

## Wright Rives

( - 22 May 1916)

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**Rives.** Suddenly on Monday, May 22, 1916 at his late home, Rives Station, Maryland, Col. Wright Rives, U.S.A. retired. Funeral May 24. Services private. No flowers.

**Rives.** Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Commandery of the District of Columbia, City of Washington, May 23, 1916. The death of Companion Wright Rives, Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel U.S. Army, at Rives Station, Maryland, on the 22nd instant, is announced to the Commandery. Funeral services and interment at Congressional Cemetery, on Wednesday, 24th instant.

By command of Rear Admiral, Colby M. Chester, U.S. Navy, Commander, Thomas H. McKee, Recorder.

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### **Col. Wright Rives Dies**

#### **Served as White House Aid to President Johnson--Funeral Wednesday**

Col. Wright Rives, U.S.A., retired, one of the White House aids to President Johnson, died this morning at his home, Rives Station, Md., following a long illness. Funeral services are to be held Wednesday, and the interment is to be private.

Col. Rives was a native of this city. He received his education in the local public schools and was appointed to West Point by Jefferson Davis when the latter was Secretary of War. Col. Rives was graduated from the Military Academy with the class of 1861.

He served during the first years of the war at Vicksburg, but was forced to leave active field duty on account of injuries. Following his duty at the White House he retired in 1870, and devoted the remainder of his life to farming on his estate in Maryland.

He was a member of the Loyal Legion. His wife, Mrs. Belle M. Rives, is living.

*Cullum. Biographical Register of U.S. Military Academy*

### **Class of 1861: Wright Rives**

Born D.C., appointed D.C., Ranked 42nd.

Military History -- Cadet at the Military Academy, July 1, 1856 to May 6, 1861, when he was graduated and promoted in the Army to 2d Lieut, 6th Infantry, May 6, 1861.

Served during the Rebellion of the Seceding States, 1861-66; in drilling Volunteers at Washington, D.C., May, 1861; as Aide-de-Camp to Brig. General Mansfield, commanding the Department of Washington, May to July 1861; in garrison at Benecia, Cal., Aug. 23 to Sep. 24, 1861; in command of Ft. Umpqua, Or., Oct. 1861 to Jan. 1862; in the Virginia Peninsular Campaign (Army of the Potomac), Mar. 9 to Apr. 18, 1862, being engaged in the Siege of Yorktown, Apr. 5-18, 1862; as Aide-de-Camp to Major General McClermand, Apr. 14, 1862 to July, 1863, being engaged in the Advance upon and Siege of Corinth, Miss., Apr. 14 to May 30, 1862,--in drilling Illinois Volunteer Officers at Camp Butler, near Springfield, Ill., Aug.-Sep., 1862,--on sick leave of absence, Sep., 1862 to Mar., 1863,--Siege of Vicksburg, May-June 1863, --and in charge of Draft Depot at Pittsburg, Pa., June-July, 1863; in Operations about Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct.-Nov., 1863; and as Aide-de-Camp to Major-General Dix, commanding the Department of the East, Dec., 1863 to June 7, 1865.

Served: on duty in the Executive Office, Washington, D.C., June 7, 1865 to Mar. 1, 1869; and on leave of absence and awaiting orders to Dec. 31, 1870. Unassigned, Apr. 22, 1869. Retired from Active Service, Dec. 31, 1870 for Disability Contracted in the Line of Duty.

Ranks:

2d Lieut, 6th Infantry, May 6, 1861

1st Lieut., 6th Infantry, May 17, 1861

Captain, Staff--Additional Aide-de-Camp, June 4, 1862 to Feb. 23, 1864

Captain, 6th Infantry, Feb. 23, 1864

Bvt. Major and Bvt. Lieut-Colonel, Mar. 13, 1865, for Gallant and Meritorious Services during the Advance Upon Corinth, and the Siege of Vicksburg, Miss.