

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** George Harrison GALE

**Birth Date:** 22 September 1845

Location: Goshen Township, Addison County, Vermont

**Death Date:** 28 July 1906

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at: Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: R-167-3

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 16.45091" W117° 50' 32.53560"

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



**Side Served:** Union

Rank: Private

Company: D

Unit: 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry

State: Wisconsin

**Occupation:** Farmer

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father: Squire Singletary Gale**

Birth Date/Location: 12 November 1806, Barre, Washington County, Vermont

Death Date/Location: 5 March 1848, Addison County, Vermont

**Mother: Naomi Harrison**

Birth Date/Location: 1812, Vermont

Death Date/Location: 2 July 1897, Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California

**Spouse: Lucy E. Allen**

Birth Date / Location: 23 May 1850, Niagara County, New York

Death Date/Location: 9 June 1884, Elk Point, Union County, South Dakota

Marriage Date / Location: Before 1869, Unknown

**Children –**

**Name: George Willard Gale**

Birth Date / Location: About 1869, Dakota Territory

Death Date / Location: After 1892, Unknown

**Name: Allen Edward Gale**

Birth Date / Location: 30 September 1871, Elk Point, Union County, Dakota Territory

Death Date / Location: 25 June 1947, Klamath County, Oregon

**Name: Herbert Ethan Gale**

Birth Date / Location: 28 September 1872, Dakota Territory

Death Date / Location: 31 March 1914, North Yakima, Yakima County, Washington

**Name: Fred Harrison Gale**

Birth Date / Location: 1 January 1876, Dakota Territory

Death Date / Location: After 1920

**Name: Lydia Neoma Gale**

Birth Date / Location: 11 December 1877, Camptonville, Sierra County, California

Death Date / Location: 13 November 1916, Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa

**Name: Samuel Singletery Gale**

Birth Date / Location: 20 November 1879, Camptonville, Sierra County, California

Death Date / Location: 21 February 1958, Los Angeles County, California

**Spouse: Anne C. Harrison**

Birth Date/Location: May 1855, Rutland County, Vermont

Death Date/Location: 28 June 1939, Orange County, California

Marriage Date/Location: 22 April 1892, Orange County, California

**Children –**

**Name: Guy Harrison Gale**

Birth Date / Location: 20 February 1893, California

Death Date / Location: 14 January 1974, San Anselmo, Marin County, California

**Name: Hugh Harrison Gale, DDS**

Birth Date / Location: 11 November 1894, California

Death Date / Location: 1985, San Jose, Santa Clara County, California

## **Additional Information**

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

George H. Gale residing in Randolph, Wisconsin enlisted as a Private in Co D, Wisconsin 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment on 24 December 1863. Muster out 5 September 1865 at Demopolis, Alabama

George Harrison Gale's sister, Columbia, is married to veteran Carlos Mansur, Co D, 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Wisconsin which is the same unit George H. Gale served in. Carlos Mansur is also buried in Orange County

George Gale's son Samuel Gale was a veteran of the Spanish American War, Co D 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment South Dakota Infantry.

George Gale's sons Guy Harrison and Hugh Harrison Gale fought in World War I.

Grandson Guy Harrison Gale, Jr was in the Korea Conflict and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery

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Photograph of tombstone for George Harrison Gale, Fairhaven Memorial Park, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 3/9/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Lewis Beal.

## **Biography of George Harrison Gale**

by Lois Heidner, OCCGS Member, as part of the Original Adopt-A-Soldier Project

The life of George Harrison Gale began on September 22, 1845, in Goshen, Addison County, Vermont. On that date he was born to Squire Singletary Gale and his wife Neomi nee Harrison. George was the youngest of four children born to the union of Squire and Neomi on March 6, 1834 in Brandon, Vermont. His siblings, all born in Goshen, were Corintha Cornelia – January 22, 1835; Edward Horace – May 5, 1837; and Lalice Columbia on October 11, 1843.

Sadly, father Squire Gale died on March 5, 1848, at the young age of 42 years. Since George was only 2 ½ years old at that time he probably had no memory of his father in the years that followed.

The 1850 census for Goshen finds Naomi and children going it alone in Goshen with the value of her real estate being \$1000. But by 1860 she had remarried. Her new husband's name was Reuben Allen. He was 63 years old, 15 years senior to Naomi. By now Reuben, Naomi and children had moved west to a farm in Randolph, Columbia County, Wisconsin. Listed on a farm adjacent to them in Wisconsin is another Allen family who had resided next to them in Vermont in 1850. It appears that Squire's brother Isaac and his family also moved to the same area so it was a group venture where the families were there to help and support each other.

Now along comes the civil war. George's cousin, Francis, son of Isaac Gale Jr., marched off to battle on July 18, 1861 as part of the 8<sup>th</sup> regiment infantry, company D. He was wounded at the battle of Corinth and discharged Feb. 2, 1863, due to his disability. George then volunteered and left on the day before Christmas, Dec. 24, 1863.

From the book THE MILITARY HISTORY OF WISCONSIN, a record of the Civil and Military Patriotism of the State in the War for the Union by E.B. Quiner, Esq., we can follow the military campaigns and movement of the 8<sup>th</sup> infantry regiment of which George was a participant. "On the 27<sup>th</sup> of Jan., 1864, they proceeded to Vicksburg by way of Memphis, and encamped near Black River Bridge on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February. They participated in Sherman's famous Meridian Expedition, marching as far as Canton, Miss., and returning to Black River Bridge, then to Vicksburg, on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March."..... I am now including under separate attachment a copy of Quiner's account of this regiment's movements and activities. His service continued until September 5, 1865 when he was mustered out. It appears there were 2 filings for pension. Application 186137 was on August 12, 1873, and widow application 856356 on October 4, 1906 after George died.

