



Diaspora Stories

Ancestor's Name: Willis Rector

Place of birth (if known):

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We only know that my great, great grandfather, Willis Rector, emigrated in 1840 or 1841 from Ireland. He was 12 years of age and traveling by himself. He settled in North Carolina, U.S. and fathered John E. Rector who fathered John A. Rector my grandfather on my mother's side. John A. Rector left N. Carolina in 1926 and resettled in Chula Vista, California where he found work as a Border Patrolman on the U.S.-Mexican border. He had fought in France during WWI as a medic in the Battle of the Argonne Wood. He was sadly killed at age 58, on duty when I was only 4 yrs old. I do know that John A. Rector was born in N. Wilkesboro, N.C. in 1898.

My sister, brother and I are John A. Rector's only descendants and have no birth children of our own.

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