

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: THOMAS SPROUSE

Birth Date: 17 December 1817
Location: South Carolina

Death Date: 23 May 1890

Location: Orange County, California
Buried at: Santa Ana Cemetery
Plot Location: H (5, 2, 1) - unmarked
GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 07.96412" W117° 50' 19.09528"
(DMS) Datum: NAD83. Coordinates are +/- 1.00 feet of the grave location.



Side Served – Confederacy

Rank:
Company: Mounted Rifleman, Tarrant County
Unit: 28th Brigade Texas State Troopers, under Captain William Quayle
State: Texas

Rank: Private
Company: H
Unit: 2nd Cavalry Regiment State Troopers
State: Texas

Occupation: Farmer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Unknown

Birth Date/Location: South Carolina
Death Date/Location:

Mother: Unknown

Birth Date/Location:
Death Date/Location:

Spouse: Margaret Jane Evans

Birth Date / Location: 1826, Mississippi
Death Date/Location: 1905, Julian, San Diego County, California
Marriage Date / Location: Unknown

Children –

Name: Rebecca Matilda Sprouse

Birth Date / Location: 15 October 1847, Crawford County, Arkansas

Death Date / Location: 7 December 1912, Caldwell County, Texas

Married Daniel Roberts

Name: Joseph Vinson/Vincent Sprouse

Birth Date / Location: 6 October 1849, Crawford County, Arkansas

Death Date / Location: 1909, Julian, San Diego County, California

Married Mary Tennessee Collins

Name: Margaret Mahala Sprouse

Birth Date / Location: 1854, Tarrant County, Texas

Death Date / Location: 1881, Los Angeles County, California

Married Robert Lee Shaw

Name: Emma Sprouse

Birth Date / Location: ca. 1858, Tarrant County, Texas

Death Date / Location: Unknown

Name: Thomas Baylor Sprouse

Birth Date / Location: ca. 1862, Tarrant County, Texas

Death Date / Location: before 1890, California

Married May Belle Miller

Name: Eliza Artemisia Sprouse

Birth Date / Location 19 January 1865, Lockart, Caldwell County, Texas

Death Date / Location 11 June 1957, El Cajon, San Diego County, California

Married Arthur Miller

Name: John S. Sprouse

Birth Date / Location: August 1869, Caldwell County, Texas

Death Date / Location: 3 January 1917, Imperial County, California

Married Sallie Bell Holmes

Name: Henry Terrill Sprouse

Birth Date / Location: 3 October 1872, Caldwell County, Texas

Death Date / Location: 31 December 1952, Los Angeles County, California

Married Susie Schermerhorn

Additional Information

Enlisted in Tarrant County Mounted Rifleman 17 June 1861. Service was generally for 12 months in Texas State Troopers Units. Enlisted in Co H, 2nd Cavalry on 11 August 1863, in Tarrant County, Texas, for a period of 6 months and served until 31 December 1863.

In the three censuses, Thomas Sprouse gives his birth state as South Carolina. In the Guinn book and in the cemetery records, his birth state is given as Mississippi. He is found in the 1839 tax list of Neshoba County, Mississippi, and then in the 1847 tax list of Crawford County, Arkansas. The Sprouse family in Mississippi seems to be connected to Vinson Sprouse in South Carolina, so Thomas would probably be a part of this family, but his parents have not been identified. The conflicting reports about state of birth may suggest that he was born in South Carolina but grew up in Mississippi.

Thomas' daughter, Margaret Mahala, married Robert Lee Shaw who is the brother of James Franklin Shaw, a veteran of the Confederate Army who is buried in Orange County, California.

Frank Shaw, son of Margaret Mahala Sprouse and Robert Lee Shaw, married Elizabeth Alsbach who is the niece of Henry Oscar Alsbach, a veteran of the Union Army who is buried in Orange County, California.

Sources

Compiled Service Records of Texas Confederate Soldiers
www.fold3.com/image/#7640384

Civil War Muster Rolls index Cards (both Confederate and Union). Also Texas State Rangers, Austin, Texas: Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Seventh Census of the United States, 1850; (National Archives Microfilm Publication M432, 1009 rolls); Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

- Sugar Loaf Township, Crawford County, Arkansas; Roll M432_25, Page 273, Family 55, Record for Thomas Sprouse

1870 U.S. census, population schedules. NARA microfilm publication M593, 1,761 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.

