

# *Algonquin Civil War Veterans*

## Sylvanus Seeber

**Date of Birth:** May 1923 (1900 Census)  
**Nativity:** Ellisburg, Jefferson County, New York  
**Parent (Father):**  
**Parent (Mother):**  
**Married:**

**Enlistment Record:** 15th IL Inf., Co. F  
**Re-enlisted:** 5th Illinois Light Artillery, Elgin or Renwick's Battery  
**Residence:** Richmond, McHenry County, Illinois in 1861

**Enlistment Date:** 24 May 1861 (3 years) as farmer.  
**Re-enlistment Date:** 19 February 1864 (3 years) as farmer.  
**Age at Enlistment:** 38 years old  
**Discharge Date:** 5 December 1862 at Memphis, Tennessee due to disability  
**Second Discharge:** 18 July 1865 at Chicago, IL

**Name of Spouse:** Mary A. (b. 1825 in NY)  
**2nd Spouse:** Mrs. Celestia Pinkerton (m. 14 September 1856)  
**1st Marriage:** Celestia Peck m. Volney Pinkerton on 18 October 1848 in McHenry Co

**Date of Death:** 5 July 1906  
**Location of Death:** Algonquin, Illinois  
**Burial Location:** Algonquin Cemetery, Algonquin, McHenry County, Illinois

**Children 1st Marriage:** Melvin D. (b. 1848 in IL); David M. (b. 1850 in IL)  
**2nd Marriage:** Mary C. (b. 1855 in IL); Frances (b. 1858 in IL)  
**Spouse 1st Marriage:** Alwilda Pinderton (b. 1850 in IL from 1st Marriage?)

**Employment:** Farmer (1850); Day Laborer (1860 & 1870); Well Digger (1880)

**Other Information:** Volney Pinkerton died 12 October 1855 in Algonquin, IL  
Lived on Corner of Ridge Street and South River Drive

### *Fought with Renwick's Light Artillery*

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Attached to District of Western Kentucky until April 1863

July 1862 ~ Operations against Morgan in Kentucky

Oct 1862 ~ Burnside's Campaign in East Tennessee

Dec 1862 ~ Knoxville Campaign

February 1864 ~ Garrison Duty around Knoxville, Kentucky (Re-enlistment with son)

Mar-Apr 1865 ~ Campaign of Carolinas

March 1865 ~ Battle of Wise's Forks, North Carolina

April 1865 ~ Skirmish at Bennett's House, Surrender of Johnston and his army.



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**Site of Sylvanus Seeber  
Homesite**

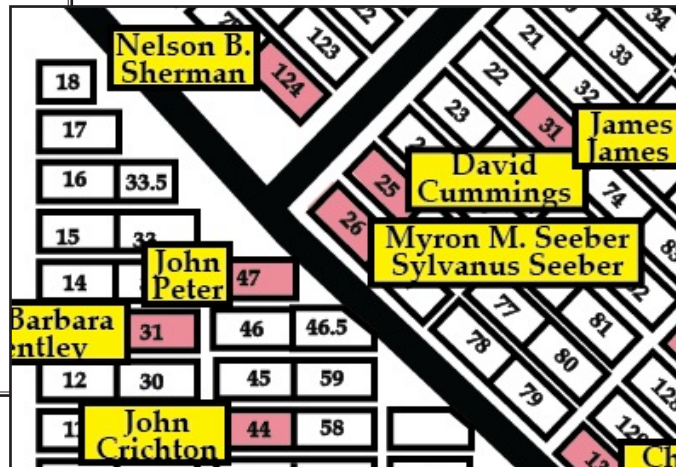
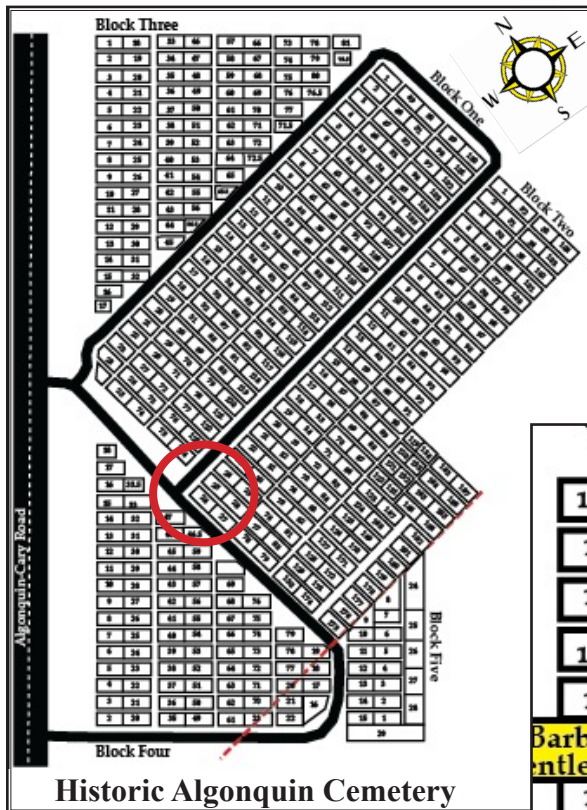
**View East from Dam**

