

MASON, JOHN SANFORD

MASON, JOHN SANFORD, born at Steubenville, Jefferson County, Ohio,

August 21, 1824; sons of _____ and _____

_____ ; (he was a direct descendent of John Mason, of Connecticut, 1600-1672, who fought in the Pequet War).

Married, (1) Annie Judkins, of Steubenville, 1847, and (2) Mrs. Cornelia Marie (McKeller) Wilson at Washington, D. C., March 8, 1881; children: Charles Winder (Major, U. S. Army), _____

_____ (Mrs. Eckles), *John S. Jr. (1st Lieutenant, U. S. Army)*

Educated at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, and Washington College, Washington, Pennsylvania; Cadet, U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., 1843-47; appointed 2nd. Lieutenant, 3rd. U. S. Artillery, July 1, 1847; served in the Mexican War, landing ^{at} Tampico, ~~in~~ 1847; promoted 1st. Lieutenant, September 7, 1850; was Regimental Quartermaster, from June 27, 1854, to June 1, 1858; conducted recruits to California; stationed at San Diego, 1852-54, and at Fort Yuma, 1854; promoted Captain, 11th U. S. Infantry, May 14, and became Colonel, 4th Ohio Volunteers Infantry, October 3, 1861; brevet Major of Regulars for gallantry in action at the Battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862; promoted Brigadier General, U. S. Volunteers, November 29, 1862; deafened in one ear by explosion of a hostile shell at the battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia, December 13, 1862; brevet Lieutenant Colonel for gallant conduct in that battle; because of ill health was relieved from actual ^{live} duty at the front; became Provost-Marshal General and Chief Mustering and Disbursing Officer for California and Nevada, November 17, 1863; promoted Major, 17th U. S. Infantry, October 14, 1864; brevet Colonel and Brigadier General, U. S. Army for gallant and meritorious

conduct in the field during the War, March 13, 1865; assigned to command the District of Arizona, Department of the Pacific, February 20, 1865; arrived at Fort Whipple in June, 1865; had about 2800 California Volunteers and regular soldiers ^{under his command} to which were added four Companies of Arizona Volunteers; honorably mustered out of the Volunteer Service, April 30, but continued in command of the District of Arizona until June 3, 1899.

In command of regiment and post at San Antonio, Texas, 1867-69; stationed at Fort Bayard, N. M., 1869-70; at Fort Stanton and Fort Selden, N. M., 1873-74; promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, 4th U. S. Infantry, December 11, 1873, and to Colonel, 9th U. S. Infantry, April 2, 1883; retired after over 40 years active service, August 21, 1888; died at Washington, D. C., November 30, 1897, aged 74; buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia; Fort Mason, near Calabasas, Pima County, A. T., established August 21, 1865, was named for him; W. C. 466, 809.

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