

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: John (Johann) Friedrich DIERKER ¹⁷

Birth Date: 23 November 1825 ¹

Location: Holzhausen, Aichach-Friedberg, Bayern, Germany ¹⁷

Death Date: 21 December 1909 ¹

Location: Santa Ana, Orange County, California ⁸

Buried at (Cemetery): St. John's Lutheran Cemetery

Plot Location: Lutheran H-14

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 02.76877" W117° 50' 18.03759"

(DMS) Datum: NAD83. Coordinates are +/- 1.00 feet of the grave location

Side Served: Union ¹

Rank: Captain (May 1861 to August 1861)

Company: G

Unit: 4th Regiment Infantry, US Reserves

State: Missouri

Rank: Captain (1862 to 1863)

Company: I

Unit: 75th Enrolled Militia Infantry Regiment

State: Missouri

Rank: Captain (1864 to August 1865)

Company: A/C

Unit: 49th Infantry Regiment

State: Missouri

Occupation: Livery Stable, Undertaker

Family Information

Parents –

Father: Victor Daniel (Valentine) Dierker ¹⁷

Birth Date/Location: 27 February 1797, Holzhausen, Aichach-Friedberg,
Bayern, Germany ⁸

Death Date/Location: 1859, New Melle, St. Charles County, Missouri ¹⁷

Mother: Clara Elisabeth Koenig ¹⁷

Birth Date/Location: 31 July 1799, Barkhausen, Hanover, Germany ⁸

Death Date/Location: 22 September 1866, New Melle, St. Charles County, Missouri ¹⁷

Spouse: Caroline A. Auping ¹⁷

Birth Date/Location: 20 January 1834, Melle, Hanover, Germany ^{14, 17}

Death Date/Location: 6 March 1906, Santa Ana, Orange County, California ¹⁴

Marriage Date/Location: 6 June 1850, St. Charles County, Missouri ⁸

Children –

Name: Clara Elisa Dierker ⁹

Birth Date/Location: 31 October 1851, New Melle, St. Charles County, Missouri ⁹

Death Date/Location: 10 December 1890, Wentzville, St. Charles County, Missouri ⁸

Name: Louise Clara Dierker (Koenig) ⁹

Birth Date/Location: 17 April 1856, Missouri ¹²

Death Date/Location: 28 July 1913, Wentzville, St. Charles County, Missouri ¹⁴

Name: Victor Daniel Dierker ⁹

Birth Date/Location: 25 October 1857, New Melle, St. Charles County,
Missouri ⁹

Death Date/Location: 14 May 1914, Santa Ana, Orange County, California ¹⁴

Name: Henrietta Madison Dierker (Beard) ¹⁰

Birth Date/Location: 16 March 1861, Missouri ¹⁵

Death Date/Location: 9 March 1943, Orange County, California ¹⁵

Name: Ernst Heinrich Dierker ¹⁰

Birth Date/Location: 15 November 1863, Wentzville, St. Charles County,
Missouri ¹⁰

Death Date/Location: 24 June 1915, St. Charles County, Missouri ⁸

Name: Johann Heinrich (Henry) Dierker ¹⁰

Birth Date/Location: 28 April 1866, Missouri ⁸

Death Date/Location: 22 February 1923, unknown ⁸

Name: Frank H. Dierker ¹⁰

Birth Date/Location: December 1868, Missouri ¹⁰

Death Date/Location: 7 December 1933, California ⁸

Name: Meta Elizabeth Dierker ¹¹

Birth Date/Location: 27 August 1871, St. Charles, St. Charles County,
Missouri ¹⁵

Death Date/Location: 20 August 1944, Orange, Orange County, California ¹⁵

Name: Eda Christine Dierker (Wilke) ¹¹

Birth Date/Location: 31 August 1874, St. Charles, St. Charles County,
Missouri ¹⁵

Death Date/Location: 26 July 1958, Orange County, California ¹⁵

Additional Information

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

Goodspeed's 1882 History of St. Charles, Montgomery and Warren Counties, Missouri

CAPT. JOHN F. DIERKER
(Liveryman and Undertaker, St. Charles).

When the war broke out in 1861, Capt. Dierker was engaged in merchandising at Wentzville. He had started out for himself without anything, and had worked hard and economized closely to get a start. He had been in business for some years before, and had started in the first place in Callaway township in a small way. By close attention to business and good management he had steadily progressed on the career of success until finally, removing to Wentzville, he established a good store and had a large and increasing trade, but, patiently and faithfully as he had worked to establish himself in business life, when Ft. Sumpter was fired upon his loyalty and patriotism overshadowed every consideration of self-interest, and he unhesitatingly threw himself into the conflict for the preservation of the Union. He turned his key on his store and left it to care for itself and went to work at once recruiting for the service of the Government, whose benign laws and institutions he knew so well how to appreciate, and which should be dearer than life to every patriotic man. He organized the company of independents of which he was elected captain, and after the expiration of that term of service he became captain of Co. I, of the Eighth Missouri infantry. When his second term expired he again entered the army, as did his whole company, which became a part of the Forty-ninth Missouri. Capt. Dierker led his company with courage and ability until the close of the war, and saw much hard and dangerous service in Missouri and in the far-off-sun-scorched land of cinnamon seed and sandy bottom. He was in numerous engagements in this State, and had the pleasure of swinging around the circle after Price, on the latter's last raid. He was also in the battles of Montgomery, Ala., and Augusta, Ga. After the war he returned home and found that although the "Rebs," had not gotten away with the Union, they had pretty effectually cleaned out his stock of goods, and that he had to begin again at the bottom of the ladder, so to speak. While in the army he was frequently offered promotion, but having promised his men that he would stay with them as their captain when they enlisted, he faithfully kept his word and uniformly declined all proffered advancement in the command. After his return he started a hotel, which he kept for about two years, and then engaged in the livery business, which he has ever since followed. He has been very successful. He has a large and handsome livery building, well supplied with good horses, vehicles of all kinds, etc. He also has three busses which he runs in connection with his stable from the depot on the arrival of each of the six daily trains. In the undertaker's line he has two fine hearses, so handsome and pleasant to ride in that one almost longs for the "sweet by and by" in order to enjoy the luxury for the final sepulchral tour which all must sooner or later take. His purchases were brought from Cincinnati, and cost him over \$2,000. Certainly when one can ride in such a conveyance as these from the small sum of \$10, no one needs to be carted off in a lumber wagon on his last earthly ride. Capt. Dierker has held the office of city councilman for several terms, and was elected to the place as long as he would accept it. In 1870 he was elected sheriff and collector, and two years later was re-elected to the same office. His majority was highly complementary to his personal popularity and standing as a citizen. He received 672 votes more than his opponent at the first election and 784 more at his second election. Capt. Dierker is Hanoverian by nativity, born December 23, 1826, and came to this country with his parents at the age of 14, in 1840. His father, Valentine D. Dierker, died in this county in 1859, and his mother, whose maiden name was Clare E. Koenig, died here in 1865, within two days of the same age of her husband. In 1850 Capt. Dierker was married to Miss Caroline A. Auping, a daughter of Casper H. Auping, formerly of Hannibal. They have nine children: Lizzie A., wife of Henry Koenig; Louisa William Koenig; Victor D., a partner of his father; Henrietta, a young lady who is still at home; Ernest, Henry, Frank H., Matah and Ada A. Two others died at tender ages. Mrs. D. is a member of the St. Paul Protestant Church.

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