

OCCGS Veteran's Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: James E CRANE

Birth Date: 16 September 1827

Location: Kentucky

Death Date: 8 Nov 1902

Location: Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: I-6-3-5

GPS Coordinates: N33.768842447 W117.839114210

GPS Coordinates are in Decimal Degrees (DD), Datum: NAD83



Military Service: Mexican American War

Rank: Private

Company: D

Unit: 2nd Infantry

State: Kentucky

Occupation: Farmer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Unknown

Birth Date/Location:

Death Date/Location:

Mother: Unknown

Birth Date/Location:

Death Date/Location:

Spouse: Lucy Margaret Beaver

Birth Date / Location: Feb 1837, Licking County, Ohio

Death Date/Location: 14 Sep 1914, Glenn County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 1 Oct 1854, Sonoma County, California

Children –

Name: Jefferson Davis Crane

Birth Date / Location: 7 Sep 1861, California

Death Date / Location: 31 May 1931, Glenn County, California

Name: Frances W Crane

Birth Date / Location:

Death Date / Location: 4 Jul 1931, Stanislaus County, California

Married Hiram Erastus Willard, abt 1883

Name: James A Crane

Birth Date / Location: 1858, California

Death Date / Location: July 21, 1925, San Bernardino County, California

Name: Nanny C Crane

Birth Date / Location: 1866, California

Death Date / Location: 1896, California

Name: Lizzie Crane

Birth Date / Location: 1868, California

Death Date / Location: 1896, California

Additional Information

Moved to California from Kentucky in 1848. Lived in Northern California and Central California before moving to the Santa Ana Valley. Lucy and James E Crane had a total of 10 children based on the 1900 Census, but only 3 were still living. We have only been able to identify 5 of these children based on census records.

Sources

NARA M616. Card index to service records of volunteer soldiers who served in the Mexican War, arranged alphabetically by state or territory. Roll: 0008

- Record for James Crane

"United States Mexican War Pension Index, 1887-1926", database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:K8HH-MRT : 3 October 2018>), James Crane, 1903.

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.

- District 6, Bates County, Missouri, Roll M432_392, Page 266B, Family 524, Record for Lucy Beaver in the household of Jacob and Catharine Beaver

1860 U.S. census, population schedule. NARA microfilm publication M653, 1,438 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.

- Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California, Roll M653_69, Page 405, Family 142, Record for James E Crane

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.

- Kern County, California, Roll T9_66, Page 590D, ED: 020, Family 309, Record for James E Crane

Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1900. T623, 1854 rolls.

- Santa Ana, Orange County, California, Page 1, ED: 0148, Family 445, Record for James E Crane

Ancestry.com. *California, Select Marriages, 1850-1945* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc, 2014.

- Record for James E Crane and Lucy M Beaver

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

- Record for Lucy M Crane
- Record for Frances W Willard
- Record for James H (A) Crane

Find A Grave, database and images - <https://www.findagrave.com>

- Memorial 8721943, Created by Shiver, Record for James Crane
- Memorial 10408898, Created by Eldora Sasser, Record for Lucy Margaret *Beaver* Crane
- Memorial 10385483, Created by Eldora Sasser, Record for Frances W Willard
- Memorial 92595358, Created by McComberdescendant, Record for Jefferson Davis Crane
- Memorial 10408902, Created by Eldora Sasser, Record for N C Crane
- Memorial 10408893, Created by Eldora Sasser, Record for J A Crane

Weekly Blade, Santa Ana, Orange County, California, Friday, November 14, 1902, Vol 14, No 16, Pg 3, Col 7

- Death of Pioneer – James E Crane

The San Bernardino County Sun, San Bernardino, California, Thursday, July 23, 1925, Pg 4, Col 1

- Death Notice – James A Crane

Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Thursday, August 6, 1925, Pg 8, Col 3

- Ask Administration Letters - Estate of James A Crane
- Record for James A Crane, Mrs Franny Willard, and J. D. Crane

Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California, Monday, July 6, 1931, Page 3, Col 1

- Death Notice – Frances W Willard

Photograph of tombstone for James E Crane, Santa Ana Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 10/11/2016. Used with the permission of Charles Lewis Beal.