

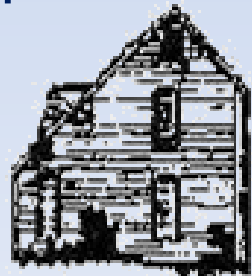
Meet Some of Edmund's Descendants:
**The 19th Century
U.S. Army Generals**



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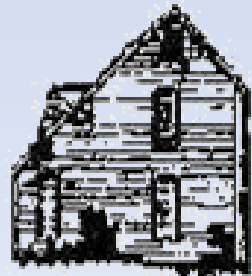
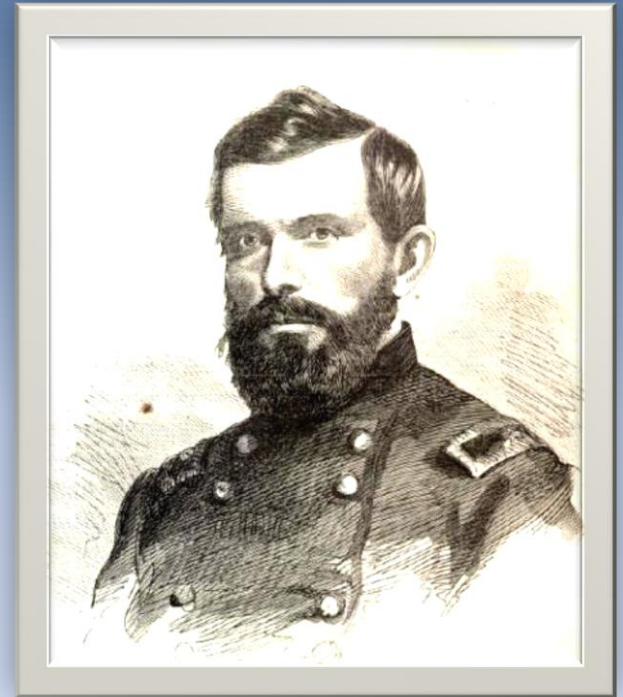
Summary

- ***Brigadier General James Clay Rice*** (1828-1864), command of 44th NY Volunteers at Little Round Top at Gettysburg. Died at Spotsylvania Courthouse.
- ***Brigadier General Americus Vespuccius Rice*** (1835-1904), commanded 57th Ohio Volunteers at Kennesaw Mountain
- ***Brigadier General Edmund Rice*** (1842-1906), as Major at Gettysburg earned Medal of Honor for action to repel Pickett's Charge
- ***Brigadier General Charles Austin Coolidge*** (1844-1926) in Indian Wars, Spanish-American War, Philippine-American War & Boxer Rebellion



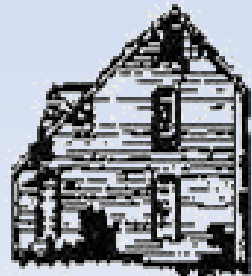
Brig. General James Clay Rice

- Born 27 Dec 1828 in Worthington Mass to William & Cothea (Cottrell)
- Graduated Yale University
- Taught school in Nachez, MS
- Passed bar exam & began law practice in NYC



Connection to Edmund Rice

- **James Clay Rice**, son of
- William Rice (1778 – ?), son of
- Joseph Rice (1745 – 1826), son of
- Ebenezer Rice (1709 – 1793), son of
- Ebenezer Rice (1671 – 1724), son of
- Benjamin Rice (1640 – 1713), son of
- Edmund Rice (1594 – 1663)



