

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

Peter Lander alias Pierre Therrien

by John R. Fisher - July 2013



Born 7 Aug 1847 Burlington, VT of Pierre Therrien & Angele Bissonnette

Baptised 22 Aug 1847 at the Cathedral, Burlington
Godparents were Charles Therrien and Genevieve Gendron

Enlisted 7 Dec 1863 (12 Jul 1863?) at age 16

On 9 Dec 1863 he joined Company M of the 1st Vermont Cavalry which was made up solely of Morgan horses.

He fought with his company throughout the war, including the battle of Cedar Creek. He took part in the famous Kilpatrick raid attempting to liberate Federal prisoners in Richmond, VA. Peter Lander, detached from his regiment for orderly duty with general Hancock, served as his personal orderly during the Battle of the Wilderness. He narrowly escaped when his horse was shot out from under him at Ream's Station. Taken prisoner on 27 Oct 1864, he escaped the same night.

Discharged as a Private on 9 Aug 1865. Served 1 year, 8 months and 2 days in 1st Cavalry

Married on 9 Oct 1877 to Sophie Martel (Born St Eustache, Qc) (Widow of George Galarneau) at St Joseph, church, Burlington, VT

Lived at 163 North Street most of his life.

Died 30 Apr 1937 in Burlington, VT (The last of the Burlington Civil War soldiers to die)

Buried at the Old Mount Calvary cemetery.

Children of Pierre Therrien/Lander & Angelique Bissonnette

Married on ??? at ????

First 4 children bap at Cathedral, remainder at St Joseph

Born	Baptized	Name	G o d f a t h e r	Godmother
	24 Feb 1844	Philomen	Cote, Michael	Savaria, Teresa
	28 Dec 1845	Collis	Bessonett, Collis	Bedor, Louisa
	22 Aug 1847	Peter	Terian, Charles	Gendron, Genevieve
	27 May 1849	Henry	Lander, Peter	Bedor, Louisa
29 Mar 1851	13 Apr 1851	Georgiana	Ledoux, Michel	Smith, Marie
25 Jun 1853	26 Jun 1853	Josephine	Goudreau, Francois	Grenier, Delphine
09 May 1855	13 May 1855	Honore Napoleon	Brunelle, Flavien	Fredette, Marie
20 (...), 1856	22 Jun 1856	Honore	Goyett, Narcisse	Bedard, Caroline
24 Mar 1858	29 Mar 1858	Alexandre	Charron, Toussaint	Terrien, Angele
08 Jan 1860	08 Jan 1860	Marie Louise	Roberge, Eusebe	Terrien, Philomene
14 Jun 1862	15 Jun 1862	Leonide Edmond	Duhamel, Leonide	Vincent, Elmire

Children of Peter Lander and Sophie Martel

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All baptized at St Joseph, Burlington, VT

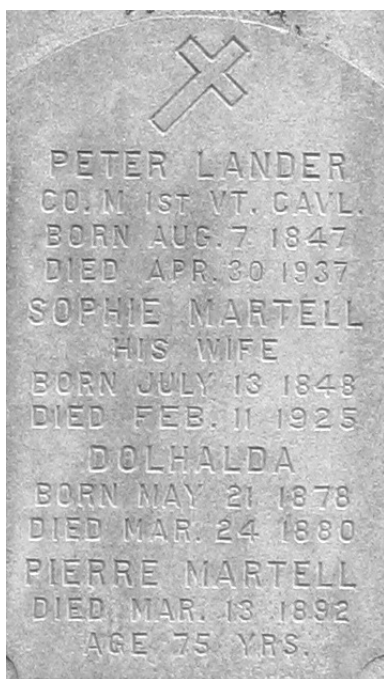
Name	Born	Baptized	Godfather	Godmother
Therrien, Sophie	21 May 1878	22 May 1878	Therrien, Pierre	Bissonnet, Angele
Therien, Emma Marie	24 Sep 1879	24 Sep 1879	Martel, Pierre	(...), Adelaide
Therien, Ludger Frederic	25 Aug 1881	28 Aug 1881	Barnard, Frederic	Therien, Josephine
Therien, M. Alberta	26 Feb 1885	1 Mar 1885	Lanctil, Arthur	Martel, Marie
Therien, M. Louise	10 Dec 1886	12 Dec 1886	Dyette, Napoleon	Therien, Louise
Therien, M. Ola	18 Sep 1889	20 Sep 1889	Martel, Etienne	Darche, Angeline

On Friday morning, July 30 1869, General Philip Sheridan visited Burlington, arriving from the south at 6pm on the steamer United States. There was a large parade and an evening of celebration. However there was an accident during the event. A large gun salute was planned for General Sheridan. The cannon rang out 5 times and was being loaded for the sixth when it exploded and blew off the right arm of Peter Lander.

The General Assembly of the State of Vermont on 26 Nov 1878 voted to pay Peter Lander a sum of sixty dollars a year for a period of 5 years commencing on January of 1879 for the loss of his right arm, occasioned by the premature discharge of a cannon, while in the line of his duty as a private in the 1st section of the battery of light artillery, Vermont Militia, on the thirtieth day of July 1869.

Funeral of PETER LANDER

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Full military honors were accorded Peter Lander, 89, commander of the disbanded Stannard Post, No. 2, G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic), and a veteran throughout the Civil War, at his funeral services held yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at St Joseph's Church. A high mass of requiem was celebrated by the Rev. Leopold Bastien. The Rev. J.E. Pariseau, and the Rev. Joseph Dussault were present in the sanctuary.

A quartet composed of E.J. Beaupre, A.J. Dorey, R.J. Rousseau and Armand A. Piche sang appropriate hymns during the service, assisted by the chancel boy's choir. Mr Beaupre sang "Domina Jesu" as a solo, while Mr. Rousseau sang "Pie Jesu".

Interment took place in Mount Calvary cemetery, where Father Pariseau read the committal prayers. A firing squad from Troop B, Third Cavalry, Fort Ethan Allen, fired a volley over the grave and "taps" were sounded.

Mr Peter Lander was a member of Company "M", First Vermont Cavalry in the Civil War. The 1st VT cavalry was made up solely of Morgan horses. The 1st VT Cavalry participated in 75 battles during the war. Mr Lander was born on August 7, 1847, enlisted in the Civil War on December 7, 1863 at age 16; was mustered in to Company 'M' on December 9, 1863 and was discharged from the army on August 8, 1865. He fought with his company throughout the war, including the battle of Cedar Creek.

He was popular and well known in Burlington and vicinity, and always was present at every patriotic and military function and reminisced humorously of his service in the Civil War. He had been ill ever since he was burned a few months ago when his sleeve caught fire while making a cup of coffee on the gas range late at night. He died yesterday afternoon at his home on 163 North Street in Burlington, following several weeks of illness.