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Born at Lubec, Washington County, Maine, December 27, 1814.

Probably son of John Carleton and _____

Married, (1) Henrietta Tracy Loving of Boston, Massachusetts, October 9, 1840, who died at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, October 18, 1842.

(2) Sophie Garland Wolfe, a niece of Brigadier General John Garland, at Brooklyn, N. Y., August 28, 1848.

Children, Henry Guy, the playwright (2d Lieutenant, U.S. Army), Naud (Mrs. _____) and Eva Etta _____, who married Dr. John Vansant, Major Surgeon, U.S. Army.

As Lieutenant, Maine Volunteers, participated in the "Arcostock War." Appointed from Maine, 2d Lieutenant, 1st U.S. Dragoons, October 18, 1839. Promoted, 1st Lieutenant, March 17, 1845, and served as Assistant Commissary of Subsistence in Kearny's expedition to the Rocky Mountains, 1846. Promoted Captain, February 16, 1847; brevet Major for gallant and meritorious service at the Battle of Buena Vista, Mexico, February 23, 1847. Author of The Battle of Buena Vista, New York, 1848. Stationed in New Mexico, 1850-1857.

Ordered to California, 1857, and stationed at Fort Tejon. Left Los Angeles, April 23, for southern Utah to investigate the Mountain Meadow Massacre and wrote a report at that place, May 25, 1859 (House Document 605, 57th Congress, 1st Session).

In command of campaign against Pah-Ute Indians with headquarters on Mohave River, 1860.

Promoted, Major, 6th U.S. Cavalry, September 7, 1861.

Commissioned Colonel, 1st California Volunteer Infantry, August 19, 1861; promoted Brigadier General of Volunteers, April 28, 1862.

Marched across southern Arizona in command of the "Column from California," 1862. In command of the Department of New Mexico from September 18, 1862, to April 30, 1866. Brevet, Major General for meritorious service during the War, March 13, 1865. Promoted Lieutenant Colonel, 4th U.S. Cavalry, July 31, 1866 and Colonel, 8d U.S. Cavalry, June ____, 1868.

Died at San Antonio, Texas, January 7, 1873, aged 59. Buried in the family vault at Mount Auburn Cemetery, Boston, Mass.

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