

WOOD, ERASTUS W.
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Born at Orange County, New York, _____, 1833.

Son of _____ and _____

Served as Captain, 71st New York Infantry (Militia), prior to the Civil War; went to California, 1859; Commissioned 2d Lieutenant, Company H, 1st California Infantry at San Francisco, California, August 16, 1861; Occupation when commissioned, Bookkeeper; stationed at Camp Downey (Oakland) California, until September 1861, when he went by sea with the Company to San Pedro and thence to Camp Latham, near Los Angeles; Marched to Fort Yuma in December 1861, and left there April 23, 1862, for Fort Barrett arriving May 6; left Fort Barrett May 26, and arrived in Tucson June 1; continued the march to the Rio Grande and was at Mesilla, N.M. from August to October; promoted 1st Lieutenant September 6, 1862.

Transferred to Company A, same Regiment at Franklin (El Paso) Texas, March 1, 1863; stationed at Las Cruces, N.M., from April to July, then went to Fort Craig and on to Santa Fe, N.M. in September; served as Aid-de-Camp to General J. H. Carleton from November 10, 1863 to April 1865; promoted Captain, May 12, 1865, and assigned to Company A, First Battalion, California Veteran Infantry; served as Acting Assistant Adjutant General of the Department of New Mexico from May 15 to November 11, 1865; stationed with his Company at Fort Sumner, N.M. from January to August, 1866; honorably discharged at Santa Fe, N.M. September 26, 1866.

Admitted from Santa Fe, N.M., April 24, 1893, to the U.S. Soldiers Home, Sawtelle, Los Angeles County, California, where he died, August 19, 1903, aged 70; buried in Soldiers Home Cemetery.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Rebellion Records, Series 1, Vol. 9, 34, 41, 48, 50.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION (Cont'd)

Orton, R. H. - Records of California Men in the War of the Rebellion, Sacramento, 1890, pp. 336, 367, 385.

The Adjutant General of the Army - Military service records.

U. S. Veterans Administration - Soldiers Home and pension records, S. C. 751, 347.

The Los Angeles Sunday Times, August 23, 1903, Sec. 1, p. 11, Col. 7.

SOLDIERS' HOME, SAWTELLE, RECORD NO. D1814

Date of application--March 25, 1893

Date of admission--April 24, 1893

Born, Orange County, New York.

Age 60; 6'4"; Bookkeeper; single.

Enlisted Aug. 16, 1861, as 2d Lieut. at San Francisco in Co. H, 1st Inf. Cal. Vols.

Discharged Sept. 25, 1866, as Captain, Co. A, 1st Inf. at Santa Fe, N.M., by letter, dated Sept. 12, 1866, of District Commander. Services no longer required.

Died Aug. 19, 1903

Uncle--De Witt C. Wood, Augusta, Illinois.

(Note: admitted from Santa Fe, N.M.

Buried at Soldiers' Home Cemetery.)

LOS ANGELES NEWSPAPERS

Los Angeles Sunday Times, Aug. 23, 1903, Sec. 1, p. 11, col. 7

"Soldiers' Home

"Erastus W. Wood, late Co. H., First California Infantry, a native of New York, admitted from Santa Fe, N.M., April 24, 1893, died August 19, aged 70."

No record found in the Los Angeles Express, Aug. 19-24, 1903.

PROBATE COURT FILES--no record found.