls at that date, and all was wild and unbroken. Although he has experienced three grasshopper raids, and was through the April storm of 1873, he still likes the State, and expects to make it his permanent home. During the years of 1871 and 1872 his principal occupation was in hunting, as wild game was numerous, and he kept his family and relatives in meat. He still has the old shot-gun with which he scoured the country.

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