

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** Thomas Right EPPS

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**Birth Date:** 13 December 1843

Location: Illinois

**Death Date:** 29 March 1920

Location: Garden Grove, CA

Buried at: Magnolia Memorial Park

Location: AG-SE-505x-1

GPS Coordinates: N33° 47' 03.01234" W117° 58' 32.58010"

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



**Side Served:** Union

Rank: Private

Company: E

Unit: 16TH Infantry

State: IOWA

**Occupation:** Farmer

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father:** Unknown

Birth Date/Location: Indiana

Death Date/Location:

**Mother: Caty (Epps, Bass)**

Birth Date/Location: ABT 1813, Indiana

Death Date/Location:

**Spouse: Sarah E. Gothard**

Birth Date / Location: March 1849, Illinois

Death Date/Location: AFT 1920

Marriage Date / Location: 1865, Iowa

**Children –**

**Name: James R. Epps**

Birth Date / Location: December 1866, Illinois

Death Date / Location: 1936, Thomas County, Kansas

**Name: Henry M. Epps**

Birth Date / Location: ABT 1869, Illinois

Death Date / Location: unknown

**Name: Lizzie Epps**

Birth Date / Location: ABT 1873, Illinois

Death Date / Location: unknown

**Name: George A. Epps**

Birth Date / Location: 3 September 1880, Illinois

Death Date / Location: 18 May 1963, San Bernardino County, California

World War I Draft Registration, California

**Name: Lillie M. Epps (Hapes)**

Birth Date / Location: 1885, Illinois

Death Date / Location: 1962, Orange County, California

**Name: Clarence E. Epps**

Birth Date / Location: 22 June 1891, Kansas

Death Date / Location: 25 March 1954, Riverside, California

World War I Draft Registration, California

## Additional Information

**Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR****Pension Records**

E 16 Iowa Inf

Thomas R. Epps – Invalid – 17 March 1891 – Kansas

Sarah E. Epps – Widow– 6 April 1920- California

**Iowa Civil War Soldier Burial Records**

Thomas Right Epps, Private, IA 16 Inf E, Born 1844 IL, Died 29 March 1920, buried at Magnolia Memorial, Garden Grove, Orange, CA

Enlisted 13 October 1864 at age 20, Muster Out 19 July 1865, Louisville, KY

## Sources

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National Archives and Records Administration. *Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2000.

Ancestry.com. Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2007

- 1856 Census, Westfield, Fayette County, Iowa, Roll IA\_55, Family 219, Record for Thomas R. Epps
  - Mother is listed as Caty Bass, born in Indiana and there is a daughter Rebecca Epps living with the family. Zion Bass the head of the house is not born in Iowa so could be a Step-father.

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Tenth Census of the United States, 1880. (NARA microfilm publication T9, 1,454 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

- Iroquois, Iroquois County, Illinois; Roll T9\_214, Page 199C, Family 67, Record for T.R. Epps

United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1900. T623, 1854 rolls.

- Grinnell, Gove County, Kansas; Roll T623\_481, Page 5A, Family 96, Record for Thomas R. Epps

Ancestry.com.. Kansas State Census Collection, 1855-1925 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2009

- March 1905 Census, Gaeland, Gove County, Kansas Roll ks1905\_57, Family 17, Record for T R Epps

Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910 (NARA microfilm publication T624, 1,178 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

- Oakley, Logan County, Kansas; Roll T624\_445, Page 4A, Family 85, Record for Thomas R Epps

Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920. (NARA microfilm publication T625, 2076 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C

- Westminster, Orange County, California; Roll T625\_124, Page 5B, Family 135, Record for Thomas R. Epps

State of California. California Death Index, 1940-1997. Sacramento, CA, USA: State of California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics, Microfilm

- Record for George A Epps, Mother's maiden name Gothard
- Record for Clarence E Epps, Mother's maiden name Gothard

## Footnotes

**1** Photograph of tombstone for Thomas R. Epps, Magnolia Memorial Park, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 1/29/2007. Retrieved 30 December 2012, from Findagrave.com. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.