**Janak Family Archives**

- 1824 Sylvanus Seeber was born in Sandy Creek, New York 1824
- 1844 Sylvanus came to Illinois and took up farming.
- 1846 Sylvanus Seeber bought 48 acres (\$1.25/ac) on 9 January 1846 43N, 09E, p. 239, Vol 31 identified as S2, Lot 2, SW
- 1850 Farmer Sylvanus Seeber (b. 1824 in NY) and Mary A. (b. 1825 in NY) lived in Barrington, Cook County Illinois with Mevina D (b. 1848) and **David (b. 1850)**.
- 1855 Mary died and was buried in Barrington Union Cemetery, Cook County, Illinois
- 1856 Sylvanus Seeber married Mrs. Celestia Pinkerton on 14 September 1856, witness Jesse Miller. Volney Pinkerton was husband in 1850, child Alwelda born in 1850 in Algonquin, Illinois.
- 1861 Sylvanus enlisted on 24 May 1861 with 15th Illinois Infantry, Co. F, listed Richmond, McHenry County, Illinois as his residence.
- 1860 Farmer Sylvanus Seeber (b. 1823 in NY) and Celestia Pinkerton Seeber (33) lived in Greenwood, McHenry County, Illinois with Melvin (b. 1848), **David M. (b. 1850 in IL)**, Mary C. (5), Alwida Pinkerton (10), Frances (2) lived with Sylvanus and wife. Also all children born in IL.
- 1864 Sylvanus Seeber, farmer from NY enlisted with the 5th Illinois Light Artillery, Elgin Battery on 19 February 1864.
- 1864 **David M. Seeber (b. 1846 in IL)** enlisted in the 5th Illinois Light Artillery, Elgin Battery on 1 December 1864.
- 1870 **Myron (b. 1848 in Illinois)** lived in Algonquin with farm laborer Sylvanus Seeber (b. 1825 in NY) with wife Celestia (b. 1822 in NY), Frances (b. 1862). Myron listed with children in the house. Farmer in Section 11, 12, 13, owned total of 419 acres (may not be at the same date).
- 1872 Burial in Algonquin Cemetery in Block 02, Lot 26, Grave 1, Sylvanus & Celestia both in Lot 2. Note Cemetery records indicate M. M. Seeber a veteran but no burial date listed.
- 1890 Sylvanus Seeber filed for pension as invalid. Fought with 15th Illinois Infantry, Co. F and 5th Independent Light Artillery, Elgin Battery.
- 1906 Sylvanus died at his home on 5 July 1906. Wife was Celestia Pinkerton Seeber filed in 20 July 1906 for her widow's pension. Died of illness of several months.
- 1909 Celestia buried in Algonquin Cemetery, Blk 02, Lot 26, Grave 6 next to her husband, Sylvanus.

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Sylvanus Seeber grave site, Algonquin Cemetery, Algonquin, McHenry County, Illinois

## S. J. Seeber

Sylvanus J. Seeber, one of the oldest residents of this part of the state, died at his home July 5, after an illness of several months.

Mr. Seeber was born in Sandy Creek, N. Y., and was 82 years old at the time of his death. He came to Illinois in 1844, and took up the business of farming. At the breaking out of the civil war in 1861, he entered the army, and gave four years to the defense of his country, serving until the troops were mustered out.

He leaves a wife, two daughters and numerous grandchildren.

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