



## Horatio P. Van Cleve and family papers.

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Military Record of Horatio P. Van Cleve

as copied from enclosure in F.H.Dyer to E.M. Van Cleve, April 22, 1887.

Cadet at West Point Military Academy -- July 1827 to 1831

Brevet 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut 5<sup>th</sup> U. S. Infy. July 1, 1831

Frontier Duty at Fort Howard Wis. during 1831.

Frontier duty at Fort Winnebago 1831 to 1836.

2<sup>d</sup> Lieut 5<sup>th</sup> U. S. Infy Dec 31. 1834

Resigned Sept 11, 1836.

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War of Rebellion.

1861-1865.

Commissioned Colonel

2<sup>d</sup> Minnesota Vol Infy. July 22, 1861

Brig. Gen'l U. S. Vols. March 21, 1862

"for conspicuous gallantry and efficient services at  
the Battle of Mill Springs Ky."

Brevet Major Gen'l U. S. Vols. March 13, 1865.

"for gallant and meritorious services during the  
war."

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Service.

Duty at Fort Snelling, Minn. till Oct 1861

Left State for Va. Oct 14.

On reaching Pittsburg Pa. ordered to proceed with  
Regt to Ky.

Duty at Lebanon Junction Ky till Jany 1862.

Assigned to M<sup>c</sup>Cooks 3<sup>d</sup> Brig. Dept of the Ohio.

M<sup>c</sup>Cooks 3<sup>d</sup> Brig. Geo H Thomas' 1 Div Army of the Ohio

Jany 62

Advance to Columbia and Camp Hamilton Jany 1-17, 62  
Battle of Mill Springs Ky. Jany 19-20  
Return to Louisville, via Crab Orchard, Danville, Lebanon  
and Bairdstown Feby 10-15 assi  
Assigned to Command of 14 Brig. 5 Div Army of the Ohio  
Exp. to Nashville Tenn. Feby.  
Occ. of Nashville, March 2  
March to Pittsburg Landing to Reenfore Army of the Tenn.  
Advance upon and Siege of Corinth Miss. Apr 16 - May 30.  
Movement to Huntsville Ala. June 4 - July 1.  
Camp at Battle Creek till Aug.  
Pursuit of Bragg to Louisville Ky Aug 21 - Sept 26.  
Assigned to Command of 5<sup>th</sup> Div. 2<sup>d</sup> Corps Army Ohio  
Pursuit of Bragg to Wild Cat  
Battle of Perryville Ky Oct 8. (Reserve)  
Advance to Nashville Tenn.  
Comdg. 3 Div Reserve (Left Wing)  
14 Corps Army of the Cumberland Nov 1862 to Jany 1863.  
Murfreesboro Campaign.  
Lavergne Dec 26-27  
Stone River Dec 29-31  
Murfreesboro Jany 1-3, 1863  
Comdg 3 Div 21 Corps.  
Army of the Cumberland Jany to Nov 1863  
Duty of Murfreesboro till June 1863  
Tullahoma Campaign, June 22-30

Hoovers Gap June 25-26.  
Occ. of Tullahoma July 1  
Occ of <sup>C</sup> Minnville Aug 1.  
Occ of Chattanooga Sept 9.  
Ringgold Ga. Sept 11.  
Gordons Mills, Sept 12-13  
Chickamauga, Sept 19-20  
Chattanooga Tenn Sept 22-24  
Siege of Chattanooga Sept 26 Oct 26.  
Battles of Chattanooga (?) and Mission Ridge Nov 23-25  
Assigned to, and Comd'g Post and forces, Dist of  
Murfreesboro Tenn. Dept of the Cumberland.  
Nov 27, 1863 to Aug 21, 1865  
\* \* \* \* \*

Mustered out Aug 24, 1865

June 30/1827



The president of the United  
States having been pleased to appoint *Horatio P.  
Wancler* a Cadet in the service of the United States,  
he is to be received as such, and entitled to all the consideration attached to said  
appointment.

GIVEN at the War Office of the United States,  
this *thirtieth* day of *June* in  
the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and  
*twenty seven* and in the *fifty first* year  
of the Independence of said States.

*James Barbour*  
SECRETARY OF WAR.

