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HISTORY
OF THE
FIRST AND SECOND
Missouri Confederate Brigades.

1861—1865.

AND

FROM WAKARUSA TO APPOMATTOX,

A MILITARY ANAGRAPH.

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PREFACE.

AS is customary and proper with all Historians, I crave the indulgence of my readers for all errors and omissions. I had but little written history to rely upon—mostly only sketches, letters and loose data—from which I have woven the web of the work as best I could.

Much assistance has been promised, largely in the line of biographical sketches, and much has been received, but a few have failed to comply with their promises and I have had to supply the deficiencies out of meagre materials.

The lists of the survivors are necessarily imperfect, as their numbers show, although the result of a very extensive correspondence.

At the proper places I have acknowledged my indebtedness to many friends, but there are two gentlemen whom I here desire particularly to thank for the invaluable assistance they have rendered me. George E. Patton, formerly of Liberty, Mo., one of our most gallant soldiers, who gave an arm as a tribute to the Lost Cause, and at one time the editor and proprietor of the *Advance*, has served us more, perhaps, than any one else in obtaining the lists of names contained in the Appendix.

Dr. John M. Allen, of the same place, gave the first impetus to the preparation of the History of the Missouri Brigades. Dr. Allen was a medical graduate of 1854, enlisted under Col. Rives, was surgeon of the 3d Infantry until September, 1863, when he was selected to take charge of the Medical Department of Mississippi and East Loui-

siana, in which capacity he performed service of immense benefit to the sick and wounded; and succeeded in running through the blockade large supplies of medicines and surgical instruments.

Subsequently he was in charge of the medical corps of Gen. Wirt Adams' command until the close of the war, shortly after which he married a most charming lady of Port Gibson, Miss., and returned to his home in Clay county to engage in a large and lucrative practice.

Without the help of these two gentlemen this History could not have been written.

Part Second, "From Wakarusa to Appomattox," does not profess to contain any portion of the History—it is merely an Anagraph—a personal memoir—and the only thing in it which I can mention as at all worthy of remark, is the correctness and general accuracy of the dates and facts therein professed to be given.

It was the result of a diary kept during the war—in pencil—on scraps of note books—and well nigh undecipherable after ten years.

It was written, finished and printed before the History was dreamed of. Portions of it were published in "Ware's Valley Monthly" and several newspapers, and is herein gathered together and reproduced without any alterations beside typographical corrections.

Incidents and personal sketches which are set forth in the Memoirs are not duplicated in the History.

I cast my waif upon the waters and ask my fellow-soldiers to judge it kindly—and will only add Steele's celebrated apology:

"If my readers should at any time remark that I am particularly dull, they may be assured there is a design under it."

R. S. BEVIER.

RUSSELLVILLE, Ky., November, 1878.

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