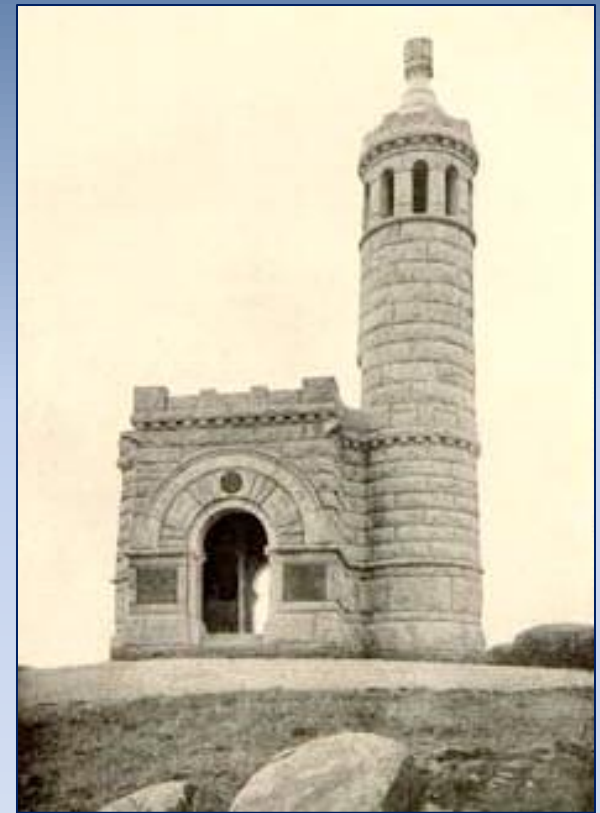
Military Service Highlights

- Commissioned as lieutenant in NY39th on 28 May 1861
- Promoted to captain of Company B & fought in First Battle of Bull Run 12 July 1861
- Joined new NY44th on 13 Sep 1861 as lt. col. & fought in Peninsula Campaign
- Promoted to colonel & command of NY44th on 4 Jul 1862
- In brevet command 3rd brigade, 1st division V Corps at Second Battle of Bull Run 29 Aug 1862



Military Service Highlights

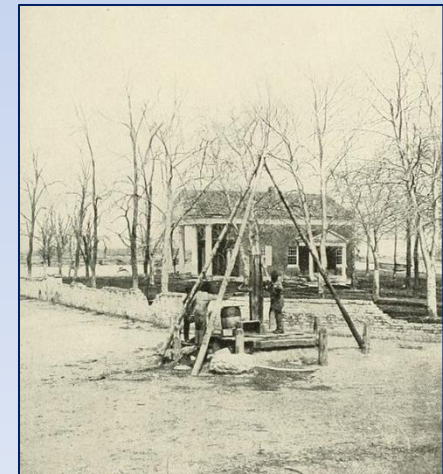
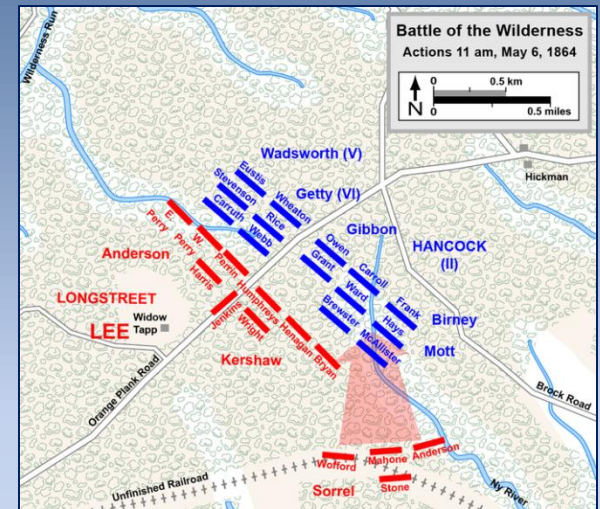
- Returned to command of NY44th and led the regiment at Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville
- Assigned defense of Little Round Top at Gettysburg
- Given brevet command of 3rd brigade 1st division V corps at Gettysburg on death of Gen. Vincent Strong
- Earned personal & unit commendations
- Promoted to Brigadier General 17 Aug 1863