H. Caratu P. Van Cleve

Appointed Cadet

June 30<sup>th</sup> 1927

N<sup>o</sup>. 24.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

12 July 1831.

SIR:

You are hereby informed, that on the first ins<sup>t</sup>: the President of the United States appointed you a Bd<sup>d</sup> Second Lieutenant in the Fifth regiment of Infantry in the service of the United States: should the Senate, at their next session, advise and consent thereto, you will be commissioned accordingly.

You will, immediately on receipt hereof, please to communicate to this Department, through the Adjutant General's Office, your acceptance or non-acceptance of said appointment; and, in case of accepting, you will report yourself agreeable to the provisions of order N<sup>o</sup>. 32, herewith enclosed.

*Ating P. Randolph*  
Secretary of War.

*For Bd<sup>d</sup> 2 Lieus  
Horatio P. Van Cleve  
5<sup>th</sup> Infantry*

*Note: Please to report the State in which you  
were born.*

H. R. Van Cleve

Appointed 3d Lt. 2<sup>d</sup>

Lieutenant, 5<sup>th</sup> Regt. U.S.

Infantry. 10<sup>th</sup> July

1831.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, 4<sup>th</sup> June 1835.

Sir:

Herewith you will receive your commission of  
Second Lieutenant in the Fifth  
Regiment of Infantry.

The oath prescribed and enclosed, will be filled up, subscribed,  
and returned. The receipt of which you will please ac-  
knowledge without delay.

I am, Sir;

Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

H. Jones

Adjutant General.

For  
Lieut  
Horatio P. Vanclue  
5<sup>th</sup> Regt of Infantry

Letter with  
Case of 2<sup>nd</sup> St  
U.S. Cavalry.  
June 1835.

POSTAGE PAID AND PREPAID  
TEN CENTS

Captain Genl. Office  
Washington 11 Augt: 1836.

General Order

No: 54.

The resignations of the following named officers have been accepted by the President of the United States to take effect at the dates set opposite to each respectively; to wit:

Captain J. Rogers . . . 6 Infantry . . . 31<sup>st</sup> July 1836.

1<sup>st</sup> Lieut: F. L. Dancy . . . 2<sup>d</sup> Artillery . . . 11 Sept: 1836

2<sup>d</sup> Lieut: H. P. Vancouver . . . 5 Infantry . . . 11 Sept: 1836.

2<sup>d</sup> Lieut: W. H. Petty . . . 1<sup>st</sup> Artillery . . . 11 Sept: 1836

2<sup>d</sup> Lieut: J. L. Davis . . . 4 Artillery . . . 11 Sept: 1836

By order of Major General Macomb

H. M. M.

J. Vancouver

Adj: Gen

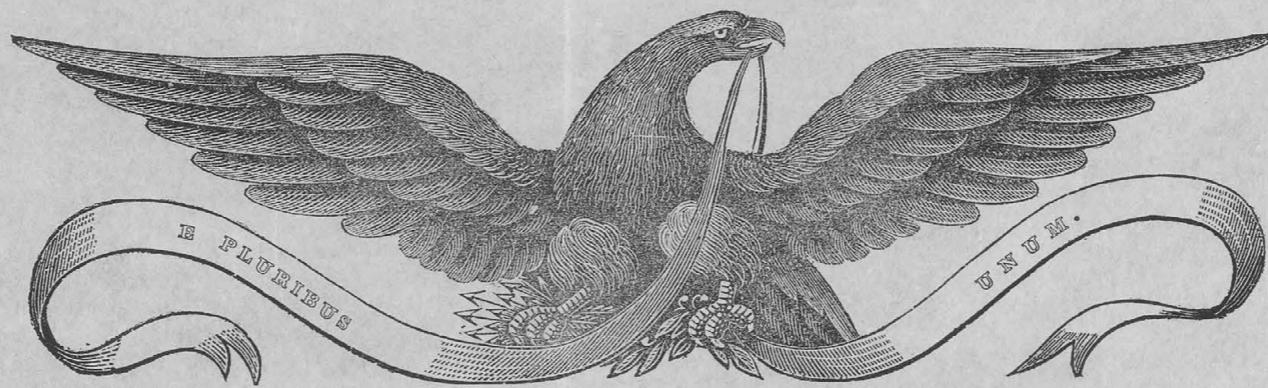
Adj. Gen U.S.A.

