

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: James Wesley KEITH

Birth Date: 7 October 1846

Location: Switzerland County, Indiana

Death Date: 17 July 1921

Location: Fullerton, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Loma Vista Memorial Park

Plot Location: Unknown

GPS Coordinates: N33° 54' 09.94306" W117° 55' 00.99846"

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



Side Served: Union

Rank: Private

Company: M and B

Unit: 7th Cavalry Regiment

State: Indiana

Occupation: Farmer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: John Francis Keith

Birth Date/Location: 15 September 1819, Ohio County, Indiana

Death Date/Location: 14 June 1898, Garfield Township, Frontier County, Nebraska

Mother: Elizabeth Ann Ricketts

Birth Date/Location: 21 November 1823, Moorefield, Switzerland County, Indiana

Death Date/Location: 28 August 1862, Tipton County, Indiana

Spouse: Lucy Simpson

Birth Date / Location: October 1843 / Warren County, Indiana

Death Date/Location: 17 January 1933 / Fullerton, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 19 February 1890 / Fullerton, Orange County, California

Children –

Name: Unknown

Birth Date / Location:

Death Date / Location

Additional Information

Member of Malvern Hill Post No 131, GAR

James W. Keith recruited in Indianapolis on 19 September 1863 into Company M, and transferred into Company B as the 7th Cavalry re-organized. The 7th Cavalry saw service in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Mississippi.

James Wesley Keith was the son of John Francis Keith and Elizabeth Ann Ricketts. His siblings were Viola Jane (Barker), Mary E. (Williams), Lucy A., John Wesley, Francis Marion, and Ella Keith. His father married again, after his mother's death in 1862, to Martha Jane Forrest.

Photograph of tombstone for James Wesley Keith, Loma Vista Memorial Park, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 2/19/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

Sources

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- Fallbrook, San Diego County, California; Roll T625_130, Page 2B, ED: 220, Family 59, Record for James W Keith

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- Record for John F Keith and Martha J Forest
- Record for John F Keith and Elizabeth Ann Ricketts

Findagrave.com, searchable data base of cemeteries with tombstone inscriptions, memorials and Photographs

- Memorial 17992833, Created by Charles Lewis Beal, Record for James Wesley Keith
- Memorial 106633629, Created by Lesa Pfrommer, Record for Lucy Keith
- Memorial 13764792, Created by Judy, Record for Elizabeth A. *Ricketts* Keith
- Memorial 13039794, Created by Bill Baumbach, Record for John Francis Keith

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- Record for James W. Keith, 16 July 1921
- Record for Lucy Keith, 14 January 1933

