

HISTORIC RED HOOK

Everett Knickerbocker

C.1836–April 14th, 1893

Red Hook Methodist Cemetery

Marble tablet with pointed top, fallen, face down as of 2025, at the north end of the cemetery near the tree line



There was, perhaps surprisingly, more than one man named Everett Knickerbocker in Dutchess County in the late 19th century.

The tombstone in this cemetery is fairly badly eroded and has, as of 2025, fallen face down, but it was recorded in *Old Gravestones of Dutchess County* in 1914 before acid rain and time could do their work. In this book, after his name, the inscription was copied as “128th Reg. NY Volunteers, d. 1893 Apr. 14, a. 57 yr.” This puts his birth c.1836, but this could be a transcription error of 51 (born c.1842) which fits better with his Civil War enlistment in Company F of the 128th Regiment of NY Volunteers which took place in August of 1862 when his age was recorded as 20 years. According to that same record, he may have gone AWOL not even a month later.

Everett enlisted in the Town of Northeast where he was residing at the time, though finding him in the census has proven difficult. Because it’s hard to distinguish him from at least one other local man with the same name, it’s unclear if he was the one who married a woman named Cornelia and resided in Poughkeepsie in the 1880s, but his age, recorded in the census, matches our Everett. If so, his poor wife was arrested for “being drunk” on Union Street in Poughkeepsie in 1895, two years after her husband’s death.

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