Capt. Garrett Vanderveer

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Our prospect of going to New York for Winter Quarters was quite favorable at one time, but by some means has been squelched, and I think we shall be compelled to stay in Qrs. not fit for the slaves of our Southern Brethren, but we will obey. Our Governor and Thurlow Weed were to go to Washington this past week and make a last effort, which you will probably hear the result of before we do. I received a letter from Jane this week breathing love and solicitude for which I feel grateful. She has named her Boy after you which is right and proper as you will probably I trust and hope never do anything of which he need feel ashamed.

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Bio of Garrett Vanderveer

Garrett and Albert were the sons of Abram Harris Vanderveer (1804-1888) and Sarah Martin (1808-1864) Montgomery county, New York. Garrett was a coal merchant by occupation. Born in 1836 Garrett enlisted the Co. A, 115th New York Infantry, to his brother, Albert Vanderveer (1841-1929), a physician serving as Surgeon in the 66th New York Regiment. He was among the 12,000 men surrendered at Harpers Ferry, Va. on 15 September 1862.

They remained at Camp Tyler, in Chicago, Illinois until 20 November 1862 when they moved to Washington, D.C., and were exchanged at Annapolis, and then went to Hilton Head, South Carolina on 23 January 1863. The Regiment left for Florida on 5 February 1863 and occupied Jacksonville on February 7th.fought at the Battle of Olustee on 20 February 1864, where Capt. Vanderveer was mortally wounded while “gallantly cheering on his men.” He was shot in the thigh and through the right lung; he died of his wounds on 24 February 1864.