

Civil War Veterans buried in the Mt Calvary Cemetery, Burlington, VT

**Joseph Laplant alias Joseph Bonnier dit Laplante**

John Richard Fisher - Dec 2013

**Enlisted:** 1 May 1863 at Burlington, VT

**Mustered In:** 16 May 1863, PVT, Co. M, 1st VT Cavalry

**POW:** Hagerstown 6 Jul 1863

**Andersonville Prison:** Paroled 28 Apr 1865

**Mustered Out:** 12 Jun 1865

**Baptized:** on 22 Jan 1838

**Died:** 21 Jul 1886

### **Gravestone not found in Mt Calvary Cemetery**

The 1st VT Cavalry regiment was stationed in the vicinity of Washington on various details during the winter of 1862-63 and frequent skirmishes with Mosby's guerrillas prevented any monotony. On June 28, 1863, it was assigned to the cavalry corps, Army of the Potomac, with which it served from that time. In the battle of Gettysburg it won laurels; was active in the pursuit which followed, harassing the enemy from point to point, and finally halted for the winter at Stevensburg, Va. It shared in the raid upon Richmond under Gen. Kilpatrick and when the spring campaign opened in 1864 was attached to the 2nd Brigade, 3rd Division, Cavalry Corps. In the battle of the Wilderness the 1st lost many brave officers and men. It was active in the battles which followed at Yellow Tavern and Meadow Bridge, during Sheridan's Raid on Richmond, and was also at Hanover Court House, Ashland, Haw's Shop, Bottom's Bridge, White Oak Swamp, Riddle's Shop and Malvern Hill. The regiment was ordered to join the expedition for the destruction of the Weldon and South Side Railroads, in which skirmishes and engagements resulted at Reams' Station, Nottoway Court House, Roanoke Station and Stony Creek. In August it was ordered to join Sheridan who was confronting Gen. Early in the Shenandoah Valley and arrived at Winchester on Aug. 17, in time to participate in the engagements at Winchester, Charlestown, Summit Point, Kearneysville, the Opequan, Newmarket, and Cedar Creek. The original members who had not reenlisted, were mustered out on Nov. 18, 1864. On Feb. 27, 1865, Sheridan's cavalry commenced the return to Petersburg where it arrived after a journey of three weeks. In the cavalry fight at Five Forks the 1st Vt. had a share and continued in the advance of the column through several minor affairs until the corps reached Appomattox Court House, where Gen. Lee surrendered. The regiment participated in the grand review of the armies at Washington and returned to Vermont early in June.

**Fifth phase of the Battle of Hagerstown where Joseph Laplant was captured and as a POW served time in the Andersonville Prison.**

The fifth phase of the battle was a mounted Union cavalry charge up Potomac Street toward the Confederate positions at the north end of town. Bockmiller said the 18th Pennsylvania Cavalry sent two companies up Potomac Street, but the attack fizzled in front of City Hall. At this point of the battle,

Kilpatrick decided that the Confederate supply wagons he initially came to Hagerstown to capture weren't worth the cost. "What he's got himself into isn't worth trying to get those wagons anymore," Bockmiller said. Kilpatrick heard that Union Brig. Gen. John Buford was engaged in a fight at Williamsport, and pulled out of Hagerstown at about 7 p.m. to lend support. "That leaves a battle with a few hundred killed and wounded, and streets littered with dead and wounded men and horses," Bockmiller said.

**About 100 Union soldiers were stranded in town when Kilpatrick pulled out, Bockmiller said.** A few were able to escape and rejoin their units, while the rest were hidden by residents who were sympathetic to the Union cause.

### Laplant baptisms at the Cathedral in Burlington, VT

DayYear	Given name	Father	Mother	Mother Real	Godfather	Godmother
22 Jan 1838	Joseph	Laplant, Joseph	Shatnuff, Genevieve	Chateaufneuf, Genevieve	Landron, Gedion	Moro, Madeline
26 May 1839	Peter	Laplant, Joseph	Sattanuff, Jane	Chateaufneuf, Jane	Liberty, Peter	Sattanuff, Mary
31 Mar 1844	Mary	Plant, Joseph	Shatinuff, Jane	Chateaufneuf, Jane	Valois, Antony	Shatnuff, Angelique
28 Feb 1847	Mary	Laplant, Joseph	Chatenuff, Jane	Chateaufneuf, Jane	Langlois, Antony	Wood, Mary
7 Apr 1849	Francis	Plant, Joseph	Chatinuff, Jane	Chateaufneuf, Jane	Pajor, Joseph	Pratt, Magdalin

NAME OF SOLDIER:		<i>La Plant, Joseph</i>		
NAME OF DEPENDENT:		<i>Widow,</i>		
		<i>Minor,</i>		
		<i>Mother</i>	<i>La Plant, Jane</i>	
SERVICE:		<i>Co. 1 1st Cav.</i>		
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
<i>1872 May 15</i>	<i>Invalid,</i>	<i>183.703</i>	<i>343,616</i>	
	<i>Widow,</i>			
	<i>Minor,</i>			
<i>16 Nov. 18</i>	<i>Mother</i>	<i>347.079</i>	<i>268.382</i>	<i>Vt.</i>
ATTORNEY:				
REMARKS:				

## **Ancestry of Joseph Laplant alias Joseph Bonnier dit Laplant**

Francois Bonnier & Francoise Ribaut
Jacques Bonnier dit Laplant and Lafromboise & Madeleine Migneron Jacques from Bollesan, Bretagne, France Wed 3 Aug 1687 in Quebec
Jacques Bonnier - Laplant & Madeleine Galipeau Wed 23 may 1726 at Longue Pointe, Quebec
Joseph Bonnier - Laplant & Agathe Brouillet Wed 16 Jan 1758 at Pointe-aux-Trembles, Quebec
Amable Bonier - Laplant & Marguerite Degneau/Daniau Wed 12 May 1800 at St Antoine sur Richelieu, Quebec
Joseph Laplant & Genevieve (Jane) Deranleau - Chateauneuf Wed 22 May 1832 St Cesaire, Quebec
Joseph Laplant Never married