

## Civil War Veterans buried in the Old Mount Calvary Cemetery, Burlington, VT

### Francis Cormier

by John R. Fisher



Born on 1 Apr 1848 (or 31 Mar 1848) in Milton, the son of Jean Cormier and Amelia Larochelle.

Enlisted on 26 Dec 1863 and mustered in to the 8th VT reg. Co. F on 31 Dec 1863. Mustered out on 28 Jun 1865.

Married to Denise Boyer on 27 Apr 1868 at age 20 by Father Audet in Winooski. Denise age 16 and was born in Canada.

Children:

Denise 25 May 1869 Colchester Bap 30 May at St Francis, Winooski  
Mary Ann 8 Sep 1870 Colchester Bap 11 Sep at St Francis, Winooski  
Napoleon 1 Jan 1873 Bap at St Joseph the same day  
Joseph Jerome 21 Aug 1876 Bap St Joseph on 23 Aug.

1880 Census with 4 children. Denise is a dressmaker. At 75 Pearl St, Burlington.

Francis died of apoplexy (stroke) on 16 Mar 1885 in Burlington. Age 36 11 months 16 days

In the 1886 Burl. City Directory we find Denise Cormier, widow of Francis, boards at 182 Main St. A dressmaker.

The regiment, embarked for Fortress Monroe on the steamer St. Mary, July 5, 1864. On its arrival there it was at once ordered to Washington to assist in resisting Gen. Early's attempt upon the city, after which it was ordered to join the 6th Corps at Tenallytown, Md. It then moved with the army in pursuit of the enemy as far as Berryville, Va., in the Shenandoah Valley, but immediately countermarched to the vicinity of Washington, whence they were ordered back into Maryland during the flurry caused by McCausland's raid into that state. The severe marching of this month on half rations, will never be forgotten by the men. In Aug., 1864, Gen. Sheridan took command of the Army of the Shenandoah, and the 8th was assigned to the 2nd brigade (McMillan's), 1st division (Dwight's), 19th corps, under Gen. Emory. It did gallant service at the battle of the Opequan, Sep. 19, executing a splendid bayonet charge. Its casualties were 7 killed and 33 wounded. It participated in the charge which routed the enemy at Fisher's Hill on the 22nd, and then followed in pursuit. On Oct. 10 it encamped north of Cedar Creek, where it remained until the battle on the 19th. Its loss during the fierce fighting at Cedar Creek was 15 killed, 82 wounded and 27 missing, out of 350 men in action. This battle ended the hard fighting of the regiment, though on Nov. 12 it was engaged at Newtown without loss. The command was encamped for five weeks at Newtown and on Dec. 20 moved to Summit Point, where it remained through the winter of 1864-65, on guard and picket duty along the railroad from Charlestown to Winchester. On April 15 the regiment was part of the cordon of infantry about the

