



Walter F. Davidson

Walter F. Davidson, son of **Andrew and Ellen (Quigley) Davidson**, was born in Redford, March 23, 1843. His family were glassblowers at the Redford Glass factory. He attended school in Redford until his father died when Walter was only thirteen years of age. By this time, the factory had closed so he worked wherever he could to help support his mother and brothers and sisters, but attended school during the two following winters. In the spring of 1860 he started to learn the wheelwright trade, at which he worked until September 1861. That fall, he enlisted in Company C, 91st New York Volunteer Infantry, in which he served as private and non-commissioned officer for three years. Most of that time he was on detached duty as a clerk at Gen. Emory's headquarters, in New Orleans, and issuing clerk at the commissary depot, at Brashear City, LA. He

also served as company and regimental clerk for his regiment. He served under Gen. Banks in the Bayou Teche, and Red River campaigns, and with the land forces in the forty-five days' siege of Port Hudson until its surrender. He served out his three years' term with the regiment, but poor health prevented his re-enlistment, and he was mustered out Sept. 18, 1864. A slight wound received in a charge at Port Hudson on June 4, 1863, was the only wound he received in his three years of honorable service.

When he came back from the war he resumed the wheelwright trade, worked as a clerk in Williamsburgh and then Clayburgh. After many promotions, became the Superintendent of the Clayburgh Iron Works in 1871. When he died he was the Plattsburg Dock and Coal Company's store and lumbering interests in Standish.



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