

Frank Dickerman's mother died two weeks after his birth. He was brought up by the Bolles family of Pepperell, Mass and took their name. By Kenneth Bolles

August 2, 1978 Kenneth R. Bolles Writes to his son Richard B. Bolles, " I'm enclosing some notes on my grandfather Frank D. Bolles, which are self-explanatory. Thought you might be interested....some day it would be interesting to go to Andersonville {GA?} and see if there is any record of Sam Dickerman. It is near Plains. I went thru it last year but didn't know the significance then.

PARENTS of FRANK DICKERMAN BOLLES: Until recently I knew little about my grandfather Frank D. Bolles' parents other than his fathers' name was Dickerman. He came from Hollis, NH and died during the Civil War. His mother (Francena A. Bolles) lived with the Bolles family of Pepperell, Mass. She was their adopted daughter according to War Department pension application. I didn't know the dates of her birth or death. The Bolles brought up my grandfather and gave him their name, but never legally adopted him.

Recently I wanted to put markers on the graves og my uncle Arthur Bolles and his wife Margaret in Woodlawn Cemetary, Pepperell. As I didn't know the dates of birth or death I visited Sam Crory, husband of Margaret's sisterIlva. He brought out two bibles belonging to the Mace Bolles family and said he thought I should have them. I did not know they existed although Ilva had kept them for 18 years since Aunt Margaret's death.

In one of the bibles, probably in my grandmother's handwriting was a small note with the following. Fanny A. Bolles, wife of S.R. Dickerman died July 10, 1855 - 24 years, 7 months - Frank D. Bolles' mother.

This gave me Dickerman's initials but I still did not know his first name. It also told us his mother's name and that she died only 14 days after giving birth to her son.

The coincident occurred when I visited the Midlyn Monument Co. in Milford, NH to order a granite marker for Arthur and Margaret. Walking through the shop I noticed a marker with the name Howard Dickerman who had died back in 1968. On inquiry I learned it was to be installed in North Cemetary at Hollis and that there were other Dickermans buried there.

I have visited North Cemetary and found a large mounment in the center of the cemetary with the names of Samuel R. Dickerman, Born May 26, 1828, Died 1864 Andersonville Prison. Sophia E. Blood - Wife, January 25, 1838 - October 21, 1882.

Samuel R. Dickrman must have been Frank D. Bolles father and Sophia Blood was no doubt his second wife. Samuel's body probably still rests in Andersonville, GA in the National cemetary with some 14,000 other Union soldiers who died in this infamous prison. Other Dickerman's buried in Hollis include

George Dickerman Sr 8/5/63 - 4/25/50, possibly Franks half brother

His wife Martha 3/25/58 - 7/11/09

Children Elizabeth 1/12/86 - 4/18/16

Doris L. 11/14/94 - 9/30/18

Arlie 2/10/87 - 2/10/87

Howard R. Dickerman 9/8/90 - 4/16/68 a bachelor and possibly son of George Sr.

I though the above facts were of sufficient interest to distribute to members of our family. KR Bolles 8/1/78

BOLLES CEMETERY LOT - Woodlawn Ce4metery, Heald Street, Pepperell, Mass [10 lots]

Arthur Bolles Margaret Bolles Stone-----Stone Ida Sanford

-1957 -1960 1938

#! Frank D. Bolles Harriet(Mace) Bolles Carlton Bolles #5

1855-1915 1857-1928 1894-1918

Kenneth Bolles writes - "The above plot was furnished me by the undertaker - Paul Andrews in 1960. I visited the cemetery in July 1976 and there was another stone erected on the lot with the name Ada Perry 1896-1940. I would say this stone probably was on the #1 lot. I knew one of MArgaret Bolles sisters was buried there but not two. It could be the same person. Sam Crory and his wife Ilva (Aunt Margarets sister) are supposed to have paid for perpeteral care of the lot. She received all of Uncle Arthur's estate on the death of Aunt Margaret.

#### APPLICATION OF MINOR CHILDREN FOR PENSION

State of New Hampshire, County of Hillsborough

On this 3rd day of April A.D. 1871, personally appeared before me, the clerk of the Nausha Court, within and for the county and state aforesaid, JAMES H. BOLLES a resident of Pepperell in the county of Middlesex and state of Massachusetts age 59 years, who, being first duly sworn according to the law, doth, on oath, make the following declaratuon as guardin of the minor child of SAMUEL R. DICKERMAN deceased, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress, approved July 14, 1862, granting pensions to minor children under sixteen years of age of deceased officers and soldiers; that he is the guardian of Frank Bolles Dickerman, minor child of said Samuel R. Dickerman, deceased and his first wife Francina Bolles, the adopted daughter of said James H. Bolles, whose father was a Sargent in Company "G", 6th Regiment of N.H. Volunteers, in the war of 1861, and said Samuel R Dickerman died at Andersonville, Georgia on the 1st day of October in the year 1864 of rebal cruelty as per occasion of pervious officer in claim of window Sophia E. Dickerman, no.116,359, adificated 29 May 1868.

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#### In this tree



**Frank Dickerman Bolles**  
1855 - 1915

#### In other family trees

This object is not attached to any other tree