

OCCGS Civil War Veteran's Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: James W TOWNER

Birth Date: 18 August 1823

Location: Essex County, New York

Death Date: 21 November 1913

Location: Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Buried at: Oneida Community Cemetery, Madison County, New York

Service: Union

Rank: CAPT

Company: F

Unit: 9th Infantry

State: Iowa

Rank: CAPT

Company: B

Unit: Second Regiment, Veteran Reserve Corps

Occupation: Teacher, Sawmill industry, Lawyer, Municipal Court Judge
Ohio, Superior Court Judge Orange County, California

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Samuel Upson Towner

Birth Date/Location: 9 January 1797, Addison County, Vermont

Death Date/Location: 13 March 1884, Kent County, Michigan

Mother: Sophia Webb Smith

Birth Date/Location: 2 March 1801, Vermont

Death Date/Location: 1882, Michigan

Spouse: Cinderella Amelia Sweet

Birth Date / Location: 7 March 1829, Lorain County, Ohio

Death Date/Location: 19 May 1894, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 21 May 1850, Lorain County, Ohio

Children:

Name: Arthur James Towner

Birth Date / Location: 19 April 1851, Westfield, Medina County, Ohio

Death Date / Location: 24 April 1909, Orange County, California

Name: Frederick Ernest Towner

Birth Date / Location: 16 April 1856, Dover, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 9 June 1875, Kenwood, New York

Name: Lillian Sweet Towner

Birth Date / Location: 24 August 1860, West Union, Lafayette County, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 18 December 1927, Oneida, Madison County, New York

Spouse: Mrs. Emilie M Van Scotten

Birth Date / Location: February 1833, Salem, Massachusetts

Death Date/Location: 10 June 1920, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 9 November 1894, California

Additional Information

James W Towner, a resident of West Union, Fayette County, Iowa, enlisted as a Captain on 14 September 1861. He was commissioned into Co F, 9th Infantry Iowa. He was wounded at Pea Ridge, Benton County, Arkansas on 7 March 1862. He resigned his commission on 30 January 1863 at Young's Point, Madison Parish, Louisiana.

James W Towner was commissioned by President Lincoln, Captain of Co B, Second Regiment, Veteran Reserve Corps. He held this commission until July 1866.

Member of GAR, Sedgwick Post No 17, Orange County, California

Came to Santa Ana in 1882. When Orange County was formed in 1889, he was elected Superior Court Judge. A position he held until 1897.

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- Record for James W Towner and Cinderella A Sweet

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- Memorial 49870762, Created by Andrew L., Record for James W Towner
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- Memorial 49870793, Created by Andrew L., Record for Frederick E Towner
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- Record for Arthur James Towner
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Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, California, Tuesday, May 22, 1894, Pg 3, Col 1

- The Funeral of Mrs. Towner – Record for Mrs. Cinderella S Towner

Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Wednesday, November 19, 1913, Pg 1, Col 4&5

- First Superior Court Judge of This County Is Dead

Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Thursday, June 10, 1920, Pg 3, Col 4

- Mrs. J W Towner is Dead, Age 87 – Record for Mrs. Emilie M Towner

Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Tuesday, December 27, 1927

- Death Notice for Mrs. Lillian Allen former resident of Riverside County who died in Oneida, New York and who wintered with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Towner, in Santa Ana.