

OCCGS Civil War Veteran's Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: John J OVERTON

Birth Date: 5 October 1814

Location: Warren County, Pennsylvania

Death Date: 2 June 1904

Location: Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California

Buried at: Long Beach Municipal Cemetery, Los Angeles County, California

Service: Union

Rank: PVT

Company: I

Unit: 40th Infantry

State: Iowa

Occupation: Farmer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: unknown

Birth Date/Location:

Death Date/Location:

Mother: unknown

Birth Date/Location:

Death Date/Location:

Spouse: Rebecca Rigdon

Birth Date / Location: 1823, Ohio

Death Date/Location: Unknown

Marriage Date / Location: 24 December 1843, Fulton County, Illinois

Children:

Name: Fernando C Overton

Birth Date / Location: 22 September 1844, Illinois

Death Date / Location: 25 July 1932, Lee County, Iowa

Name: Milford T Overton

Birth Date / Location: 22 October 1848, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 9 May 1926, Pierce County, Washington

Name: Owen F Overton

Birth Date / Location: 21 March 1850, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 12 February 1929, Los Angeles County, California

Spouse: Julia Brainard

Birth Date / Location: 1833, Ohio

Death Date/Location: unknown

Marriage Date / Location: 4 July 1857, Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa

Children:

Name: Lascary Overton

Birth Date / Location: 1858, Iowa

Death Date / Location: unknown

Name: Effie Overton

Birth Date / Location: July 1860, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 9 June 1895, St Louis County, Missouri

Name: John L Overton

Birth Date / Location: 1862, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 1943, New South Wales

Name: Media Overton

Birth Date / Location: 1864, Iowa

Death Date / Location: unknown

Name: Forest Weldon Overton

Birth Date / Location: 2 June 1866, Keokuk County, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 2 January 1949, Johnston County, Oklahoma

Name: Susan F Overton

Birth Date / Location: 1867, Missouri

Death Date / Location: unknown

Name: Howard T Overton

Birth Date / Location: 1870, Missouri

Death Date / Location: unknown

Name: Ida E Overton

Birth Date / Location: 1872, Arkansas

Death Date / Location: unknown

Spouse: Mrs. Mary Y Henderson

Birth Date / Location: 1820

Death Date/Location:

Marriage Date / Location: 18 November 1897, Douglas County, Missouri

Additional Information

John J Overton, age 44 and a resident of Springfield, Cedar County, Iowa, enlisted on 15 August 1862 as a Private. On 10 October 1862 he mustered into Co I, 40th Infantry of Iowa. On 23 May 1863 at Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky he was discharged for disability.

John J Overton was famous for stating that he had been born in 1797, fought in the Blackhawk War, Mexican American War and the Civil War. He was denied pensions for the Indian Wars and Mexican American War by the United States Government but did receive a pension for his service during the Civil War. Up to the time of his death in 1904 newspaper articles were written regarding the spry 107-year-old veteran living in Orange County. His son stated that his father was not born in 1797 but closer to 1814. When the United States was calling for volunteers for the Spanish American War, Mr. Overton's friends had to keep him from trying to enlist. John J Overton lived with his son Owen in Orange County from 1900 until his death.

Fernando C Overton served during the Civil War from 28 March 1864 to 24 July 1865 as a Corporal with Co C, Iowa 15th Infantry

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- Record for J J Overton, Age 87, Died 2 June 1904

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 - Record for Owen F and John J Overton - Bolsa

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- Memorial 111955866, Created by Claudine Burnett, Record for John J Overton
- Memorial 157602850, Created by Solomon Alexander, Record for Fernando C Overton
- Memorial 106653744, Created by Record for Milford T Overton
- Memorial 68387428, Created by Susan Ing, Record for Effie Overton
- Memorial 41300483, Created by Sharrell, Record for Forest Weldon Overton
- Memorial 209994459, Created by Sister T, Record for Owen F Overton

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 - Record for John J Overton, convicted in US Court of forgery to two affidavits in support of pension increase

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- A Centenarian Married – John J Overton, aged 100, of St. Joseph, Takes His Third Bride

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- Remarkable Life
 - Record for John J Overton

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- Record for John J Overton

Long Beach Press, Long Beach, California, Friday, June 3, 1904, Pg. 1, Col 4

- Overton Not A Centenarian, He Dies Last Night Less Than Ninety Years Old
 - Son Makes Startling Statement That the Idea of His Father Being A Centenarian Is All A Delusion. Was Really Less Than Ninety.