

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: John McDonald
AKA William McKenzie

Birth Date: 19 April 1850
Location: Illinois

Death Date: 18 November 1940
Location: Costa Mesa, Orange County, California
Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery
Plot Location: IOOF (2, 3, 5)
GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 10.65601" W117° 50' 19.33836"
(DMS) Datum: NAD83. Coordinates are +/- 1.00 feet of the grave location.



Side Served: Union
Rank: Private
Company: B
Unit: 2nd Regiment Volunteer Light Artillery
State: Missouri

Occupation: Laborer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: McKenzie
Birth Date/Location: Illinois
Death Date/Location: Unknown

Mother: unknown
Birth Date/Location: Kentucky
Death Date/Location: Unknown

Spouse: Ruby C. Anderson
Birth Date/Location: abt 1875, Georgia
Death Date/Location: Unknown

Children – None

Additional Information

Member of Sedgewick Post No 17, GAR

John McDonald's father was named McKenzie according to his death record, but no further information on his parents could be found. It appears that he never married.

In military records, John McDonald was listed with an alias of William McKenzie. And in the Soldier and Sailors database, both John McDonald and William McKenzie are listed in the 2nd Regiment Missouri Light Artillery, Battery B. He enlisted on 29 July 1864 in Rolla, Missouri, and was discharged on 1 June 1865 in Omaha, Nebraska.

John McDonald was the last surviving member of the Sedgewick Post 17 Grand Army of the Republic, and the charter was presented to the Charles W. Bowers Memorial Museum by John McDonald in a ceremony on 3 February 1940. His obituary stated that John McDonald was living with Pearl Little, a friend, for a number of years before he died.

Photograph of tombstone for John McDonald, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 3/03/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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- Mrs Ruby McDonald and brother G. S. Anderson