# **OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project**

### **Veteran's Information**

Veteran's Name: Elwood COATE

Birth Date: 12 December 1843

Location: Pleasant Hill, Miami County, Ohio

Death Date: 22 April 1923

Location: City of Orange, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: L-58-1

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 17.89455" W117° 50' 33.41157"

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

Side Served:

Rank: Private Company: I

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

Occupation: Farmer, Carpenter, Harness Business, County Treasurer

## **Family Information**

Parents -

**Father: Samuel Teague Coate** 

Birth Date/Location: 13 April 1818, Union Monthly Meeting, Miami County, Ohio Death Date/Location: 21 December 1886, Winfield, Cowley County, Kansas

**Mother: Harriet Anthony** 

Birth Date/Location: 14 March 1821, West Branch Monthly Meeting, Miami County,

Onio

Death Date/Location: 9 October 1881, Le Grand, Marshall County, Iowa

Spouse: Susannah Eleanor Elleman

Birth Date / Location: About 1841, Ohio

Death Date/Location: 1868, Le Grand, Marshall County, Iowa

Marriage Date / Location: 1 February 1866, Le Grand, Marshall County, Iowa

Children -

Name: Orin Moate Coate

Birth Date / Location: 20 May 1868, Le Grand, Marshall County, Iowa Death Date / Location 30 December 1949, Orange County, California

Spouse: Sarah E. Diefenbaugh

Birth Date / Location: 1844, Ohio

Death Date/Location: 1916, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 1869, Le Grand, Marshall County, Iowa

Children -

Name: Herman E. Coate

Birth Date / Location: 21 October 1870, Iowa

Death Date / Location 9 November 1955, California

Name: Raymond Coate

Birth Date / Location: 29 April 1871, Marshall County, Iowa Death Date / Location: 9 August 1872, Marshall County, Iowa

Name: Samuel Rush Coate

Birth Date / Location: 7 January 1877, Marshall County, Iowa Death Date / Location: 25 April 1942, Fresno County, California World War I Draft Registration, Orange County, California

Spouse: Myra E. Morse Holderman

Birth Date / Location: 1847, Johnson County, Iowa Death Date/Location: 1929, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 12 June 1918, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Children - None

#### **Additional Information**

Elwood Coate was born to Samuel T. Coate and Harriet Anthony in Miami County, Ohio. His siblings were Aldus Mendenahll, Susannah W., John William, Esther, Marmaduke, Daniel Augustus, Cynthia Ann, Mary Emma, and Sarah Olive Coate, all born in Miami County. Samuel T. Coate was a minister and merchant. In 1853 moved to Marengo, Iowa, and in 1858 moved to Le Grand, Marshall County, Iowa, where his wife died.

Elwood Coate enlisted at age 20 on 26 March 1864. He mustered in as a Private in Company I of the Second Cavalry Regiment on 9 April 1864, and mustered out on 19 September 1865 in Selma, Alabama. He died on 22 April 1923 in City of Orange, California.

The Second Cavalry Iowa Regiment was organized at Davenport in August and September, 1861. Elwood saw service in Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia. On 14 August 1896 he applied for a pension. The pension record showed he died on 22 April 1923 in City of Orange, California.

Elwood Coate was a member of G.A.R. W.T. Sherman Post Number 113 in Kansas, and Gordon Granger Post Number 138 in Orange County California, where he was a past commander.

Two biographies have been written about Elwood Coate, one from Cloud County, Iowa, and the other from Orange County, California. References are shown under the Sources section.

**Elwood's third wife, Myra Morse Holderman,** was the widow of Civil War Veteran Upton Holderman who is also buried in Orange County

Photograph of tombstone for Elwood Coate, Fairhaven Memorial Cemetery, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 3/9/2007. Retrieved 2 February 2013, from Findagrave.com. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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