- Caldwell County, Texas; Roll M593_1577, Page 88, Family 171, Record for Thos Sprouse

Tenth Census of the United States, 1880. (NARA microfilm publication T9, 1,454 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. United States of America, Bureau of the Census.

- Forster City, San Diego County, California; Roll T9_72, Page 606, Family 113, Record for Thomas Sprouse

Burnett, Marjorie Lee. *Marriage in Alphabetical Order, Caldwell County, Texas, 1848-1866*
Smiley, Texas: Sandies Creek Press, 1997.

Texas, County Marriage Index, 1837-1977

- Record for R M Sprouse and Daniel Roberts, 20 June 1869, Caldwell County

California, Death Index, 1905-1939. California Department of Health and Welfare. California Vital Records

- Record for John S Sprouse

State of California. *California Death Index, 1940-1997*. Sacramento, CA, USA: State of California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics.

- Record for Henry Terrill Sprouse, Mother's Maiden Name: Evans
- Record for Artia M Miller, Mother's Maiden Name: Evans

California, County Marriages, 1850-1952

- Artia M Sprouse and Arthur Miller, 7 November 1883, Los Angeles County
- T B Sprouse and May Belle Miller, 27 August 1885, Los Angeles County
- M Sprouse and R L Shaw, 18 June 1876, Los Angeles County, California
- Henry Terril Sprouse and Susie Schermerhorn, 24 July 1907, Santa Barbara County, California

San Diego County Marriage Book Vol 11, pg. 136, Rootsweb, Marriage Records,
<http://userdb.rootsweb.ancestry.com/marriages/>

- John S. Sprouse to Sallie Bell Holmes, 4 April 1895, San Diego County, California

Findagrave.com, searchable database of cemeteries.

- Memorial 112555503, Created by Linda Claxton, Record for Margaret Jane *Evans* Sprouse
- Memorial 112555491, Created by Linda Claxton, Record for Joseph V. Sprouse
- Memorial 24268784, Created by Glenn and Tracy Morrow, Record for Margaret Mahala Shaw
- Memorial 53834075, Created by Arthur Ridley, Record for Eliza Artia "Missa" *Sprouse* Miller
- Memorial 55057406, Created by Carolyn Alves, Record for Henry T. Sprouse
- Memorial 63517794, Created by Judy Rodgers, Record for Rebecca Roberts
- Memorial 114264107, Created by Gennaphyr, Record for John Sprouse

Texas General Land Office, History/Glo Archives/Services,
<http://www.glo.texas.gov/history/archives/services/index.html>

- Record search for Thomas Sprouse, Tarrant County, Texas ca 1852 to 1856

National Archives, Record Group 49 (Bureau of Land Management), Land Entry Files, California, Los Angeles Land Office, homestead final certificates # 1054 (Stack Area 13W3, Row 10, Compartment 30, Shelf 3, Box 321).

- Record for Thomas Sprouse

Santa Ana Weekly Blade, Thursday May 10, 1892, Page 1, Col 3

- Court Proceedings, Estate of Sprouse, Petition granted.

Santa Ana Weekly Blade, May 1892, Pg 2, Col 7

- M.J Sprouse sold all of the land patented to Thomas Sprouse to the Salter Family

Orange County, California, Indenture Document of Land Transaction between M J Sprouse, widow, Tustin, Orange County, California and Sarah A. Salter, wife of Horace Salter. Dated March 3, 1892.

Orange County Archives, Old County Courthouse, 211 W. Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana, California

- Death Register record for Thomas Sprouse, date of death 23 May 1890

Orange County Cemetery District, Lake Forest, California

- Plot Ownership Records of Santa Ana Cemetery

Guinn, J. M. A History of California and an Extended History of Its Southern Coast Counties.
Los Angeles, Historic Record Company, 1907.

- Record for Joseph V Sprouse

Weekly Blade, Santa Ana, Orange County, California, California, Thursday, May 29, 1890, Vol 1, No 45, Page 1, Col 1

- Burial Notice for Thomas Sprouse, Santa Ana Cemetery

Photograph of headstone for Thomas Sprouse, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 05/27/2017. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.