

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** Benjamin Conley SMITH

**Birth Date:** December 1836

Location: Ohio

**Death Date:** 20 August 1924

Location: Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: W-445-1

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 11.55452" W117° 50' 37.02718"

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



**Side Served:** Union

Rank: Private

Company: E

Unit: 23rd Infantry Regiment

State: Indiana

**Occupation:** Merchant, Farmer

## Family Information

**Parents –**

**Father: Thomas M. Smith**

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1815, Ohio

Death Date/Location: Unknown

**Mother: Rebecca B. Abbott**

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1814, Ohio

Death Date/Location: Unknown

**Spouse: Sarah Elizabeth Mossman**

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1847, Ohio

Death Date/Location: Unknown

Marriage Date/Location: 17 October 1872, Spencer County, Indiana

**Children –**

**Name: George M. Smith**

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1874, Indiana

Death Date/Location: Unknown

**Name: Mattie Maud Smith**

Birth Date/Location: 3 September 1876, Indiana

Death Date/Location: 28 April 1951, Orange County, California

## Additional Information

Member of GAR Sedgwick Post Number 17

Enlisted 8 July 1861 at Indianapolis, Indiana, mustered in 29 July 1861, mustered out 29 July 1864 at Indianapolis, Indiana

Photograph of tombstone for Benjamin C Smith, Fairhaven Memorial Park, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 3/16/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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