

Charles W. Thomas

(- 30 Dec 1882)

Cullum. Biographical Register of U.S. Military Academy

Class of 1855

Born Maine, appointed at Large, Ranked 22nd of 34

Military History: Cadet at the Military Academy, July 1, 1851 to July 1, 1855, when he was graduated and promoted in the Army to Bvt. 2d Lieut. of Infantry, July 1, 1855. 2d Lieut., 1st Infantry, Aug. 7, 1855.

Served: In garrison at Ft. Columbus, N.Y., 1855; on frontier duty at Ft. Chadbourne, Tex., 1856-57, Scouting, 1857, Ft. Chadbourne, Tex., 1857-58, Quartermaster, 1st Infantry, June 1, 1858 to March 31, 1860, Ft. Lancaster, Tex., 1858, Ft. Duncan, Tex., 1858-59, Camp Verde, Tex., 1859, and Operations against Cortinas' Mexican marauders, 1859-60, being engaged in Combat near Ft. Brown, Tex., Dec. 14 and 21, 1859; and in garrison at Ft. Columbus, N.Y. 1860-61.

Served during the Rebellion of the Seceding States, 1861-66; on Expedition in the "Star of the West," for the relief of Ft. Sumter, Charleston harbor, S.C., Jan. 1861, but being fired upon, returned to New York, and in April again embarked in the "Baltic," which did not reach Charleston bar till the fort was being bombarded; as Purchasing Commissary at Philadelphia, Pa., May, 1861, to Jan. 1, 1862; as Assistant in the Quartermaster-General's Office, Washington, D.C., Jan. 1862; as Asst. Quartermaster at Fairfax Station, Va., Feb., 1862 on the Advance of the Army of the Potomac to Manassas; as Chief Quartermaster of the 3d Army Corps, at Ft. Monroe, Va., during the Virginia Peninsular Campaign, Mar. to Aug., 1862; as Chief Quartermaster of the 7th Army Corps and Department of Virginia, Aug. 20, 1862 to Aug. 10, 1863; in charge of Quartermaster Depot at Baltimore, Md., Oct 21, 1863, to Sept. 24, 1864; as Chief Quartermaster of the Department of the South, Oct. 19, 1864 to July 17, 1865,--of the Department of South Carolina July 17, 1865 to June 2, 1866,--and of the Department of the Carolinas, June 6 to July 10, 1866; and on sick leave of absence, Aug. 5 to Sept. 29, 1866.

Served: as Depot Quartermaster at St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 20, 1866, to Feb. 21, 1870,--Depot and Post Quartermaster at Ft. Monroe, Va., Mar. 1 to Dec. 23, 1870; and in settling his accounts, at Washington, D.C., Jan. 15 to May 31, 1872.

Resigned, May 31, 1872

Civil History: Clerk in the Interior Department, Washington, D.C.

Died Dec. 30, 1882, at Washington, D.C.: Aged 49.

(Son of Bvt. Maj. General Charles Thomas, U.S. Army)

Ranks:

Bvt. 2d Lt. of Infantry, July 1, 1855

2d Lt. 1st Infantry, Aug. 7, 1855

1st Lt., 1st Infantry, March 15 to November 23, 1861

Captain, Staff--Asst. Quartermaster, June 14, 1861

Lt. Col., Staff, U.S. Volunteers, Aug. 20, 1862 to Aug. 10, 1863

Bvt. Major and Bvt. Lt.-Col., March 13, 1865 for faithful and meritorious services during the rebellion