Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903
Walking Tour # 26

Find A Grave # 59309752

Name: Mancha, Joseph Franklin

Birth date: June 10, 1841 Death date: December 29, 1889 Burial Date: Age: 48

b. PA

Spouse: Lillian Elizabeth Inu Mancha

Children: Raymond Mancha (b. 1869); Lulu Nettie Mancha (1873-1875)

Parents: George Mancha and Catharine Swartley Mancha

Siblings: Jacob Mancha, possibly more – census records unclear

Residence: Claremont, VA

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary:

Service/occupation information: see next page for obituary and service record;

Masonic ceremony/ Civil War veteran

Officiate: Rev. Lewis W. Gibson

Lot Owner: Mrs. J. Frank Mancha (Lillian)

Marker: Family monument with angel on top in 19 B

Inscription: on west side:



J. Frank Mancha Founder o f Claremont Colony, VA. Died Dec. 29, 1889 in his 48th year

A consistent member of the P. E. church and of Virginia Lodge No. 177A, F & A.M. A friend to the poor, and honored and loved by all who knew him.

DIMENSIONS: H abt. 12' x W 44" x D 44" (at base)

STYLE: veteran's marker 1861-1863/ family monument/ masonic symbol

No repairs needed

Inventory date: September 15, 2019 Recorder: Ted George



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Lot Number: 19





Real estate developer. Founder of Claremont County, Virginia.

The son of George & Catharine *Swartley* Mancha, in 1850 he was living in East Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He was presumably living in or near Lancaster County yet in 1860, although he is not found in that census.

A Civil War veteran, he enlisted in Lancaster August 2, 1862, mustered into federal service there August 11 as a private with Co. E, 122nd Pennsylvania Infantry, and honorably discharged with his company May 15, 1863. He also enlisted in Lancaster June 29, 1863, during the Gettysburg crisis, and mustered into state service at Harrisburg (date not stated) as 1st sergeant of Co. C, 47th Pennsylvania Militia. Promoted to 1st lieutenant to date July 9, he honorably discharged with his company August 13, 1863.

He married Lillian Elizabeth Inu. and fathered Raymond (b. @1869) and Lulu Nettie (b. @1873, d. 08/01/1875). [NOTE: Wife's name is Elizabeth in the 1870 census. She is assumed here to be Lillian, but that is not confirmed.] An active real estate agent, he had offices in Dover and Georgetown, Delaware, and Easton, Talbot County, Maryland. In 1870, he lived with his family in Caroline County, Maryland, but made a sizeable land purchase in Surry County, Virginia, and moved there. He founded the town of Claremont, owned and operated the Norfolk and Petersburg Steamboat Company, and printed the local newspaper. He died at his home there allegedly from bronchitis. [Dennis Brandt, Find A Grave ID 47232334]

Documents retrieved from ancestry.com on May 21, 2022

U.S.Civil War Draft Registration Records 1863-1865, Pennsylvania, 9th, Vol 2 of 3

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Enlisted in the 122nd Pennsylvania Volunteers, Company 4, 1862





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