

Maj. Gen. William Helmsley Emory

(7 Sep 1811 - 1 Dec 1887)

Emory. On Thursday, December 1, 1887 at 11 p.m., Gen. William H. Emory in the 77th year of his age. Funeral from St. John's Church at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 4.

Gen. William H. Emory. (NWDNS-111-B-1784)



The Evening Star, December 5, 1887

Gen. Emory's Funeral

The late Gen. Wm. H. Emory was buried yesterday at 2 o'clock with military honors. The funeral services were read at St. John's church by Rev. Dr. Leonard, assisted by Rev. Mr. Pine, and were listened to by Secretaries Whitney and Dandicott, Senators Chandler and Evarts, and a number of other public men. The honorary pallbearers were Admiral Porter, Rear Admirals Worden, Rogers, and Howell, Pay-Director Watmough, and Ex-Secretary Robeson from the Navy, and Lieut. Gen. Sheridan, Bvt. Maj. Gens. Augur, Brice, Rucker, and Greely, and Gen. J.R. Johnston. The military escort consisted of the 3d artillery and band, from the Barracks, under Col. Gibson, and the 4th and 6th cavalry, from Fort Myer. This is the first occasion on which the cavalry companies have paraded here, and they attracted universal attention by their fine appearance. A long line of carriages, containing the relatives and friends of

the late general, escorted the body to Congressional Cemetery. Among the attendants at the funeral were a committee from the Society of the Nineteenth Army Corps, which held a meeting in New York city Saturday afternoon and passed resolutions of sympathy in regard to the death of Gen. Emory, who was the president of the society and commandant of the corps during the war.

Maj. General of the U.S. Volunteers. Commander of the 19th Army Corps. Brigadier and Brevet Major General, U.S. Army. Born Poplar Grove, Maryland.

Cullum. Biographical Register of U.S. Military Academy

Class of 1831: William H. Emory (Ranked 14th of 33)

Born and appointed Maryland

Cadet at the Military Academy July 1, 1826 to July 1, 1831 when he was graduated and promoted in the Army to Bvt. 2d Lieut., 4th Artillery, July 1, 1831

Served: in garrison at Ft. McHenry, Md., 1831-32, Ft. Severn, Md., 1832, Charleston harbor, S.C. 1832-33, during South Carolina's threatened nullification, Ft. Hamilton, N.Y., 1833-34, 1834-35, and Ft. Lafayette, N.Y., 1835-36; and in Operations in the Creek Nation, 1836. Resigned Sept. 30, 1836.

Civil History: Civil Engineer, 1836-38.

Military History: Re-appointed in the U.S. Army with the rank of 1st Lieut., Corps of Top. Engineers, July 7, 1838.

Served: on the improvement of Harbors in Delaware River, 1839, 1840-42; as Assistant in Topographical Bureau, at Washington, D.C., 1843-44; on Boundary Survey between the United States and the British Provinces, 1844-46; in the War with Mexico, 1846-48, as Chief Topographical Engineer,

and Acting Asst. Adjutant-General of Brig. General Kearny's Expedition to California, 1846-47, being engaged in the Combat of San Pasqual, Dec. 6, 1846, Skirmish at San Bernardo, Dec. 7, 1846, Passage of the San Gabriel River, Jan. 8, 1847, Skirmish on the Plains of Mesa, Jan. 9, 1847, and as Lieut. Colonel, Regiment of Maryland and District of Columbia Volunteers, 1847-48; as Astronomer for the demarcation of the Boundary Line between California and Mexico, 1848-53; as Commissioner and Astronomer to run the Boundary, under the Gadsden Treaty of Dec. 30, 1853, between the United States and Mexico, 1854-57; on frontier duty at Ft. Riley, Kan., 1857-58, during Kansas Border Disturbances, Utah Expedition, 1858, Ft. Arbuckle, I.T., 1858-59, Scouting, 1859, and Ft. Cobb, I.T., 1859; on leave of absence, 1859-60; as Member of a Board to "revise the Programme of Instruction at the Military Academy," Jan. 12 to April 24, 1860; and on tour of inspection in the Department of the Pacific, 1860-61. Resigned, May 9, 1861.

