

BACKUS, ELECTUS

Born at Rensselaerville, Green (now Albany) Co., N.Y., February __, 1804.
Son of Electus Backus, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, who was mortally wounded at the Battle of Sacketts Harbor, May 29, 1813, and Sabra (Judson) Backus.

Married, Mary L. Brady, daughter of Brevet Major General Hugh Brady, at Detroit, Michigan, October 14, 1830.

Daughter Mary C. X (who married Captain James N. Ward, U.S. Army).
Appointed from New York to West Point, 1820; graduated, 1824.

Served as Major, 3d U.S. Infantry stationed at Fort Defiance, N.M., 1851-1852 and at Fort Fillmore, N.M., 1853-1854.

In command of expedition against Navajo Indians, 1858 and stationed at Fort Defiance, 1858-1859.

Died at Detroit, Michigan, June 7, 1862, aged 58.

Buried, Lot 92, Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Cullum, G.W. - Biographical Register, U.S. Military Academy, No. 388.

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I am sure you will find the following information in the records of the U.S. Army.
The genealogy of your military service is in the records of the U.S. Army.