

# EURTIS, CHARLES ALBERT 0001

CURTIS, CHARLES ALBERT, born at Hallowell, Kennebec County, Maine, October 4, 1835; son of Charles Stubbs and Amanda F. (Ham) Curtis; attended Maine State and Yarmouth Seminaries; graduated from Norwich University and received an A.B. degree from Bowdoin College, 1861; married Harriette Louise Hughes at Holderness (now Ashland), New Hampshire, May 17, 1866; children, Warden A., Laurence A. (Colonel, U. S. Army), George H., Dorothea H. (Mrs. Wallace Chickering) and Barbara H. (Mrs. Earl B. Rose).

Appointed State drill master and was engaged from April to June, 1861, in drilling volunteers in different parts of Maine; went to Virginia as instructor to the field officers of the 6th Maine Infantry and twice commanded a company in action; appointed for extraordinary merit, 2d Lieutenant, 7th U. S. Infantry, April 4 and transferred to 5th U. S. Infantry, April 28, 1862; joined the Regiment at Fort Craig, New Mexico, July 1862; stationed at Peralta, Los Pinos and Fort Marcy, N. M.; in command of a camp at Valles Grandes, N. M., for 8 months, and had repeated contacts with hostile Indians, particularly in October, 1863, when an attack by 300 Navajos was repelled.

Promoted to 1st Lieutenant at Fort Wingate, N. M., March 30, 1864; left there for Arizona in May, 1864 and served as Acting Quartermaster at Fort Whipple, A. T., where he supervised the construction of that post located about a mile from the new town of Prescott.

Attended the first meeting of Free and Accepted Masons in Arizona at Prescott, \_\_\_\_\_, 1864; invited with other

officers at Fort Whipple "to occupy seats within the bar of the House" by resolution of the Assembly, 1st Territorial Legislature, September 30, 1864; named as one of the incorporators of the Arizona Historical Society by Act approved November 7, 1864; went from Fort Whipple on a scout against Yavapai Indians December 26, 1864, and was in two engagements with Apaches in February, 1865; brevet Captain for meritorious service during the War, September 27, 1865.

Left Fort Whipple in October, 1865, and was on leave and Recruiting Service until June, 1866; commanded a company of recruits for the 5th U. S. Infantry which marched from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and arrived at Fort Sumner, N. M., in September, 1866; left for Fort Reynolds, Colorado, on October 12, 1867, and was in command there until April, 1869; detailed as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont, May, 1869; retired because of wounds received in line of duty, December 15, 1870.

Continued as Professor at Norwich University until 1874 and held a similar position at St. Augustine's College, Benecia, California, 1875-76; President of Norwich University, 1876-80; Professor of Military Science at Shattuck School, Faribault, Minnesota, and Colonel, National Guard of Minnesota, 1880-85; East Florida Seminary, Gainesville, Florida, and Lieutenant Colonel, Florida National Guard, 1885-89; Kenyon Military Academy, Sweet Springs, Missouri, 1890-92; the Howe School, Lima, Indiana, 109iB-93; at the University of Wisconsin he commanded the largest

Corps of Cadets in the United States, 1895-1907; Lieutenant Colonel, National Guard of Wisconsin, 1897-1907; promoted Captain on the retired list by Act of Congress approved April 23, 1904.

He was the author of a novel, "Captured by the Navajo's" published in 1904, four serials for Harper's Round Table, a serial for the Youth's Companion a serial for Wide Awake and a short story for St. Nicholas, several of which reflect his experiences in Arizona and New Mexico; he demitted from Astlan Lodge No. 157, F. & A. M., at Prescott and was a member of De Witt Clinton Lodge No. 15 at Northfield, Vermont from 1869 to 1890 and of Madison Lodge No. 5 from and after 1892; he was also a Companion, Vermont Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion, 1899-1907.

Died at Madison, Wisconsin, May 26, 1907, aged 71, buried, Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia.

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1. Any mention of him in the Arizona Miner in 1864, particularly the Masonic Meeting.
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