

OCCGS Veteran's Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Solomon R SWEANY

Birth Date: 3 October 1847

Location: Indiana

Death Date: 3 June 1919

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Loma Vista Memorial Park

Plot Location:

GPS Coordinates:



Military Service: Indian Wars

Rank: Private

Company: K

Unit: 19th Cavalry

State: Kansas

Occupation: Farm Laborer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: William Sweany

Birth Date/Location: 15 September 1819, Indiana

Death Date/Location: 19 March 1867, Riley County, Kansas

Mother: Eliza Stephens

Birth Date/Location: 1820, North Carolina

Death Date/Location: 1852

Spouse: Emma Stephens

Birth Date / Location: 16 April 1860, Jackson County, Indiana

Death Date/Location: 22 October 1944, Riverside County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 15 April 1877, Jasper County, Missouri

Children –

Name: Willie Sweany

Birth Date / Location: 24 January 1878, Missouri

Death Date / Location: 24 January 1890, Missouri

Name: Katherine Sweany

Birth Date / Location: 17 July 1879, Jasper County, Missouri

Death Date / Location: 8 February 1921, Holt County, Missouri

Married George Scott

Name: Alice Lee Sweany

Birth Date / Location: 3 March 1881, Jasper County, Missouri

Death Date / Location: 17 April 1970, Riverside County, California

Married Ulysses Simpson Grant Totten

Name: Lena Sweany

Birth Date / Location: 5 August 1891, Missouri

Death Date / Location: 30 September 1977, Orange County, California

Married Charles Newson

Adopted Son:**Name: Oliver Sweany**

Birth Date / Location: June 1895, Missouri

Death Date / Location: Unknown

Additional Information

In April 1868 the Cheyenne Indians entered Kansas and reached as far as Council Grove. In August 1868 settlers were raided in Solomon and Saline Valleys resulting in several civilian deaths. The 19th Regiment of Kansas Volunteer Cavalry was mustered in 19 October 1868 for a period of six months to address the Indian issue. Solomon Sweany volunteered at Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas on 24 October 1868. The 19th was mustered out at Fort Hays on 18th April 1869. While the unit did not have any major fighting with the Cheyennes they were persistent in giving the Indians no rest and with the severe winter conditions were able to force them out of Kansas.

Solomon Sweany was born in 1847 to William and Eliza Stephens Sweany. His mother passed away in 1852. His father then married Alice Elsie Cox. In 1850 the family was living in Jackson County, Indiana. Solomon had 3 brothers (Lafayette, Andrew and Joshua) and 3 sisters (Nancy, Lydia and Emily). The family is still in Jackson County at the time of the 1860 Census. By the 1870 Census another sister Adaline had been born. The family remained in Jackson County, Indiana. In 1860 Solomon and his sisters, Nancy and Emily, were living with their brother James Sweany and family in Grant, Riley County, Kansas in 1860.

By 1880 Solomon Sweany had moved to Jasper County, Missouri and married Emma Stephens. Solomon, Emma and their two children, Willy and Katy, are living in Marion. By 1900 they had moved to Mineral, Jasper County, Missouri and had two more children, Alice and Lena, and had adopted a boy named Oliver. In 1910 Solomon and Emma were living in Fullerton, California. In the 1911 Thurston's Business Directory they are listed as living in La Habra 6 miles west of Fullerton.

Solomon Sweany's brother Joshua fought in the Civil War. He was a Wagon Master with Co G, 24th Indiana Infantry

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Photograph of tombstone for Solomon R Sweany, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, February 20, 2007. Used with the permission of Charles Lewis Beal.

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