For Lt. Vane Low

Resignation  
Accepted

[Jan. 3 / 8437]

Port mouton  
at Dancer's Pier  
in Mo.



CHARLES A. WICKLIFFE,  
POSTMASTER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

WHEREAS, On the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1842, H. P. Vanderveer was appointed Postmaster at Davis' Prairie, in the County of Lewis, State of Missouri: and whereas he did on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1842, EXECUTE A BOND, and has taken THE OATH OF OFFICE, as required by law:

NOW, KNOW YE, That, confiding in the integrity, ability, and punctuality of the said H. P. Vanderveer I DO COMMISSION HIM A POSTMASTER, authorized to execute the duties of that office at Davis' Prairie aforesaid, according to the LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, and the Regulations of the Post Office Department: TO HOLD the said office of POSTMASTER, with all the powers, privileges, and emoluments to the same belonging, during the pleasure of the Postmaster General of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Seal of the Post Office Department to be affixed, at Washington City, the third day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Sixty-seventh

*Charles A. Wickliffe*

WILLIAM C. DODGE



Appointed  
Major Gen of  
Minnesota  
Militia by  
Govt & Sibley

[Oct 29, 1858]



United States of America.

State of Minnesota.

HENRY H. SIBLEY, Governor, and Commander-in-Chief of the Military Forces of the State:

To Horatio P. Van Cleave Esquire of Todd County. sends greeting:

Reposing especial trust and confidence in your valor, patriotism and fidelity, I have appointed you the said Horatio P. Van Cleave, Major General of the Fourth Division of Minnesota Militia. You are therefore by these presents appointed and commissioned as such Major General —

To have and to hold, the said office of Major General of said Division, together with all the rights, powers and emoluments to the said office belonging, or by law in anywise appertaining, until this appointment and commission shall be by me or other lawful authority superseded or annulled, or expire by force or reason of any law of this State.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my Name and caused the Seal of the Adjutant General of the State of Minnesota, to be affixed, at the Capitol, in the City of Saint Paul, this Twenty Ninth day of October 1858, and of the State, the First.

By the Commander-in-Chief,

Henry H. Sibley

Alex Clegg

ADJUTANT GENERAL.







United States of America.

STATE OF MINNESOTA.

ALEXANDER RAMSEY, Governor and Commander in Chief of the Military Forces of the State:

To Horatio P. Van Cleve

of Long Prairie Todd Co Minnesota

sends greeting:

Reposing especially trust and confidence in your valor, patriotism, and fidelity, I have appointed you the said

Horatio P. Van Cleve Colonel of Second Regiment of Minnesota volunteers

You are therefore by these presents appointed and commissioned as such Second Regiment Min Vol

To Have and to Hold, the said office of Second Regiment Colonel together with all the rights, powers and emoluments to the said office belonging, or by law in anywise appertaining, until this appointment and commission shall be by me, or other lawful authority superseded or annulled, or expire by force or reason of any law of this State.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my Name and caused the seal of the Adjutant General of the State of Minnesota, to be affixed at the Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, this Twenty Seconds day of

July 1861, and of the State the Fourth

By the Commander-in-Chief,

A. Ramsey

John B. Gumbon Adjutant General.

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, March 31, 1862.

Sir:

I forward herewith your commission of

Brigadier General,

your receipt and acceptance of which you will please acknowledge without delay, reporting at the same time your age and residence when appointed, and the State where born. Fill up, subscribe, and return as soon as possible, the accompanying oath, duly and carefully executed.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Julius P. Gausche  
Asst. Adjutant General.

Brig. Genl. Horatio P. Van Cleve,  
U.S. Volunteers,

Letter with  
Commission of  
King George Vals

Field of Shiloh Tenn  
Ap. 22. 1862

Adj't. Gen'l U. S. Army.

Sir

I have the honor to  
acknowledge the receipt of a Commission by the  
<sup>I accept your</sup> President of Brigadier General of Volunteers,  
Confederate States, given me by the President of the Central States,

Very respectfully

Your affec son etc.

