

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: George Taylor Stephenson

Birth Date: August 1845

Location: Simpson County, Kentucky

Death Date: 29 June 1905

Location: Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: Section X, Block 5, Lot 3, Space 3

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 07.75494" W117° 50' 22.77727"

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



Side Served: Confederacy

Rank: Private

Company: Unknown

Unit: Benavides' Cavalry Regiment

State: Texas

Occupation: Farmer, Rancher

Family Information

Parents –

Father: James Stephenson

Birth Date/Location: 3 January 1807, Kentucky

Death Date/Location: 9 November 1866, Kyle, Hays County, Texas

Mother: Mary Ann Appling

Birth Date/Location: 28 November 1809, Tennessee

Death Date/Location: 30 November 1891, Kyle, Hays County, Texas

Spouse: Mary Jane McFerrin Haw

Birth Date/Location: 4 December 1850, Sumner County, Tennessee

Death Date/Location: 6 September 1884, Wilson County, Texas

Marriage Date/Location: 31 May 1875, East Farview, Collin County, Texas

Children –

Name: Ronnie T. Stephenson

Birth Date/Location: 26 January 1877, Texas

Death Date/Location: 22 October 1883, Wilson County, Texas

Name: Mary Myrtle Stephenson (Thompson)

Birth Date/Location: 1 September 1878, Texas

Death Date/Location: 4 May 1914, Orange County, California

Name: Terry Elmo Stephenson

Birth Date/Location: 7 June 1880, Collin County, Texas

Death Date/Location: 1943, Carbon County, Wyoming

Name: James Burton Stephenson

Birth Date/Location: 3 June 1882, Texas

Death Date/Location: 25 June 1944, San Diego County, California

Spouse: Elizabeth Votaw

Birth Date/Location: 1853, Oakville, Live Oak County, Texas

Death Date/Location: unknown

Marriage Date/Location: unknown

Additional Information

Enlisted on 4 May 1864 at Banquete, Texas at the age of 18, mustered out June 1865

George T Stephenson Family History - excerpt

The James Stephenson family moved to Texas in 1850 via Missouri. George Stephenson owned a small ranch southeast of San Antonio until his wife and oldest son died in 1884. He sent his three youngest children to Santa Ana to live with his sister-in-law Elizabeth who was married to Martin Van Buren Adams.

George's ranch remained in his possession until his death but he began working for the Mule Shoe Cattle Company where he was manager of the biggest cattle drive in Texas history. In 1887 he was working for Western Union Beef and Cattle Company and had an interest in the 47 Ranch in Pecos County. He also served as commissioner of Precinct 1 and 3 in Fort Stockton and was a tax assessor.

George Stephenson died while visiting his three children in Orange County.

George's son, Terry Elmo, became the managing editor and part owner of the Santa Ana Register. He was also historian of Orange County and wrote several books about Southern California.

George's son, James Burton, became the first Forest Ranger in the newly created Cleveland National Forest serving for almost 40 years.

George's father was with the Texas State Troops during the Civil War.

George had at least two brothers that served the Confederacy during the Civil War.

- Joel T. Stephenson, 2nd Sergeant, 6th Texas Infantry
- A. B. Stephenson, Private, Co G, 6th Texas Infantry

Photograph of headstone for George Taylor Stephenson, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 4/20/2013. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

Sources

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- *Westminster, Orange County, California; Roll T624_90, Page 18B, ED: 0060, Record for Myrtle Thompson*

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- Record for Mary M Thompson

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

- Record for James Burton Stephenson, Mother's Maiden Name: Haw

Findagrave.com, searchable database of cemeteries with tombstone inscriptions, memorials and photographs

- Memorial 9253020, Created by Eldora Sasser, Record for George Taylor Stephenson
- Memorial 80822485, Created by Eugene Cornelius, Record for Mary J. Stephenson
- Memorial 80822476, Created by Eugene Cornelius, Record for Ronnie T. Stephenson
- Memorial 33159223, Created by Patsy Lubben DiMarco, Record for Terry Elmo Stephenson
- Memorial 9253089, Created by Eldora Sasser, Record for Mary M Thompson
- Memorial 33941108, Created by Amanda Canion, Record for James Stephenson
- Memorial 33941132, Created by Amanda Canion, Record for Mary Ann Stephenson