*Monument to NY12th and NY44th
at Little Round Top Gettysburg*

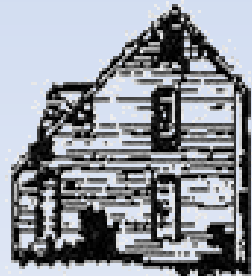
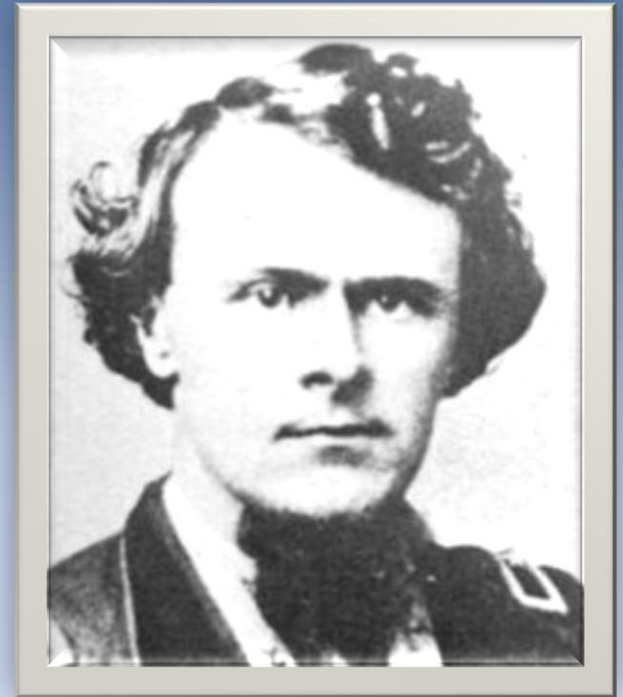
Military Service Highlights

- Given command of 2nd brigade, 4th division V corps
- Led brigade at Battle of the Wilderness
- Led brigade at Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse
- Killed in action at Spotsylvania 10 May 1864
- "Turn me over that I die with my face to the enemy."
- Story publicized in *Harper's Weekly* June 1864
- Buried at Menands, NY



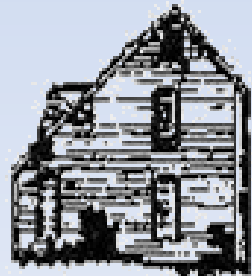
Brig. Gen. Americus Vespuccius Rice

- Born in Perrysville, Ohio on 18 Nov 1835 to Clark Hammond Rice & Catherine (Mowers) Rice
- Attended Antioch College & graduated from Union College in classics
- Law degree from Union College, Schenectady, NY
- Practiced law in Ohio before the war



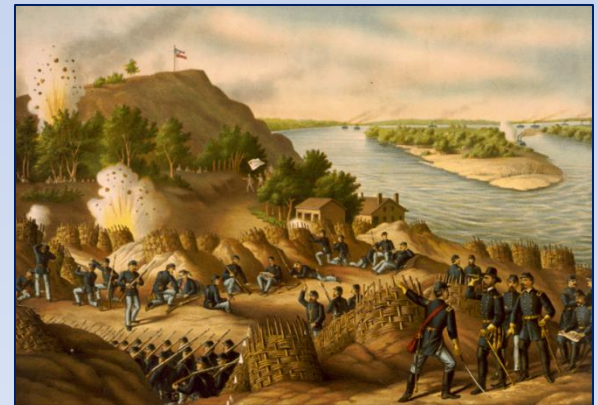
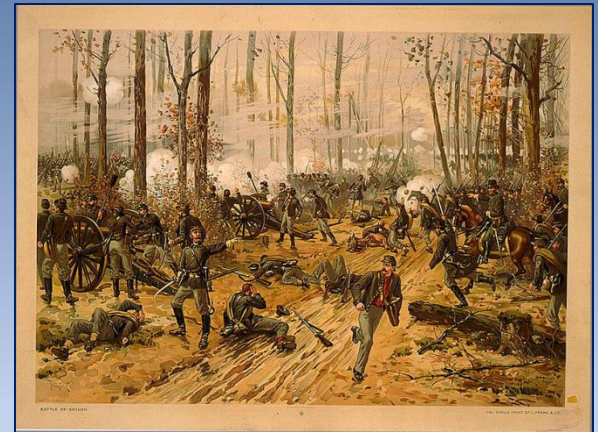
Connection to Edmund Rice