J. R. Van Cleve

This commission held by J. R. Van Cleve, Thistleton, Utah

Copy of my  
letter to me  
abundance of  
Com<sup>n</sup> of Brig Gen.

Field of Shiloh  
Ap 22 1862

Capt J W Fry

C Adjt Gen Army of the Ohio.  
Sir

I have the honor to  
report that I have rec'd from the Adj't Gen'l  
U. S. A. a Commission by the President as Brig  
General of Volunteers to rank from the 21<sup>st</sup> day  
of March 1862.

Very respectfully

[Horatio P. Van Cleve]

according to C. F. Van Cleve,  
information supplied by

War Department,

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1868.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose to you, herewith, your Commission  
of Major General, by Brevet, the receipt of which  
please acknowledge.

I am, Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. C. Kelton

Assistant Adjutant General.

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Brevet Major General Horatio P. Van Cleve,

U. S. Volunteers.

Post Office Department,

Washington, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1871.

Sir:

The PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, with the advice and consent of the Senate, has appointed you DEPUTY POSTMASTER at Saint Anthony's Falls in the County of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, under the 33d section of the act to "change the organization of the Post Office Department," &c., approved 2d July, 1836, in which capacity you are hereby required—

1st. To execute the inclosed bond, and cause it to be executed by two sufficient sureties in the presence of suitable witnesses, and the sufficiency of the sureties to be certified by a qualified magistrate, and approved by me.

2d. To take and subscribe the oath or affirmation of office inclosed, before a magistrate, who will certify the same.

3d. To deposit your bond and qualification, duly executed and certified as aforesaid, in the mail, addressed to the First Assistant Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.

After the receipt at this Department of your bond and qualification, duly executed and certified, and my approval of the sufficiency of the same, a commission will be sent to you, upon the receipt of which you will be authorized to take possession of the office and enter upon the discharge of its duties. Until this commission shall have been received, you will not be justified in incurring any expense or taking any step preparatory to your installation into office beyond the execution of the bond and qualification aforesaid.

This appointment is for the term of four years from 3<sup>d</sup>. March 1871 subject to the conditions prescribed by law.

It is the settled purpose of the President and Postmaster General to require every Postmaster at important offices to attend in person to the duties of his office, to superintend and direct its business, and to know that it is properly conducted.

The gross irregularities which have heretofore prevailed at many of the larger offices, in consequence of the Postmasters failing to attend personally to their duties, have rendered the above requirement necessary to the efficiency of the public service and the reputation of the Department.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. W. Marshall

K. J. Van Cleve Esq. acting Postmaster General

Saint Anthony's Falls.

Hennepin Co.

Minnesota.

App' of Postmaste  
Capt St. Matthew  
March 3, 1871



STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

[See commission of March 15, 1876]

Saint Paul, 3<sup>d</sup> m 1<sup>st</sup> 1876

Genl. H. B. Van Cleve

Minneapolis Minn.

Sir:-

By direction of Governor  
Pillsbury, I have the honor to transmit herewith your  
Commission as Adjutant General of the State of Minnesota,  
to which office the Governor has this day appointed you.

Respectfully Yours

A. Coleman Macy

Governor's Clerk

[March] 1876]

See letter of same date



# United States of America

STATE OF MINNESOTA.

JOHN S. PILLSBURY, Governor of said State:

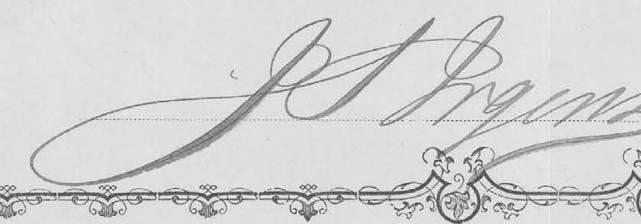
To H<sup>r</sup> Van Cleve of Hennepin County, **SENDS GREETING,**

Relying especial trust and confidence in your prudence, integrity and ability,  
I have appointed you the said H<sup>r</sup> Van Cleve Adjutant General of the State of Minnesota  
since Henry A. C. Castle resigned.

