

nephew, **Henry Hopkins**, soldier, b. in Natchitoches, La., 25 May, 1816; d. in Fredericksburg, Va., 23 Aug., 1886. He was graduated at the U. S. military academy in 1838, served in the Florida war as 2d lieutenant of dragoons, was promoted 1st lieutenant on 8 March, 1840, took part in the expedition against the Seminoles in the Everglades, and served as adjutant of his regiment till 1846. He was engaged in the military occupation of Texas, was made a captain on 16 Feb., 1847, and took part in all the principal operations of the Mexican war, gaining the brevet of major for gallantry in the affair at Medelin, near Vera Cruz. He served for several years on the Texas frontier against the Indians, was stationed in Kansas during the anti-slavery conflict, took part in the Utah expedition and in the Navajo expedition of 1860, and, while stationed in New Mexico, was promoted major, but resigned on the same day, 13 May, 1861, in order

to join the Confederate army. He soon received a commission as brigadier-general, and on 5 July was assigned to the command of the Department of Mexico, and intrusted with the task of driving therefrom the National forces. He raised a brigade in northwestern Texas, left Fort Bliss in January, 1862, to effect the conquest of New Mexico, appeared before Fort Craig on 16 Feb., and on 21 Feb. fought with Col. Edward R. S. Canby the engagement of Valverde, which resulted in the withdrawal of the National troops. He occupied Albuquerque and Santa Fé, but in April was compelled to evacuate the territory. Subsequently he served with his brigade under Gen. Richard Taylor and Gen. E. Kirby Smith. In December, 1869, he entered the service of the khedive of Egypt with the rank of brigadier-general, and was assigned to the duty of constructing sea-coast and river defences. At the termination of his five years' contract he returned, with broken health, to the United States. He was the inventor of a tent for troops modelled after the wigwams of the Sioux and Comanche Indians. He obtained letters-patent, and the U. S. government, while he was in its service, contracted for the use of the tent. At the close of the civil war the U. S. officials refused to carry out the terms of the contract, and after his death the claim was brought before congress in the interest of his family. He occasionally lectured on the condition of the Egyptian fellaheen.

971..(Born La.).....**HENRY H. SIBLEY**.....(Ap'd La.)..31

Military History.—Cadet at the U. S. Military Academy from July 1, 1833, to July 1, 1838, when he was graduated and promoted in the Army to

SECOND LIEUT., 2D DRAGOONS, JULY 1, 1838.

Served: in the Florida War, 1838–39; on Recruiting service, 1839–40; in the

(FIRST LIEUT., 2D DRAGOONS, MAR. 8, 1840)

Florida War against the Seminole Indians 1840–41, being engaged in the Expedition into the Everglades, Dec. 3–24, 1840; as Adjutant, 2d Dragoons, at Regimental headquarters, June 1, 1841, to Apr. 16, 1842; on Recruiting service, 1842; as Adjutant, 2d Dragoons, at Regimental headquarters, Sep. 17, 1842, to Apr. 1, 1846—at Ft. Jesup, La., 1842–43,—Ft. Washita, I. T., 1843–44,—Ft. Jesup, La., 1844–45,—and in Military Occupation of Texas, 1845–46; on Recruiting service, 1846–47; in the War with Mexico, 1847–48,

(CAPTAIN, 2D DRAGOONS, FEB. 16, 1847)

being engaged in the Siege of Vera Cruz, Mar. 9–29, 1847,—Skirmish of Medelin, Mar. 25, 1847,—Battle of Cerro Gordo, Apr. 17–18, 1847,—Battle of

(BVT. MAJOR, MAR. 25, 1847, FOR GALLANT AND MERITORIOUS CONDUCT
IN THE AFFAIR AT MEDELIN, NEAR VERA CRUZ, MEX.)

Contreras, Aug. 19–20, 1847,—Battle of Churubusco, Aug. 20, 1847,—Battle of Molino del Rey, Sep. 8, 1847,—and Operations before, and Capture of the City of Mexico, Sep. 13–14, 1847; in garrison at East Pascagoula, Mis., 1848; on Recruiting service, 1848–50; and on frontier duty at Ft. Graham, Tex., 1850–52,—Ft. Croghan, Tex., 1852–53—Scouting, 1853,—Ft. Croghan, Tex., 1853,—Clear Fork of the Brazos, Tex., 1853–54,—Big Washita, 1854,—Ft. Belknap, Tex., 1855,—in quelling Kansas Disturbances, 1855–57,—Utah Expedition, 1857–58, 1859–60,—March to New Mexico, 1860,—Ft. Marcy, N. M., 1860,—Ft. Defiance, N. M., 1860,—Navajo Expedition, 1860,—Albuquerque,

(MAJOR, 1ST DRAGOONS, MAY 13, 1861)

N. M., 1860,—and Taos, N. M., 1860–61.

RESIGNED, MAY 13, 1861.

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