- **Americus Vespuccius Rice**, son of
- Clark Hammond Rice (1804 – 1870), son of
- Ebenezer Rice (1773 – 1821), son of
- Samuel Rice (1752 – 1828), son of
- Gershom Rice (1703 – ?), son of
- Ephraim Rice (1665 – 1732), son of
- Thomas Rice (1626 – 1681), son of
- Edmund Rice (1594 – 1663)



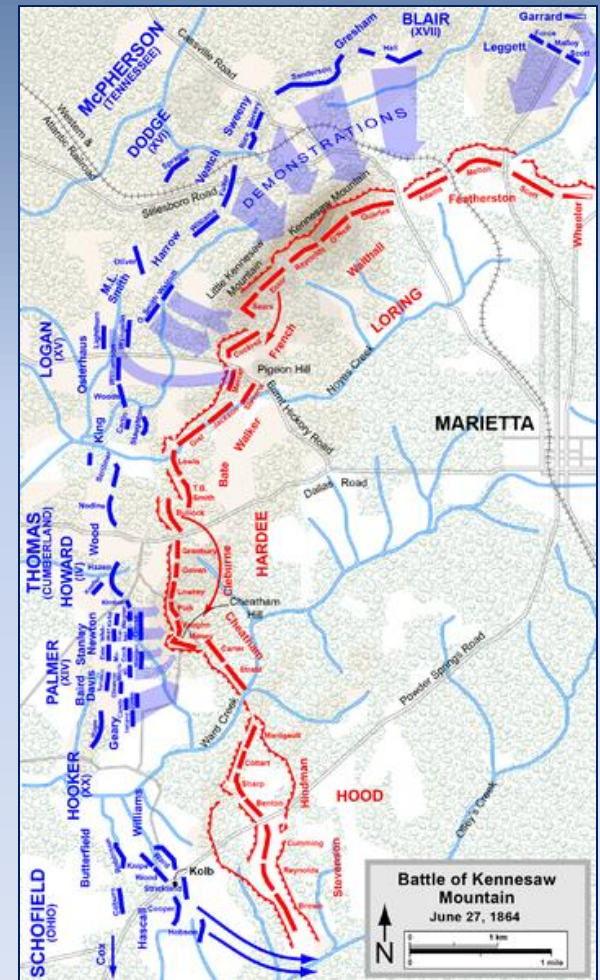
Military Service Highlights

- Commissioned as captain in Ohio 21st on 27 April 1861
- Three-months service until 12 August 1861 & unit disbanded in Columbus, OH
- Joined Ohio 57th on 2 Sep 1861 as major & fought in western theater
- Promoted to Lt. colonel on 8 Feb 1862 & led regiment in Battle of Shiloh Apr 6-7, 1862
- Promoted to colonel on 16 Apr 1863 led several campaigns



Military Service Highlights

- In command of regiment at Battle of Kennesaw Mountain in Atlanta Campaign 24 June 1864
- Wounded in action, leg amputated at Kennesaw
- Recovered & remained in army
- Promoted to brigadier general 31 May 1865 & joined Sherman's staff
- Mustered out 15 Jan 1866

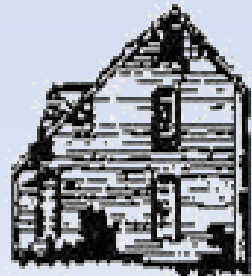


Post-Bellum Career

- Managed bank in Ottawa, OH 1866-74
- Elected to U.S. Congress in Ohio 6th Congressional District in 1874
- Served 2 terms in Congress until 3 March 1879 --- chaired Committee on Invalid Pensions
- Founded A.V. Rice & Co. a bank in Ottawa, OH 1879-1898; served on several corporate boards
- Moved to Washington D.C in 1899, purchasing agent for Bureau of Census
- Died 4 Apr 1904 in D.C. & buried at Arlington National Cemetery

