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EARLY, Jubal Anderson, soldier, b. in Franklin county, Va., 3 Nov., 1816. He was graduated at the U. S. military academy in 1837, appointed a lieutenant of artillery, and assigned to duty at Fort Monroe, Va. He served in the Florida war in 1837-'8, resigned from the army in July, 1838, and began the practice of law in Virginia. He served in the legislature in 1841-'2, and was commonwealth attorney in 1842-'7, and again in 1848-'52. During the Mexican war he was major of a regiment of Virginia volunteers, serving from January, 1847, till August, 1848, was acting governor of Monterey in May and June, 1847, and after the disbanding of the army returned to the practice of law. At the beginning of the civil war he entered the Confederate service as a colonel, commanded a brigade at Bull Run, and in the battle of Williamsburg, 5 May, 1862, was supposed to be mortally wounded. He was promoted brigadier-general, and in May, 1863, commanded the division that held the lines at Fredericksburg, while Lee was fighting the battle of Chancellorsville. He also commanded a division at Gettysburg. In 1864



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he was ordered to the valley of the Shenandoah, where his operations were at first successful. In July he crossed the Potomac, gained the battle of Monocacy, and threatened Washington, but was obliged to retreat. Toward the end of the month a portion of his cavalry advanced into Pennsylvania as far as Chambersburg, which, by his orders, they burned. He was

afterward, 19 Sept., defeated by Sheridan on the Opequan, and again at Fisher's Hill three days later. On 19 Oct., Gen. Early surprised the National forces at Cedar Creek in the absence of Gen. Sheridan; but the latter, having arrived in the afternoon, rallied his army and gained a decisive victory, Gen. Early losing the greater part of his artillery and trains.

In March, 1865, he was totally routed by Gen. Custer at Waynesboro, and a few days later he was relieved by Lee from the command in the valley; that general saying in his letter, 30 March, 1865: "Your reverses in the valley, of which the public and the army judge chiefly by the results, have, I fear, impaired your influence both with the people and the soldiers, and would greatly add to the difficulties which will, under any circumstances, attend our military operations in S. W. Virginia. While my own confidence in your ability, zeal, and devotion to the cause is unimpaired, I have nevertheless felt that I could not oppose what seems to be the current opinion without injustice to your reputation and injury to the service." After the close of the war he spent some time in Europe, and on his return resumed the practice of law in Richmond. He subsequently took up his residence in New Orleans (alternately with Lynchburg), where, with Gen. Beauregard, he became a manager of the Louisiana state lottery. He is president of the Southern historical society, and has published a pamphlet entitled "A Memoir of the Last Year of the War for Independence in the Confederate States" (Lynchburg, 1867).

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Military History.—Cadet at the U. S. Military Academy from July 1, 1833, to July 1, 1837, when he was graduated and promoted in the Army to

SECOND LIEUT., 3D ARTILLERY, JULY 1, 1837.

Served: in garrison at Ft. Monroe, Va., 1837; in the Florida War against the Seminole Indians, 1837-38, being engaged in the Action of Locha-Hatchee,

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Jan. 24, 1838; and in the Cherokee Nation, 1838, while emigrating the Indians to the West.

RESIGNED, JULY 31, 1838.

Civil History.—Counsellor at Law, Rocky Mount, Va., 1840-46. Member of the House of Delegates of the State of Virginia, 1841-42. Commonwealth Attorney, 1842-47.

Military History.—Served in the War with Mexico, 1847-48, in the North-

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ern States, being Acting Governor of Monterey, May-June, 1847,—and Acting Inspector-General of Brig.-General Cushing's brigade, 1847.

DISBANDED, AUG 3, 1848.

Civil History.—Counsellor at Law, Rocky Mount, Va., 1848-61. Commonwealth Attorney, 1848-52.

Joined in the Rebellion of 1861-66 against the United States.