

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** John Thomas WATSON

**Birth Date:** October 1842

Location: Indiana

**Death Date:** 11 February 1929

Location: Westminster, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: Lawn W-363-1

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 11.75150" W117° 50' 35.48534"

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



### Side Served – Union

Rank: Private

Company: G

Unit: 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry

State: Indiana

**Occupation:** Farmer, Teamster

## Family Information

### Parents –

**Father: Isaac Watson**

Birth Date/Location: 28 May 1816, Sullivan County, Tennessee

Death Date/Location: 1 September 1883, Monroe County, Iowa

**Mother: Zerilda Mae Mock**

Birth Date/Location: 29 May 1823, Bourbon County, Kentucky

Death Date/Location: 29 October 1893, Monroe County, Iowa

### Spouse: Nancy Wolfskill Harris

Birth Date / Location: August 1849, Pennsylvania

Death Date/Location: 21 June 1923, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 11 February 1872, Vigo County, Indiana

### Children –

**Name: Roy Watson**

Birth Date / Location: abt 1873, Indiana

Death Date / Location: unknown

**Name: Edna Mae Watson (Hallman)**

Birth Date / Location: 27 April 1875, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 12 July 1952, Orange County, California

**Name: Ellen Clare Watson**

Birth Date / Location: April 1877, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 28 September 1879, Boone County, Iowa

**Name: Mary Lenore Watson (McDonald)**

Birth Date / Location: 2 January 1880, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 15 August 1957, Los Angeles County, California

**Name: Amy Louise Watson (Boyd)**

Birth Date / Location: November 1882, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 15 March 1957, Los Angeles, County, California

**Name: Nancy Edith Watson (Shurtz)**

Birth Date / Location: August 1884, Iowa

Death Date / Location: unknown

**Name: Mabel E. Watson (Ericsson)**

Birth Date / Location: 31 October 1887, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 27 December 1966, Kern County, California

**Name: Harris Dale Watson**

Birth Date / Location: 18 June 1889, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 28 January 1960, Los Angeles County, California

**Name: Laura Blanch Watson**

Birth Date / Location: September 1891, Iowa

Death Date / Location: unknown

**Name: Melvin Reed Watson**

Birth Date / Location: 10 March, 1893, Iowa

Death Date / Location: 8 October 1979, Los Angeles County, California

## Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

### Pension Records

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John T. Watson, invalid, Mar 6, 1914

### U.S. National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers – Sawtelle

Enlistment: Dec 1, 1861, Indianapolis, Indiana

Private, Co G, 2<sup>nd</sup> Indiana Cavalry

Discharge: June 21, 1863, Indianapolis, Indiana

Born in Indiana, Age 82, Farmer, Widowed

Name of Nearest Relative: Daughter, Edith Shurtz

John Watson's son, Harris, was veteran of World War I and is buried at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego. He was a gunner. In 1910 he was stationed on the USS Yorktown.

Photograph of headstone for John T Watson, Fairhaven Memorial Park, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 4/2/2011. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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- Record for Louise Amy Boyd, Mother's Maiden Name: Wolfskill, Father's: Watson
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