# Wilcox, Zachary

Wilcox, Zachary T. Born: 2 June 1847 Location: Vermont Died: 31 Dec 1926 Location: Carson City Inscription: Zachary T. Wilcox 1847-1926 Priv Co. F 1<sup>st</sup> Vt Cavalry Section: 1G row 3 Plot 2

### Military Data:

Vermont Cavalry Side Union Company F Soldier's Rank\_In Pvt. Soldier's Rank\_Out Pvt. Film Number M557 roll 14

#### **Census Data:**

1920 Federal Census – Nevada – Ormsby Co. – Carson City Wilcox, Zachary Age: 72 POB: VT Mother's POB: VT Father's POB: Ct Occupation: Brickmason for RR

Note: Zachary has two brothers buried in the same vicinity, George Almon Wilcox (Section W1E Row 3 Plot 22) and Andrew Ashahel Wilcox – gravesite unknown. Andrew's wife is buried in 1G Row 3 with an unmarked space between her and Zachary. A 1956 transcription indicated there was a headstone between the two (illegible) and it is presumed by the Wilcox family that this was Andrew's final resting place.



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## BEARD OF WILCOX TO BE SENT TO SACRAMENTO

Reno Evening Gazette, January 1, 1927

## CARSON, Jan 1 – (Special)

Zachary Taylor Wilcox famous here and throughout the state and the West for his long beard, died here yesterday at the age of seventy-nine years. His beard, fifteen feet in length, was declared to be the second longest beard in the country, a Kansas farmer at a Whiskerino affair in Sacramento four years ago having outmeasured the Carson man by nearly seven feet.

It was after the Sacramento Whiskerino of four years ago last summer that Wilcox came home and drew up a will in which he bequeathed his beard to the Sacramento Whiskerino Club. Just before interment the beard will be shorn, and later sent to the Sacramento organization in compliance with his will.

Wilcox was born in Whittingham, Vt., in April 1847. When seventeen years old he enlisted with F Company, First Vermont cavalry. At the end of the war he came West, first settling in Chico, Cal., and later removing to Nevada. He was a brick mason by trade, inter engaging in the cement contracting business and he also followed the work of a gunsmith. He had been a pioneer of the Alaska gold rush but did not follow mining in this state to any extent.

He was one of Carson's characters for years riding through the streets on a bicycle, an old green parrot perched upon the handlbars. The parrot belonged to Mrs. Minnie Cusler with whom Wilcox had made his home with for many years. He had not ridden the bicycle since his injury, caused when an automobile backed into him as he was riding down the street. Although proud of his ------ adornment, Wilcox did not display his beard, generally keeping it under his coat, although he did exhibit it publicly on a few occassions. The reason for growing the long beard never became known, although Carson residents had heard stories to the effect that it was over an election bet, and also that he had once become incensed at a dull razor and vowed never to shave again. He was a Civil War pensioner and was enabled to get along nicely on this income during his declining years. He had been in a hospital since December 5. He had no known relatives.

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