You are therefore, by these presents, appointed and commissioned Adjutant General as aforesaid,  
To Have and to Hold, The said office of Adjutant General together with all the rights, powers  
and emoluments, to the said office belonging, or by law in anywise appertaining, until this commission shall  
be by me, or other lawful authority, superseded or annulled, or expire by force or reason of any law of this State.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my name and caused the Great Seal of  
the State of Minnesota to be affixed, at the Capitol, in the City of Saint Paul,  
this First day of March in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and seventy-six and of the State the Eigh teene

By the Governor:

  
J. S. Pillsbury  
Secretary of State.

  
H. R. Van Cleve

Appointed  
Ady. Gen by  
Gov Pittsburg

Jan. 11 1878

Appointed Adj't Gen  
by Gen. P. J. Stacey





# United States of America.

( STATE OF MINNESOTA )

JOHN S. PILLSBURY, Governor of said State:

To Genl. H. P. Van Cleve of Hennepin County, Sends Greeting:

Reposing especial trust and confidence in your prudence, integrity and ability,  
I have appointed you, the said Genl. H. P. Van Cleve Adjutant General of the State  
of Minnesota

You are, therefore, by these presents, appointed and commissioned Adjutant General as aforesaid.  
To Have and to Hold, The said office of Adjutant General together with all the rights, powers  
and emoluments to the said office belonging, or by law in anywise appertaining, until this commission shall be  
by me, or other lawful authority, superseded or annulled, or expire by force or reason of any law of this State.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my name and caused the Great Seal of  
the State of Minnesota to be affixed, at the Capitol, in the City of Saint Paul,  
this Eleventh day of January in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight and of the State the Fortieth

By the Governor:

*J.S. Pillsbury*

Secretary of State.

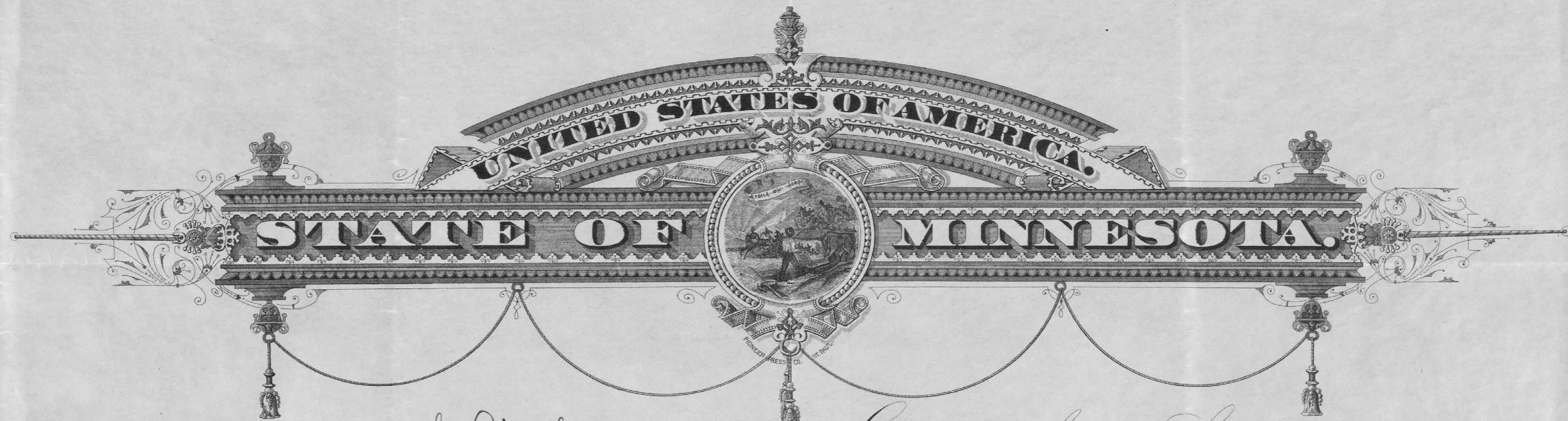
De Brancove  
Dajt Van by

Jan. 14, 1881]

Gov Pillsbury

Surveillance of  
Gov. Pillsbury

Nov. 9. A. G.



