
Mahlon Dickerson Manson



Mahlon Dickerson Manson was born in Piqua, Ohio on February 20, 1820. He was a descendant of David Manson, who was one of George Washington's aides.

His family moved to Crawfordsville, Indiana where he taught school in Montgomery County.

He studied medicine in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a druggist in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

During the Mexican War, he served with the 5th Indiana Volunteers as a captain.

He was appointed captain of the 10th Indiana Infantry at the start of the Civil War and was promoted to colonel in less than a month.

He commanded a brigade in the Army of Kentucky during the battle of Mill Springs in 1862.

He was promoted to Brigadier General of Volunteers on March 24, 1862.

Manson was wounded in the thigh and captured by Confederate forces at the battle of Richmond, Kentucky. He was exchanged two months later. He fought against Confederate John Morgan during his raid into Indiana and Ohio.

He then commanded the XXIII Corps during the Knoxville Campaign.

He returned to brigade command in the Army of Ohio during the Atlanta Campaign. During the battle of Resaca, Georgia he was seriously wounded. His command's assault of Confederate works suffered heavy losses.

This wound caused his resignation from the army on December 21, 1864.

After the war, Manson served in the U. S. House of Representatives from 1871 to 1873. Manson's opponent for this election was none other than Lew Wallace.

He was Indiana state auditor and lieutenant governor from 1885 to 1886.

Manson died in Frankfort, Indiana on February 4, 1895. He is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Manson's home (a large clapboard sided, two story home, back from the street) was located where Family Video is presently (2008) located.

The house was raised, perhaps poetically, to build Hook's Drug Store. The Apple Grove Restaurant had a banquet room named General Manson Room.