

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Christopher L. WESTCOTT

Birth Date: 31 January 1814
Location: Rhode Island

Death Date: 9 August 1894
Location: Orange County, California
Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery
Plot Location: P (60, 30, 1)
GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 05.07586" W117° 50' 19.52814"
(DMS) Datum: NAD83. Coordinates are +/- 1.00 feet of the grave location.



Side Served: Union
Rank: Private
Company: E / K
Unit: 15th Infantry Regiment
State: Iowa

Occupation: Farmer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Christopher Westcott
Birth Date/Location: 21 July 1786, Rhode Island
Death Date/Location: 20 April 1857, Noble County, Ohio

Mother: Mary Groton Briggs
Birth Date/Location: Rhode Island
Death Date/Location: 7 October 1846, Noble County, Ohio

Spouse: Melissa Denny

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1818, Pennsylvania
Death Date/Location: 1863, Iowa
Marriage Date/Location: 22 September 1836, Morgan County, Ohio

Children –

Name: Valorous W. Westcott
Birth Date/Location: 7 October 1836, Morgan County, Ohio
Death Date/Location: 1 May 1901, Van Buren County, Iowa

Name: Alvin Westcott

Birth Date/Location: May 1840, Ohio

Death Date/Location: 13 December 1914, Troy, Davis County, Iowa

Name: Cornelia Westcott (Newton)

Birth Date/Location: December 1841, Ohio

Death Date/Location: 30 September 1910, Monterey County, California

Name: Marvin Westcott

Birth Date/Location: 4 December 1844, Iowa

Death Date/Location: 14 February 1894

Name: Lyman Westcott

Birth Date/Location: 27 November 1846, Ohio

Death Date/Location: 27 June 1915, Scotland County, Missouri

Name: Merrill P. Westcott

Birth Date/Location: May 1849, Ohio

Death Date/Location: 4 April 1918, San Bernardino County, California

Name: Ezra Westcott

Birth Date/Location: 16 November 1856, Iowa

Death Date/Location: 5 March 1931, Wyoming

Name: Elvena Westcott (Beeson)

Birth Date/Location: 9 March 1860, Iowa

Death Date/Location: 22 March 1929, Washington County, Oregon

Spouse: Eliza A.

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1833, Ohio

Death Date/Location: 21 January 1895, Orange County, California

Marriage Date/Location: Unknown

Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

Enlisted Company E, 15th Infantry Regiment 14 October 1861, mustered in 1 December 1861, transferred out 1 February 1862. Transferred to Company K 1 February 1862, disability discharge 16 June 1862

Christopher's son Alvin fought with Co K, 15th Iowa Infantry during the Civil War.

Photograph of tombstone for Christopher L Westcott, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 3/05/2007. Used with the permission of Charles Beal

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- Memorial 78522573, Created by Pam Witherow, Record for Lyman Westcott
- Memorial 30545678, Created by Patsy Lubben DiMarco, Record for Merrill P Westcott
- Memorial 53042919, Created by Tracy Turner, Record for Elvena Westcott Beeson
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- Died North of Tustin, son of M P Westcott