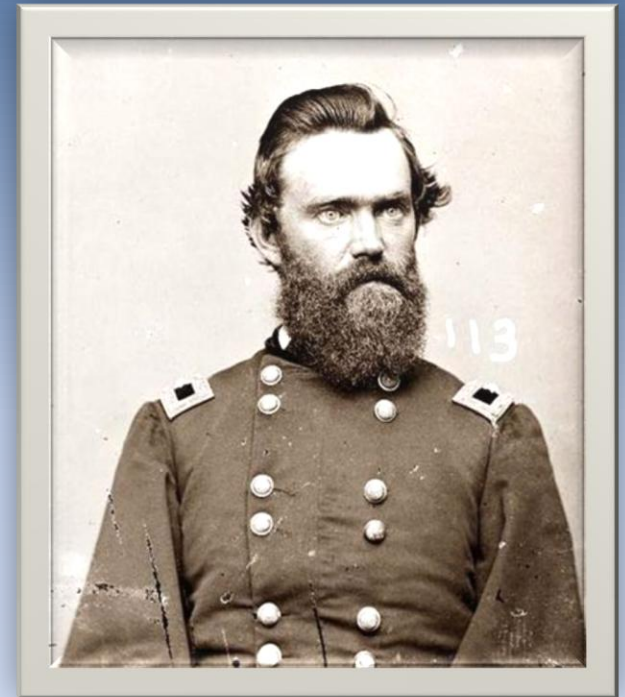


*Congressman A.V. Rice
Circa 1875*



Brig. General Edmund Rice

- Born in Brighton, MA on 2 Dec 1842 to Clark Hammond Rice & Catherine (Damon) Rice
- Attended Norwich University in VT to 1858, but graduated in 1874
- Apprenticed to captain of clipper ship to Shanghai, 1858
- Trained as a surveyor & civil engineer in NY, 1859



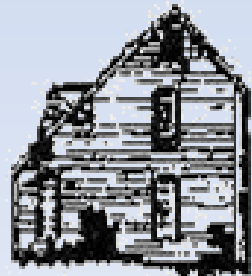
Connection to Edmund Rice

- **Edmund Rice**, son of
- Moses Maynard Rice (1811 – 1861), son of
- Deacon Edmund Rice (1785 – 1860), son of
- Edmund Rice (1755 – 1841), son of
- Edmund Rice (1725 – 1796), son of
- Jason Rice (1692 – 1730), son of
- Edmund Rice (1653 – 1719), son of
- Deacon Edward Rice (1622 – 1712), son of
- Edmund Rice (1594 – 1663)



Civil War Service

- First commissioned 22 Aug 1861 as captain in 14th MA Inf. Regiment
- Soon transferred to lead Company F. 19th MA Volunteer Infantry Regiment; Engaged in most early battles in Eastern campaign
- Promoted to major 7 Sept 1862 & led at Antietam & Fredericksburg
- Awarded Medal of Honor for repelling Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg



Civil War Service

- Promoted to Lt. colonel on 24 Feb 1864 & led several engagements
- Captured at Spotsylvania; escaped from POW train; rejoined his unit
- Promoted to colonel 28 July 1864 led regiment until after Appomattox
- Discharged 30 June 1865



