

6<sup>th</sup> of April 1862

The evening of the first day's fight at the Battle of Shiloh, the Northern Army was repulsed. Genl. Anderson's command opposed a part of Genl. Len Wallace's. They dropped to the cover of their Gun Boats. Their tents &c fell into our hands, among the rest, Genl. W.'s own tent, papers etc. & this pipe. The soldier who captured it gave it to Genl. Anderson. It was to the end of the war quite a hit with Genl. A's Staff Officers. An old red silk handkerchief was always kept in a convenient place and as soon as the Genl. quit smoking one of the officers would rub it until it was cool in order to color it properly. It was considered finely colored by its admirers. Gen. A. always used [?] it until his death in 1872. In 1868 Gen. A. was planting in spring [?], the levys had been destroyed by the enemy & there was a heavy overflow. He was going from his house to the landing in a small skiff—his pipe fell from the stern into the water. It was at night & he thought it was gone & the next day in going over the same ground he said this must be about the place I dropt my pipe he put his hand down & sure enough found the pipe. Of course its falling into the water had caused it to crack. He had a silver band put round it hoping to preserve it & he did continue to use it until 1872 when it was laid away. Several years after when opened it was found in the condition it now is. The coloring could never be restored after the night in the water.

History of Patton's Pipe

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