

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Thomas J. HARLIN

Birth Date: 6 July 1837

Location: Tennessee

Death Date: 10 December 1923

Location: Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: J (8,2,8) NL

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 07.96989" W117° 50' 27.13824"

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

Side Served: Union

Rank: Private

Company: unknown

Unit:

State:

Occupation: General Merchant, Farmer

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Alexander Harling

Birth Date/Location: 31 May 1812, Monroe County, Kentucky

Death Date/Location: 1 April 1866, Clay County, Tennessee

Mother: Matilda Fraim

Birth Date/Location: 15 May 1816, Monroe County, Kentucky

Death Date/Location: 9 January 1846, Monroe County, Kentucky

Spouse: Ellen Rebecca Gee

Birth Date / Location: 27 November 1847, Kentucky

Death Date/Location: 7 April 1891, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Marriage Date / Location: 30 November 1865, Kentucky

Children –

Name: Alexander Gee Harlin

Birth Date / Location: 1867, Monroe County, Kentucky

Death Date / Location: 22 July 1927, California

Name: George Albert Harlin

Birth Date / Location: 16 September 1868, Monroe County, Kentucky

Death Date / Location: 25 July 1943, Orange County, California

Name: Thomas Sumner Harlin

Birth Date / Location: 23 January 1871, Santa Ana Orange County, California

Death Date / Location: 11 November 1951, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Name: William J. Harlin

Birth Date / Location: 29 January 1873, Orange County, California

Death Date / Location: 4 January 1951, Los Angeles County, California

Name: Taswell Ray Harlin

Birth Date / Location: 2 September 1875, Santa Ana Orange County, California

Death Date / Location: 10 June 1918, Los Angeles County, California

Name: Bessie Mae Harlin (Winnans)

Birth Date / Location: 2 September 1875, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Death Date / Location: 20 January 1923, Los Angeles County, California

Name: Madge Harlin (Conway)

Birth Date / Location: 9 July 1884, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Death Date / Location: 14 December 1949, Orange County, California

Name: Thomas Jefferson Harlin, Jr.

Birth Date / Location: 1887, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Death Date / Location: 1887, Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Additional Information

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T.J. Harlin is listed as having been elected to the Board of Supervisors for the Town of Santa Ana along with W. H. Spurgeon, J. B. Porter, John Avas, and Andrew Snyder. They were listed as being the first officers of the city.

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In an article on T. J. Harlin's son Thomas S. it is mentioned that T. J. Harlin owned a general store in Santa Ana that was at Sycamore and Fourth Street.

Thomas Harlin's son William Harlin married Hattie Mundell daughter of Civil War Veteran Frederick Mundell also buried in Orange County

Thomas Harlin's daughter Bessie May married John Charles Winans son of Civil War Veteran William Winans also buried in Orange County

Thomas Jefferson Harlin was the son of Alexander Harlin and Matilda Fraim. Thomas Harlin was the son of Samuel Harlan and Nancy Fitzpatrick. Matilda was the daughter of John and Sarah Fraim. Thomas had 3 brothers and one sister. His mother died in 1846. Thomas also had 2 step-brothers and 4 step-sisters from the 1848 marriage of his father to Priscilla Ray (1816 – 1897). Priscilla was the daughter of John Ray and Anna Hayes.

In the 1850 Census Thomas and his family were living in Jackson County, Kentucky on the family farm. In 1860 the Harlin family is still in Jackson County but Thomas is not listed with them.

Thomas lists service with the Union Army on the 1910 Census but no definite Company or Unit record could be found under his name. His brother Lafayette was a Captain in Co B Kentucky 9th Infantry and is also buried in Santa Ana Cemetery.

Thomas Harlin appears in the 1870 Census for Cache Creek Township, Yolo County, California with his wife Ellen and sons Alexander and George. At this time Thomas is farming with personal property valued at \$2,500 (\$43,000 in today's money). In 1879 Thomas J. Harlin appears on the Voter Registration Records for Santa Ana, Los Angeles County, California. He is 41 years old, born in Tennessee and lists his occupation as Merchant. In 1880 Thomas, his wife and six children are still living in Santa Ana with his occupation still listed as merchant. In 1886 Thomas Harlin is elected to the Board of Supervisors for Santa Ana. Another article indicates he operated a general store on Sycamore Street in Santa Ana.

By 1900 Thomas Harlin was widowed. The family had grown by two children. While Thomas appears on the early 1900 voter registration records for Santa Ana operating a farm with several of his son's a 1900 Census record was not found. In the 1910 Census Thomas is living alone on County Road in Santa Ana and is retired. In the 1920 census he has moved into a lodging house in Santa Ana.

Sources

"Pioneers in Blue and Gray", Civil War Veterans in Orange County by Gordon Bricken, First Edition, The Bricken Press, Santa Ana, California, Copyright 2009

Findagrave.com, searchable database of cemeteries with tombstone inscriptions, memorials and photographs

- Memorial 18111106, Created By Charles Lewis Beal, Record for Thomas Jefferson Harlin
- Memorial 29480915, Created by Marcella Headrick, Record for Alexander Harling
- Memorial 29480819, Created by Marcella Headrick, Record for Matilda Fraim
- Memorial 8845931, Created by Eldora Sasser, Record for Ellen Rebecca Gee Harlin
- Memorial 82540132, Created by TLS, Record for Taswell R. Harlin
- Memorial 8845943, Created by Eldora Sasser, Record for T. J. Harlin
- Memorial 69447475, Created by Oscar, Record for Bessie May Winans

State of California. California Death Index, 1940-1997. Sacramento, CA, USA: State of California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics, Microfilm

- Record for William Jefferson Harlin, mother's maiden name Gee
- Record for George Albert Harlin, mother's maiden name Gee
- Record for Thomas S. Harlin, mother's maiden name Gee
- Record for Madge Conway, father's name Harlin

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- District 5, Jackson County, Tennessee; Roll M432_885, Page 231A, Family 1009, Line 25, Record for Thomas J. Harlin

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