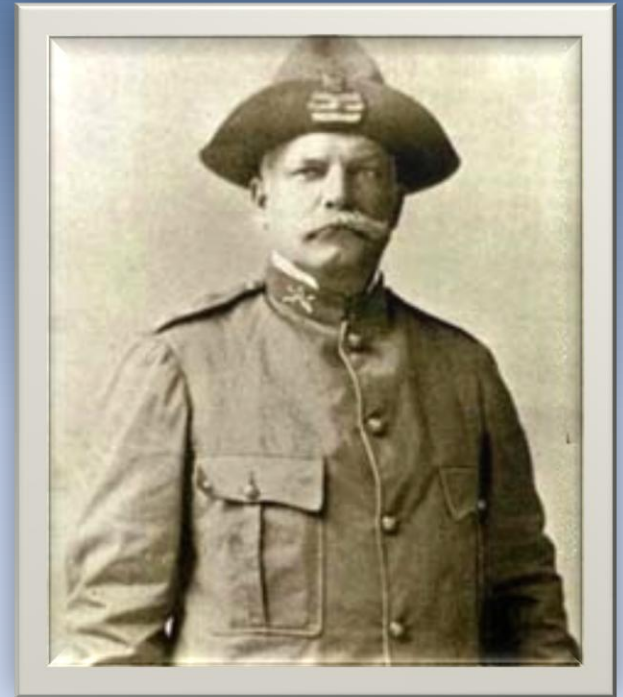
Edmund Rice Army Career

- Commissioned as lieutenant in U.S. Army in July 1866; served in reconstruction forces at Hilton Head
- Invented several military implements: trowel bayonet, stacking swivel & entrenching tool. Assigned to Springfield Armory in 1868
- Engaged in Indian Wars & commands in the west 1874 to 1885.
- In 1877 was military envoy to England & Russia
- Was commandant of the Columbian Guard at 1893 World's Fair in Chicago
- Served as U.S. Military Attaché in Tokyo, 1897-98

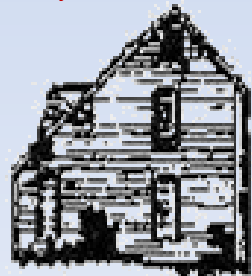


Edmund Rice Army Career

- In May 1898 promoted to Lt. colonel & appointed to staff of General Nelson Miles
- In June 1898 promoted to colonel to command 6th Mass Vol. Reg. in Puerto Rico and Cuba.
- In late July 1898 appointed by President McKinley as senior colonel of Volunteers in Philippines leading the 26th U.S. Vol. Reg.
- In 1899, appointed as military governor of Panay & served to 1901, returning to US
- Retired in 1903 as brigadier general
- Was Grand Marshall of 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis
- Died 20 July 1906 & buried at Arlington



*Colonel Edmund Rice of the
26th US Volunteer Army*



Brig. Gen. Charles Austin Coolidge

- Charles Austin Coolidge, Jr. was born on 19 Jul 1844 in Boston to Charles Austin Coolidge, Sr. & Anna Maria (Rice) Coolidge
- Graduated Norwich University in VT 1862
- Later received a medical (MD) degree from Wooster Medical College in Wooster, Ohio

