

in support of the petition of William and Mary college for an appropriation on account of the destruction of its buildings and property during the civil war.—His brother, **Richard Stoddert**, soldier, b. in Georgetown, D. C., 8 Feb., 1817; d. in Springfield, Tenn., 25 Jan., 1872, was graduated at the U. S. military academy in 1840. His first experience of actual warfare was obtained in Mexico, where, in August, 1847, he was engaged at Contreras and at Churubusco. He was promoted to captain, 4 Aug., 1849, and in June, 1857, won distinction fighting against the Apaches in New Mexico. When the civil war began, he resigned his commission, entered the Confederate army, and was actively engaged throughout the war. He was promoted to the rank of major-general, and fought at



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Blackburn's Ford, 18 July, 1861, and at Bull Run, 21 July. In the following year he distinguished himself under Jackson, by whom he was greatly trusted, and took an active part in the various movements preceding the second battle of Bull Run, losing a leg at Warrenton Turnpike on 28 Aug., 1862. He took part also in the Maryland cam-

campaign. When Gen. Jackson was fatally wounded at Chancellorsville, Ewell, at his request, was promoted to lieutenant-general, and assigned to the command of the 2d corps. At the head of Jackson's veterans he fought valiantly at Winchester, at Gettysburg, and at the Wilderness on the Confederate left. He was captured, with his entire force, by Sheridan at Sailor's Creek, 6 April, 1865. After the war he retired to private life. Gen. Grant says in his "Memoirs": "Here" [at Farmville] "I met Dr. Smith, a Virginian and an officer of the regular army, who told me that in a conversation with Gen. Ewell, a relative of his" [who had just been made a prisoner], "Ewell had said that when we had got across the James river he knew their cause was lost, and it was the duty of their authorities to make the best terms they could while they still had a right to claim concessions. The authorities thought differently, however. Now the cause was lost, and they had no right to claim anything. He said further, that for every man that was killed after this in the war, somebody is responsible, and it would be but very little better than murder. He was not sure that Lee would consent to surrender his army without being able to consult with the president, but he hoped he would." Grant says this gave him the first idea of demanding the surrender.—Another brother, **Thomas**, was killed at the battle of Cerro Gordo, Mexico, in 1847.



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1029..(Born D. C.).....**RICHARD S. EWELL**.....(Ap'd Va.)..13

Military History.—Cadet at the U. S. Military Academy from July 1, 1836, to July 1, 1840, when he was graduated and promoted in the Army to

BVT. SECOND LIEUT., 1ST DRAGOONS, JULY 1, 1840.

SECOND LIEUT., 1ST DRAGOONS, NOV. 1, 1840.

Served: on frontier duty at Ft. Wayne, I. T., 1840-42,—Ft. Scott, Kan., 1842-43,—Escorting Santa Fé Traders, 1843,—and Ft. Scott, Kan., 1843-44; on Recruiting service, 1844-45; on frontier duty at Ft. Scott, Kan., 1845,—

(FIRST LIEUT., 1ST DRAGOONS, SEP. 18, 1845)

March to the Arkansas River, 1845,—and Ft. Scott, Kan., 1845; on Coast Survey, Apr. 14 to May 19, 1846; on Recruiting service, 1846; in the War with Mexico, 1846-48, being engaged in the Siege of Vera Cruz, Mar. 9-29, 1847,—Battle of Cerro Gordo, Apr. 17-18, 1847,—Battle of Contreras, Aug. 19-20, 1847,—Battle of Churubusco, Aug. 20, 1847,—Battle of Molino del Rey, Sep. 8,

(BVT. CAPT., AUG. 20, 1847, FOR GALLANT AND MERITORIOUS CONDUCT
IN THE BATTLES OF CONTRERAS AND CHURUBUSCO, MEX.)

1847,—and Storming of Chapultepec, Sep. 13, 1847; on Recruiting service, 1848-50; and on frontier duty at Rayado, N. M., 1850-51,—Ft. Defiance,

(CAPTAIN, 1ST DRAGOONS, AUG. 4, 1849)

N. M., 1851,—Los Lunas, N. M., 1851-54,—Santa Fé, N. M., 1854,—Los Lunas, N. M., 1854,—Escorting Commanding General to El Paso, 1854,—Scouting, 1854-55,—Los Lunas, N. M., 1855,—Scouting, 1855,—Los Lunas, N. M., 1855,—Escorting Governor of New Mexico to Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., 1855,—Los Lunas, N. M., 1856,—March to Ft. Buchanan, N. M., 1856-57,—Santa Fé, N. M., 1857,—Gila Expedition, 1857, being engaged against Apache Indians in the Combat of Gila River, N. M., June 27, 1857,—Ft. Buchanan, N. M., 1857-59,—Expedition against Pinal Apaches, 1859, being wounded in a Skirmish, Dec. 14, 1859,—and Ft. Bliss, Tex., 1860-61.

RESIGNED, MAY 7, 1861.

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