

OCCGS Civil War Veteran's Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: William Addison MCDONALD

Birth Date: 1844

Location: Illinois

Death Date: 12 February 1933

Location: Los Angeles County, California

Buried at: Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles County, California

Plot: 58, F15

Service: Union

Rank: PVT

Company: F

Unit: 8th Cavalry

State: Illinois

Occupation:

Family Information

Parents –

Father: James W McDonald

Birth Date/Location: 31 October 1820, Ohio

Death Date/Location: 3 October 1906, McDonough County, Illinois

Mother: Mary A Williams

Birth Date/Location: 18 November 1820, Ohio

Death Date/Location: 15 February 1901, McDonough County, Illinois

Spouse: Nancy Tracy Smith

Birth Date / Location: 16 January 1845, Illinois

Death Date/Location: 21 July 1917, Chenoa, McLean County, Illinois

Marriage Date / Location: 1 October 1868, McDonough County, Illinois

Children:

Name: Clement C McDonald

Birth Date / Location: 23 August 1869, Illinois

Death Date / Location: 3 March 1920, Madison County, Illinois

Name: William Laurent MacDonald

Birth Date / Location: 16 October 1872, Illinois

Death Date / Location: 1 March 1936, Wabash County, Indiana

Name: Della McDonald

Birth Date / Location: 1874, Illinois

Death Date / Location: 17 June 1940, Franklin County, Ohio

Name: Leroy McDonald

Birth Date / Location: 1876, Illinois

Death Date / Location: unknown

Name: Edwin Marion McDonald

Birth Date / Location: 26 October 1878, Illinois

Death Date / Location: 9 December 1947, Orange County, California

Additional Information

William McDonald, a resident of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, enlisted as a Private on 25 January 1864. He mustered into Co F, Illinois 8th Cavalry on 31 January 1864. He mustered out on 17 July 1865 at Benton Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri.

McDonald was the last surviving member of the armed unit that pursued John Wilkes Booth after the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. McDonald was one of the 12 members of the squad that captured John Wilkes Booth in a barn near Bowling Green, Caroline County, Virginia.

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