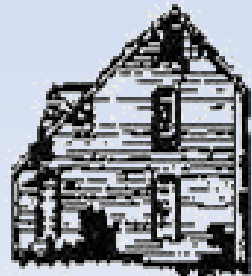


*Lt. Charles A. Coolidge
Circa 1875*



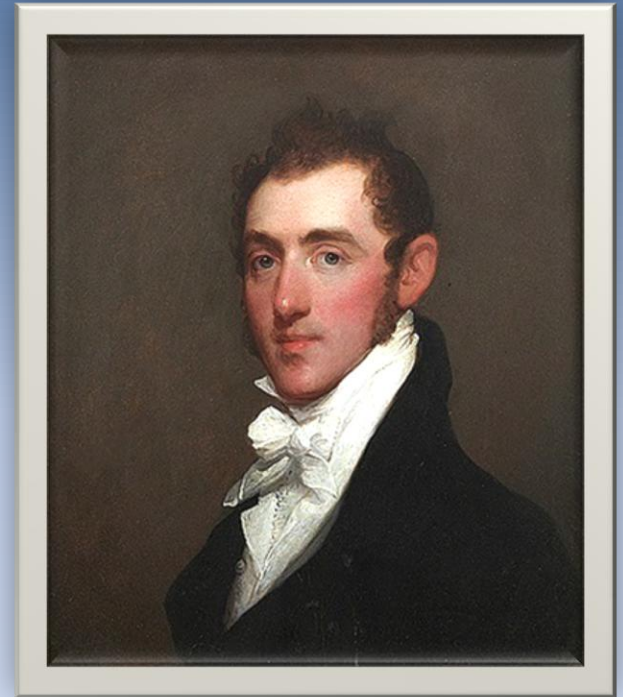
Connection to Edmund Rice

- **Charles A. Coolidge** (1844 – 1926), son of
- Anna Maria Rice (1817 – ?), daughter of
- **Henry Rice (1786 – 1867), son of**
- Noah Rice (1751 – 1820), son of
- Jabez Rice (1702 – 1783), son of
- Caleb Rice (1666 – 1739), son of
- Joseph Rice (1637 – 1711), son of
- Edmund Rice (1594 – 1663)

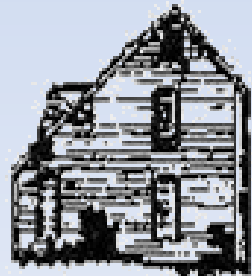


Grandfather – Henry Rice of Boston

- Henry Rice born on 15 Jan 1786 in Marlborough to Noah Rice & Anna Palfrey (Cole) Rice
- Major in War of 1812
- Member of Boston City Council & member of MA House of Representatives
- Leading Boston merchant of imported manufactured goods from Europe

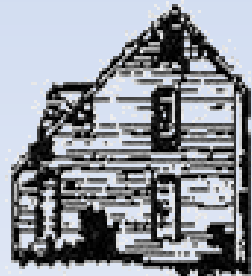


*Henry Rice (1786-1867)
1815 portrait by Gilbert
Stuart*



Charles Coolidge Army Career 1

- On 23 Oct 1862 enlisted in 16th Mass. Vol. Inf. Reg.
- Commissioned in May 1864 as lieutenant in the 7th US Infantry Regiment; serving at Ft. Snelling, New York Harbor; unit transferred to Florida 1865-70
- Engaged in Indian Wars & commands in the west 1870 to 1889
- Wounded at Battle of Big Hole, Montana against Nez Perce. Promoted to captain in 1885
- Promoted to major in April 1898 and served with the 7th at El Caney & Santiago de Cuba
- Promoted to lt. colonel 16 May 1899 & assigned to 9th Infantry Regiment in Philippines

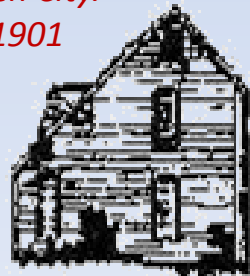


Charles Coolidge Army Career 2

- Led 9th Infantry in Battle of Zapote Bridge & Battles of Tarlac in Philippines
- Ordered to China June 1900 as part of China Relief Expedition/ Boxer Rebellion
- Assumed command of 9th after death of Col. Emerson Liscum at Tianjian
- Led first American force to enter Forbidden City in Beijing
- In 1901 promoted to colonel & assumed command of 7th Inf. Reg.
- Retired 8 Aug 1903 as Brigadier General.
- Died 2 Jun 1926 in Detroit. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery

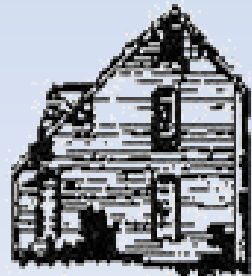


*American Minister to China Edwin H. Conger and his family flanked by the 9th Infantry at the Meridian Gate of the Forbidden City.
U.S. Army photo 1901*



Concluding Observations

- Four generals from each of four different sons of Edmund
- All four had good education or professional training prior to enlistment
- All four generals in the thick of important events of American military history
- All four were rapidly promoted during wartime
- Service in 'regular army' during Civil War a big advantage to career officers



Thank You & Questions

