

It takes more than a good resume to get a government contract.

Charles K. Gardner (1787-1868+)

From: “Pictorial Field-book of the War of 1812”ⁱ, 1868.

Charles K. Gardner was born in Morris County, New Jersey, in 1787, and in 1791 removed with his parents to Newburg on the Hudson, where he finished his education. He was a student of medicine with Dr. Hosack in New York, when he received the appointment of ensign in the old Sixth Regiment of Infantry in 1808. In the following year, while on duty at Oswego, he was appointed adjutant of his regiment. He served as such at various points, and at Baton



Figure 1. Charles K. Gardner. (From Book, *Pictorial Field-book of the War of 1812*.)

Rouge, Louisiana, General Wade Hampton appointed him his brigade inspector. In July, 1812, he was appointed captain of the Third Artillery, and in the following month General Armstrong, then in command at New York, made him his brigade inspector. In March 1813, he was in charge of the adjutant general's office at Washington as assistant, but was soon afterward promoted to major of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, and ordered to the Northern frontier at Sackett's Harbor. He was in the battle of Chrysler's Field. In the following spring he accompanied General Brown's division First from French Mills to Sackett's Harbor, and then to Buffalo, and in April received the appointment of adjutant general, with the rank of colonel. For distinguished services on the Niagara frontier he was brevetted lieutenant colonel, but, being then colonel, he declined it. In May, 1816, he was recommissioned adjutant general of the Army of the North, and in 1818 he married and resigned.

In 1822, he edited the New York Patriot, and was appointed corresponding clerk in the Post-office Department. In 1829 he became assistant postmaster general. He became auditor of the treasury for the Post-office Department in 1836, and was afterward postmaster at Washington City, and surveyor general of Oregon. Colonel Gardner is now (1867) a resident of Washington City. He is the author of a "Compend of Infantry Tactics", and a very comprehensive "Dictionary of the Army".

ⁱ Lossing, Benson J., **“Pictorial Field-Book of the War of 1812.”** Harper & Brothers, Publishers, Franklin Square, New York, 1868.