John S. Pillsbury,

Governor of said State:

To H. P. Van Buren of Hennepin County Sends Greeting:

Reposing especial trust and confidence in your prudence, integrity and ability,  
I have appointed you, the said H. P. Van Buren, as Adjutant-General of the State of Minnesota,

You are, therefore, by these presents, appointed and commissioned — Adjutant-General — as aforesaid.  
To Have and to Hold The said office of Adjutant General — together with all the rights, powers,  
and emoluments to the said office belonging, or by law in anywise appertaining, until this commission shall be, by me,  
or other lawful authority, superseded, or annulled, or expire, by force or reason of any law of this State.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my name and caused the Great Seal of  
the State of Minnesota to be affixed, at the Capitol, in the City of St. Paul this Fourteenth  
day of January — in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one  
and of the State the 23<sup>rd</sup> —

By the Governor

Fred van Buren

Secretary of State.

J. S. Pillsbury



*[Enclosed in letter of July 5, 1890]*



I Horatio P. Vanclueve of the State of  
appointed a Second Lieutenant in the  
**Army of the United States**, do solemnly swear, or affirm,  
that I will bear true allegiance to the United States of Amer-  
ica, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against  
all their enemies or opposers whatsoever; and observe and obey  
the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders  
of the Officers appointed over me, according to the Rules and  
Articles for the government of the Armies of the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed }  
before me, at }  
this day of 18 }

Justice of the Peace.

[See letter of July 8, 1890.]

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, July 5, 1890.

Sir:

I forward herewith your Commission of ~~2d Lieutenant~~  
of Infantry, in the Army of the United States.

Please acknowledge your receipt and acceptance thereof as early as practicable, reporting at the same time the date and place of your birth, your residence when appointed, and your full name, correctly written. Please fill up, subscribe, and return at once the accompanying oath, duly executed.

The Secretary of War directs me to communicate to you the following orders:

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,



Asst. Adjutant General.

2d Lt. Horatio P. Van Cleve,  
No. S. Infantry.  
Minneapolis,  
Minn.,

Original commission held by J. R. Van Cleve, Thistle, Utah.

[The commission dated  
July 5, 1890]

Minneapolis, Minnesota,

July 8<sup>th</sup> 1890.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt and acceptance <sup>this day</sup> of a Commission of Lieutenant <sup>of the</sup> Cavalry in the Army of the United States; and herewith enclose my oath of office.

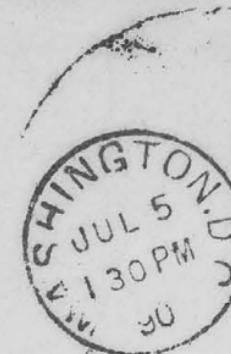
I was born in Princeton New Jersey on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1809. and more reside in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

I am very respectfully  
Yours Obt. Secundus  
Horatio Phillips Vanderveer  
Adj't. Gen. U.S. Army  
Washington D.C.

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.



2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Horatio P. Van Cleave.  
U. S. Infantry,  
Minneapolis,  
Minn.,

Commission

2<sup>d</sup> L<sup>t</sup> of Superiority,

U. S. Surveyor

June 19, 1890

Bethel, 1890

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Assistant General's Office,  
July 1, 1890.  
James McKeen  
Acting Assistant General.

THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



To all who shall see these presents greeting:

Know Ye, That in accordance with an Act of Congress approved June 11, 1890 I have  
abiding trust and confidence in the patriotism, integrity, fidelity, and  
abilities of nominated Horatio P. Van Cleve, I have nominated and by and with the advice and  
consent of the Senate do appoint him Second Lieutenant of Infantry  
in the service of the United States, to rank as such from the nineteenth day of June  
eighteen hundred and ninety — He is therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty  
of Second Lieutenant — by doing and performing all manner of things thereto belonging.

And I do strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under his command to be obedient  
to his orders as Second Lieutenant — And he is to observe and follow such orders and directions  
from time to time as he shall receive from me or the future President of the United States of America,  
or the General or other superior Officers set over him according to the rules and discipline of War.

This Commission to continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United States for  
the time being.

Given under my hand at the city of Washington the first — day of July — in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety — and in the one hundred and fourteenth year of the Independence of the United States.

By the President.

L. A. Tracy  
Acting Secretary of War.

Ruf. Kornish.

