

**Robert Solon Winfree** 

Robert Solon Winfree was born October 21, 1875 in Dekalb County, Tennessee and died July 7, 1917 in Madera County, Madera, California. He was the son of Horace Sullivin Winfree (1847-1938) and Mary Jane Stevens (1849-1903). When he died in California in 1917 the Lancaster, Smith County, Tennessee Masons paid for his shipment home.

In California he married Minnie J Smittenbanks about whom little is known. They were married in 1913 according to one source. Minnie was born about 1880 and died sometime before 1917. She was buried in Madera, California. By a previous marriage she had one daughter, Cara E Late, born about 1900.

Robert Solon arrived in California about 1901. He was living in Putnam County, Tennessee in 1900 according to the census of that year. In 1901 he is listed on the eligible voters list of Fresno Flats, Madera County, California. In 1905 he is listed as an eligible voter in Madera Precinct, Madera, California and gives his occupation as "Lumberjack." In 1910 he gives the same information and gives his age as 35 years old. The next two eligible voters lists include his wife Minnie J Smittenbanks, also in Madera County, California.

After his remains were shipped home he was interred in Winfree/ J W Winnard cemetery, and was later disinterred and relocated at Mt Holly cemetery. His step-mother, Mary Josephine (Brock) Winfree was present at his disinterment.