

JEFFERSON DAVIS IN BLUE: THE MILITARY CAREER, 1846-1866, OF GENERAL JEFFERSON C. DAVIS, U.S.A. by JAMES P. JONES

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jefferson C[olumbus] Davis, born 2 March 1827, Clark County, Indiana, was the first of eight children born to William Davis, Jr. (1800-1879) and Mary Drummond (1801-1881). He grew up in the Charleston area of Clark County on his father's farm. Around 1860 he married Marietta Woodson Athon of Indianapolis, a daughter of Dr. James S. Athon (1811-1875). They had no children, but adopted and raised a niece, Ida Davis. Davis was a career officer in the United States Army (1848-1879) and died while still on active duty, 30 November 1879, in Chicago, Illinois. He is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Davis began his military career as an enlisted man in the 3rd Indiana Regiment during the Mexican War. Following his participation in the battle of Buena Vista he was appointed (1848) Lieutenant of the 1st Artillery. In 1858 he was posted to duty at Fort Sumter, South Carolina, leaving in 1861 to raise the 22nd Indiana Volunteers. Following brief service as Colonel (August 1861) of the 22nd Indiana Volunteers he was promoted to Brigadier General of Volunteers in the Union Army and division commander in Tennessee and Georgia (December 1861-1865). He was appointed Colonel (1866) of the 23rd Infantry following the Civil War and served in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska (1866-1879).

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Sources: Boatner, Mark M., *The Civil War Dictionary*, p. 222; *Dictionary of American Biography*, Vol. III, p. 131; *Directory of History Departments and Organizations*, 21st edition, p. 151; Dunn, Jacob Piatt, *Indiana and Indianians*, Vol. IV, pp. 1563-4; Faust, P. L., ed., *Encyclopedia of the Civil War*, p. 207-8; Material in collection, and Sifakis, Stewart, *Who Was Who in the Civil War*, pp. 172-3.

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