Michael Regan

Michael Regan was born November 1838 in Ireland. He immigrated to America in 1851¹ and was naturalized 7 April 1859 in Essex, Salem, Massachusetts.² He may have been a private stationed in Benton, Oregon, on the 1860 census.³ He was living near his brother William in Township 3, Mariposa, California, in 1870. He was registered to vote in Sherlocks, Mariposa, California, from 1872 1896. His voter registration described him as five foot nine with gray eyes and brown hair. He had a scar over his right eye.⁴

However, he was a miner living in Lincoln, Nevada, in 1875⁵ and a miner living in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory, in 1880, so he must have followed the strikes. On the 1900 census, he was a gold miner, living next door to his brother William in Township 4, Mariposa, California.⁶ Michael died 3 November 1907 in San Diego, California,⁷ and was buried in the Calvary Cemetery.⁸

William Regan

William Regan was born April 1833 in Ireland. He immigrated to America in 1854⁹ and was naturalized 11 July 1859 in Mariposa, California. He was a laborer living in San Francisco, San Francisco, California, in 1860. He registered for the draft for the Civil War in 1863 in Suisun City, Solano, California (which was situated on the intercontinental railroad). On the 1870 census, he was living near his brother Michael in Township 3, Mariposa, California.

William was registered to vote in Whitlocks, Mariposa, California, from 1872 to 1896. His voter registration described him as six feet tall with blue eyes and brown hair. ¹⁴ On the 1880 census, he was a miner living in Township 2, Mariposa, California. ¹⁵ In 1900, he was a gold miner, living next door to his brother Michael in Township 4, Mariposa, California. ¹⁶ William died 23 December 1908 in Mariposa, California. ¹⁷

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¹ United States Census, 1900.

² California Voter Registers, 1866-1898.

³ United States Census, 1860.

⁴ California Great Registers, 1866-1910; California Voter Registers, 1866-1898.

⁵ Nevada State Census, 1875.

⁶ United States Census, 1900.

⁷ California Death Index, 1905-1939.

⁸ Findagrave.com

⁹ United States Census, 1900.

¹⁰ California Voter Registers, 1866-1898.

¹¹ United States Census, 1860.

¹² US Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865.

¹³ United States Census, 1870.

¹⁴ California Voter Registers, 1866-1898.

¹⁵ United States Census, 1880.

¹⁶ United States Census, 1900.

¹⁷ California Death Index, 1905-1939.