

WALKER, THOMAS WOODRUFF

WALKER, THOMAS WOODRUFF, born at New Albany, Floyd County, Indiana, June M, 1833; son of Thomas B. arid Mary (Woodruff) Walker; married Henrietta C. Dayton at Newark, New Jersey, April 1, 1863; daughter, Marie W.

Appointed to West Point from Indiana, 1852; graduated July 1, 1856, and promoted to 2d Lieutenant, 3d U.S. Infantry; served on frontier duty at Fort Defiance, New Mexico, 1857-1860; engaged in skirmishes with Navajo Indians near that Post May 30 and September 19, 1858; mentioned in General Orders as being actively engaged in action against Navajos at Ranchos de los Arrogoneses, southwest of Ojo de Oso, New Mexico, October 10, 1858, when 25 Indians were killed or badly wounded; participated in expedition against Tuni-cha Navajo Indians, November, 1859.

Promoted 1st Lieutenant April 11, and Captain May 20, 1861; Brevet Major for gallant and meritorious conduct at the battle of Gaines Mill, Virginia, June 27, 1862, where he commanded a Regiment; participated in the battles of Manassas, Antietam, Fredericksburg and other serious engagements during the Civil War; retired for disability resulting from exposure and sickness in line of duty, September 11, 1863.

Detailed under the Act of July 28, 1866, as Military Instructor at Norwich University, Vermont, and served as President of that institution from February 13, 1867 to May 28, 1868, when he was compelled to resign because of ill

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health; admitted to the bar and practiced law at Vineland, New Jersey, 1874-83; traveled extensively in Europe, 1883-88; died at South Wilton, a suburb of Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut, December 9, 1890, aged 57; buried in Riverside Cemetery, Norwalk, Connecticut; W.D. 522,849.

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