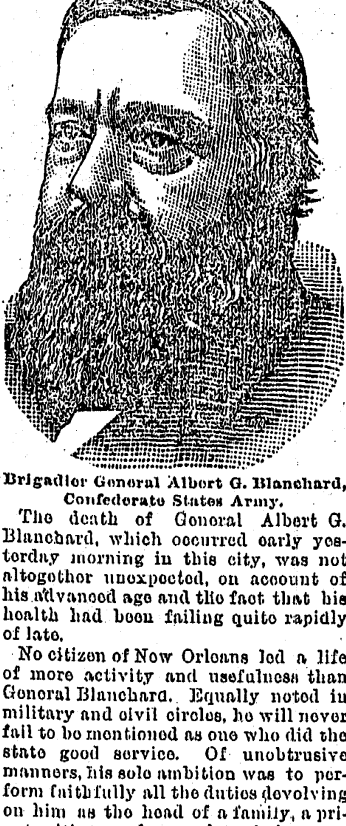


THE DISTINGUISHED DEAD.



**Brigadier General Albert G. Blanchard,
Confederate States Army.**

The death of General Albert G. Blanchard, which occurred early yesterday morning in this city, was not altogether unexpected, on account of his advanced age and the fact that his health had been failing quite rapidly of late.

No citizen of New Orleans led a life of more activity and usefulness than General Blanchard. Equally noted in military and civil circles, he will never fail to be mentioned as one who did the state good service. Of unobtrusive manners, his sole ambition was to perform faithfully all the duties devolving on him as the head of a family, a private citizen and a member of the commonwealth.

Albert G. Blanchard was born in Massachusetts Sept. 10, 1810. He entered the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1825 and had for his classmates Robert E. Lee and Joseph E. Johnston. In 1829 he was graduated twenty-sixth in his class, Lee passing second and Johnston thirteenth. He was assigned to the Third United States Infantry as brevet second lieutenant, and in 1829-30 served on frontier duty at Jefferson barracks, Mo.; in 1830-31, in the Choctaw nation, and in 1831-32 at Fort Josup, La. In August, 1833, he was promoted second lieutenant, Third Infantry. In 1834-37 he was again on frontier duty at Fort Josup, La., and during this period was promoted to first lieutenant. In 1837-38 he was engaged in the government's efforts to improve the navigation of Sabine river and lake, La. In 1840 he resigned his commission and entered commercial life in New Orleans.

In 1843-45 he served as a director of public schools in New Orleans.

In 1846, upon the call for volunteers for service in the war with Mexico, he was chosen to command a company of the Second (Dakin's) Regiment of Louisiana Volunteers and went to Mexico. On the disbanding of General Smith's brigade he raised a company called the Phoenix Company of Louisiana, served at the storming of Monterey and was complimented in general orders, and subsequently, at the siege of Vera Cruz, where the company was mustered out, their time having expired. He was then appointed captain of voltigeurs, which post he declined, but accepted that of major of the Twelfth United States Infantry, in which capacity he served until the close of the war. His regiment was disbanded in July, 1848, when he returned to civil life, becoming a teacher in the public schools of New Orleans. He was elected district surveyor of the Second municipality upon the death of G. T. Dunbar, in 1848, and in 1851 was also acting surveyor of Lafayette.

When the line of the New Orleans and Opelousas Railroad was laid out, in 1851-52, Major Blanchard was the chief of survey. From 1852 to 1854 he was deputy surveyor of the city of New Orleans, and during part of the time acted as surveyor of Jefferson City. In 1854 he became secretary and treasurer of the New Orleans and Carrollton and of the Jefferson and Lake Pontchartrain Railroad Companies, in which employment he continued until the outbreak of the civil war in 1861.

His previous experience in army life secured for him at once the colonelcy of the first confederate regiment from Louisiana. With his command he went to Virginia. Sept. 21, 1861, he was promoted to the grade of brigadier general, served through the war in Virginia, Louisiana, South Carolina and North Carolina, being in command of a brigade at the great battles of the war at Bentonville, N. C., and Bull Run, in Virginia. Of his regiment, Rev. Father Hubert, the well beloved soldier-priest, was chaplain.

Having laid down his sword, General Blanchard returned to New Orleans and engaged in civil engineering and surveying. From 1870 to 1878, he was assistant surveyor of the city of New Orleans and subsequently deputy city surveyor.

In 1832 General Blanchard married Miss Susan Thompson. Their union was blessed with two children, Rev. H. Blanchard, now of Portland, Me., and Mrs. S. B. Elder, of this city, a well known writer of poetry under the nom de plume of Hermine.

He married the second time, Miss Hermine Benoit La Salle, by whom he had fifteen children, of whom seven are now living—Dawson Blanchard in Washington, D. C.; J. G., E. J. and H. A. Blanchard, Mrs. Albertino Happer and Mrs. M. F. Dunn.