Indications are that George married for the first time about 1868 to Lucy Allen although I have not found the marriage record either in Wisconsin or in South Dakota where they are living in 1870. Lucy was born on 23 May, 1850, in Niagara, New York. Her parents, Solomon and Lydia Jane Allen nee Bump, and family also farmed in Columbia Co. Wis in 1860 and had moved to Union Co. Dakota Territory by 1870. Both applied for homesteads of 160 acres each in the mid 1870s.

The 1870 census for Sioux Valley, Union Co. Dakota, enumerates George H. age 25, a farmer born in Vermont and having \$400 real estate and \$300 personal value; Spouse "L"

age 20 and George W, age 1, born in Dakota. By the 1880 census the family is living in Mountain House, Sierra Co., California. In addition to George W who is now 11 years old the children are as follows: Allen E – 8; Herbert E – 6; Fred H – 4; Lydia N – 2; and Samuel S – 7 months. Lydia and Samuel were born in California. Additional research finds that at least one additional child was born after the 1880 census. She is Nellie Fredericka who was born in October, 1882. About 1876, due to his failing health, George had moved his family west to Sierra County, California. He recovered well but while he was growing stronger Lucy, sadly, was losing her health. In the spring of 1884 she returned to Elk Point to die among her family and friends. She had been diagnosed with a pulmonary abscess and lived only two weeks upon her return. She succumbed at the home of her sister, Mrs. William Ferguson on Monday night, June 9<sup>th</sup>. This information was written in her obituary in the Union County Courier on June 11, 1884. She was buried soon after in St. Joseph Catholic cemetery in Elk Point where her parents would also be later buried. At least one of her children, Nellie, continued to live in Elk Point as records show she married Ray Quick and gave birth to two children there before moving to Yakima, Washington.

Some of the family must have continued to live in Sierra County as the 1890 Great Register of Voters lists George Harrison Gale as registering on 09 June 1888 and also a Willard George Gale, age 21 and born in South Dakota, as registering on 27 June 1890. I believe this is George's eldest son. Brother Edward Horace Gale, age 44, farmer, registered on 23 April 1884 in Butte Co.

By April 22, 1892, George was in Orange County where he married Anna C. Harrison, age 32 and born in Vermont. This was found in the Orange County, California Marriage Records Abstracts Volume 1, pg 289, in the Orange County Courthouse, Santa Ana, CA. Witnesses were Mrs. C.L. Mansur (sister of George) of Santa Ana and H. Phelps of Santa Ana. Pastor George E. Dye of First Baptist Church officiated. Since Anna's birth name is Harrison from Vermont as is George's mother, Naomi, perhaps they are distant relatives. Two children were born to this marriage. Guy Harrison Gale was born 20 Feb. 1893 and died 14 January 1974 in San Anselmo, Marin Co. Hugh Harrison Gale was born 11 November 1894 and died 23 January 1985 in Santa Clara Co. This information is according to the Social Security Death Index.

The Orange County voting register of 1894 tells us that George is residing in Santa Ana, 2<sup>nd</sup> precinct with the following physical description: 5'8 ½'tall, blue eyes, gray hair and fair complexion. In the 1896 Orange County Electors list he is now a farmer and living in West Anaheim. These lists are found on FHL film 977084.

George died at the young age of 60 years in the city of Santa Ana. The death certificate No. 238 informs us that he had lived 14 years "at this place" (1892) and 30 years in California (1876). He was retired at the time of his death on July 28, 1906. Heart failure caused his death with dropsy and age additionally listed by his physician, F.P. Clay, MD. Funeral services took place on July 30. He is buried in section Lawn R in Fairhaven Memorial Park, 1702 E. Fairhaven Avenue, Santa Ana. His headstone reads: GEORGE H. GALE \* 1846 – 1906 \* Co. D 8<sup>th</sup> Wis. Vol.

According to Orange County directories of 1931, 1936 and 1938, George's wife continued residing in Orange Co. at 307 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. in Santa Ana. She passed away on June 28, 1939 at the age of 84. Death Certificate No. 171 gives her cause of death as arteriosclerosis with indeterminate cerebral hemorrhage and coronary thrombosis. Her son, Hugh Gale of 1615 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., San Francisco, was the informant listed. She was buried next to George in Fairhaven Cemetery on July 1, 1939. The headstone reads ANNIE H. GALE \* 1855 – 1939.

POST SCRIPT: George's mother is buried in nearby Santa Ana Cemetery. According to TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS – SANTA ANA CEM, Vol. 1, pg 2, in the Huntington Beach Library (979.41 ORA 16.26-6) the inscription is as follows:

NAOMI HARRISON  
Wife of S. Gale and R. Allen  
Born Brandon, VT 1812  
Died July 2, 1897

It is also interesting to note that in addition to George's civil war years many of his descendants also served their county in the military.. Those that came to light during my research were: Son Samuel S. Gale was in the Spanish American War. This was indicated on his Los Angeles County death certificate No. 3145 that stated he died in the Veterans Hospital in Los Angeles, CA. According to the 1930 census both sons Hugh and Guy served in World War I. Guy continued on as a career army man. The 1930 census finds him listed as 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. at Mitchell Field, Long Island, New York. Guy's son Guy Harrison Gale, Jr., who was born 24 September 1929, entered the army on January 31, 1951, and served for 2 years during the Korean conflict. He was buried in the San Francisco National Cemetery on April 7, 1988.