

CLASS OF 1824

EBENEZER SPROTE SIBLEY

Cadet Military Academy, West Point.
Graduated No. 1 in his class.
Entered July 1, 1823.

Bvt. 2lt art and 2ly 1 art July 1, 1827;
1 lt March 6, 1834;
Captain August 31, 1844 to June 18, 1846;
Captain assistant quartermaster July 7, 1838;
Major quartermaster Dec. 22, 1856;
Lt. Col. deputy quartermaster general Aug. 3, 1861;
Brevet Major February 23, 1847 for gallantry and
meritorious conduct in the Battle of Buena Vista,
Mexico;
Lt. Col. May 6, 1861 and Col. June 12, 1861;
Resigned April 15, 1864;
Died August 14, 1884.

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Son of Judge Solomon Sibley.

Ebenezer Sproat Sibley entered West Point and after the usual time graduated into the artillery. He was afterwards transferred to the Quarter-Master's department, with the rank of captain, and served with great distinction in that capacity during the Mexican War. He had charge of the immense depot at Canargo, the center of supplies for General Taylor's army. The transactions of his department at that point were enormous, involving a large expenditure of money, and a necessary accumulation of much public property. On the breaking up of the depot at the close of the war and disposing of the public property under his charge, Captain Sibley found but little time to close his accounts with the department at Washington, so he brought all his papers to Detroit, to which point he was ordered to take charge of the quartermaster's department of the lakes. I am able to testify that the transactions of his department at Camargo were very extensive from the fact that I, being his clerk while stationed here, made up his Camargo accounts and settlements with the United States; they were closed to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.-----

Captain Sibley was stationed here about two years, and during that time Lieutenant U. S. Grant was stationed at the Detroit barracks with his regiment, the Fourth U. S. Infantry. From here Captain Sibley was ordered to Santa Fe, New Mexico, and remained there, I think, until the breaking out of the Civil War, when he was elevated to the position of deputy quartermaster-general with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and stationed at Washington. -----I think Sibley made a mistake when he sent in his resignation. I am told he realized it after a while, and when Grant got to be President he made a move to get re-instated, but the former found it impossible to do it, for military or army reasons. Colonel Sibley resigned April 15, 1864. He was a splendid man in every way. My two years' service with him made me appreciate his fine qualities of head and heart. A truly Christian gentleman and of the strictest integrity.

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I call to mind one in particular, a gay gathering, to witness the marriage of Lieutenant Sproat Sibley, U. S. A., and Miss Hunt, the daughter of Judge Hunt, the father of John and Frank Hunt. The beautiful bride was a niece of Mrs. Larned. (wife of Gen. Charles Larned). It was a military wedding, the groom was in full uniform as well as the many officers stationed here, who were present, making a brilliant spectacle.

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May, 1831.--Lieutenant E. G. Sibley(Sproat Sibley), U. S. A., was married to Harriet L. Hunt, daughter of Judge Hunt, of Washington, D. C., by Rev. Richard Berry.

Note--They were married at the cottage residence of General Charles Larned, southwest corner of Woodward Avenue and Larned Street, in the afternoon, in the presence of a distinguished gathering composed of the elite of Detroit society. The groom and the other military officers were in full uniform. It was a brilliant affair. Mrs Larned was an aunt of the bride. Lieutenant Sibley was a son of Judge Solomon Sibley, and was born in this city. He served with distinction in the Black Hawk war, the Mexican War and the Civil War, In the last named was he rose to the position of colonel and assistant quartermaster-general.

Colonel Sibley was stationed in this city for two years directly after the Mexican War, as quartermaster of the department of the lakes.

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Early Days in Detroit
Friend Palmer
Detroit, Mich.
1906.