Reappointed in the United States Army with the rank of Lieut. Colonel, 6th Cavalry, May 14, 1861. Served: during the Rebellion of the Seceding States, 1861-66; in recruiting and organizing his regiment at Pittsburg, Pa., July-Aug., 1861; in the defense of Washington, Aug. 16, 1861 to Mar. 10, 1862; in the Virginia Peninsular Campaign (Army of the Potomac), Mar.-Aug. 1862, being engaged in the Seige of Yorktown, April 5-May 4, 1862, Battle of Williamsburg, May 5, 1862, Action of Hanover Court House, May 27, 1862, and in command of brigade at Harrison's Landing, July 1862; in command of the defenses of Yorktown, Aug.-Sept., 1862; in organizing Infantry Division at Baltimore, Md., Oct.-Nov. 1862; in the Department of the Gulf, Dec. 1862 to July 1863, being engaged in the Attack on Port Hudson, Mar. 13, 1863, Combat of Camp Bisland, La., April 13, 1863, Defense of New Orleans, June 1863, Repulse of enemy at Lafourche Crossing, June 21, 1863, and Repulse of Rebels at Donaldsonville, La., June 27, 1863; in the Red River Campaign, Dec. 1863 to July 1864, being engaged in the Combat of Sabin Creek Roads, April 8, 1864, Battle of Pleasant Hill, April 9, 1864, and Battle of Cane River (in command), April 23, 1864; in command of 19th Army Corps, May 4, 1864, being engaged in the Combat of Marksville, May 16, 1864, and in command of U.S. forces at Morganzia, June 1864; transferred with 19th Army Corps to the defense of Washington, D.C., July 1864; in pursuit of Rebels from Washington, D.C., to the Shenandoah River, Aug. 1864; in the Shenandoah Campaign, Aug.-Nov. 1864, being engaged in the Battle of Opequan, Sept. 19, 1864, Battle of Fisher's Hill, Sept. 22, 1864, and Battle of Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864; in permanent command of 19th Army Corps, Nov. 7, 1864 to Jan. 15, 1866, in the Shenandoah Valley and command of the Department of West Virginia, Sept. 25, 1865 to Jan. 15, 1866; awaiting orders and on Court Martial, Jan.-Mar. 1866; and in command of 5th Cavalry at Washington, D.C., Mar. 1866-Oct. 1866.

Mustered out of Volunteer Service, Jan. 15, 1866.

Served: in command of District (subsequently changed to Department of Washington, Oct. 11, 1866 to Aug. 14, 1868; as Member of Examining Board of Candidates for Promotion in the Army, 1866, of Retiring Board, 1867, and Cavalry Tactics Board, Aug. 14, 1868 to Apr. 26, 1869; in command of the District of the Republican, July 7, 1869 to Oct. 26, 1871, and of Department of Gulf, Nov. 28, 1871 to Mar. 27, 1875; awaiting orders, Mar.-Oct. 1875; and as President of Retiring Board, Oct. 11, 1875 to July 1, 1876.

Retired from Active Service, July 1, 1876, under the law of June 26, 1876 with the Rank of Brig. General.

Died Dec. 1, 1887 at Washington, D.C.: Aged 76.

Ranks:

Bvt. 2d Lieut., 4th Artillery, July 1, 1831

Bvt. 3d Lieut, Mounted Rangers, June 16, 1832

1st Lieut., Corps of Top. Engineers, July 7, 1838

Bvt. Capt., Dec. 6, 1846 for gallant and meritorious conduct in the Battle of San Pasqual, Calif.

Bvt. Major, Jan. 9, 1847, for gallant and meritorious conduct in the Battle of San Gabriel and Plains of Mesa

Major, 3d Dragoons, April 9, 1847: Declined

Captain, Corps of Top. Engineers, April 24, 1851

Major, 2d Cavalry, March 3, 1855 (Transferred to 1st Cavalry, May 26, 1855)

Bvt. Lieut. Col., Oct. 19, 1857 for valuable and distinguished services as Commissioner for running the boundary line between the United States and the Republic of Mexico

Lieut. Colonel, 6th Cavalry, May 14, 1861

Brig. General, U.S. Volunteers, March 17, 1862

Bvt. Colonel, May 27, 1862 for gallant and meritorious services at the Battle of Hanover C.H., Va.

Colonel, 5th Cavalry, Oct. 27, 1863

Bvt. Maj. General, U.S. Volunteers, July 23, 1864

Bvt. Brig. General, U.S. Army, March 13, 1865 for gallant and meritorious services at the Battle of Fisher's Hill, and in the Campaign of Shenandoah Valley, Va.

Bvt. Maj. General, U.S. Army, Mar. 13, 1865 for gallant and meritorious services at the Battle of Cedar Creek, Va.

Major General, U.S. Volunteers, Sept. 25, 1865