

Isaac V D Reeve 1813-1890

GENERAL ISAAC V. D. REEVE.

Brigadier-General Isaac Van Duser Reeve was stricken with apoplexy at noon yesterday at the house of his son-in-law, William T. Schley, No. 26 East Sixty-seventh-st., and died two hours later, in his seventy-eighth year. He had been as well as ever, apparently, all the morning. Several years ago he had an apoplectic stroke, which left him a little lame.

General Reeve was born near Utica on July 29, 1813. He was appointed a cadet at West Point on July 1, 1831, and was graduated four years later as a second lieutenant. He was assigned to duty at once as an officer of the 4th Infantry. He passed rapidly through the intermediate ranks, becoming a captain in 1846. He served with distinction in the campaign against the Seminoles in Florida, in 1836 and 1837, and again in 1840, 1841 and 1842. He took part in the military occupation of Texas in 1845 and served creditably in the Mexican War. He was brevetted a major for "gallant and meritorious conduct" in the battles of Contreras and Churubusco. For the same reasons he was made lieutenant-colonel after the battle of Molino del Rey, September 8, 1847. The interval between the close of the Mexican War and the outbreak of the Civil War the General passed in various posts in Texas, New-Mexico and Arizona. He took an active part in a number of expeditions against the Indians in the West.

His record during the Rebellion was replete with incidents of bravery. At its close he was brevetted a brigadier-general "for faithful and meritorious service." In 1865, 1866, 1867 and 1868 he was in command of the district of Upper Missouri. From 1865 until 1871, when he was retired, he was superintendent of the recruiting service in this city.

For the last ten years he has made his home in Minneapolis, where he passed the summer months. He spent the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Schley. He left one son and one daughter. His son is Charles McCormick Reeve, who lives in Minneapolis, and is a member of the Legislature of Minnesota.

General Reeve was a member of the Union Club and the Loyal Legion. He was a deacon of the Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis, and was universally respected and beloved in that community.