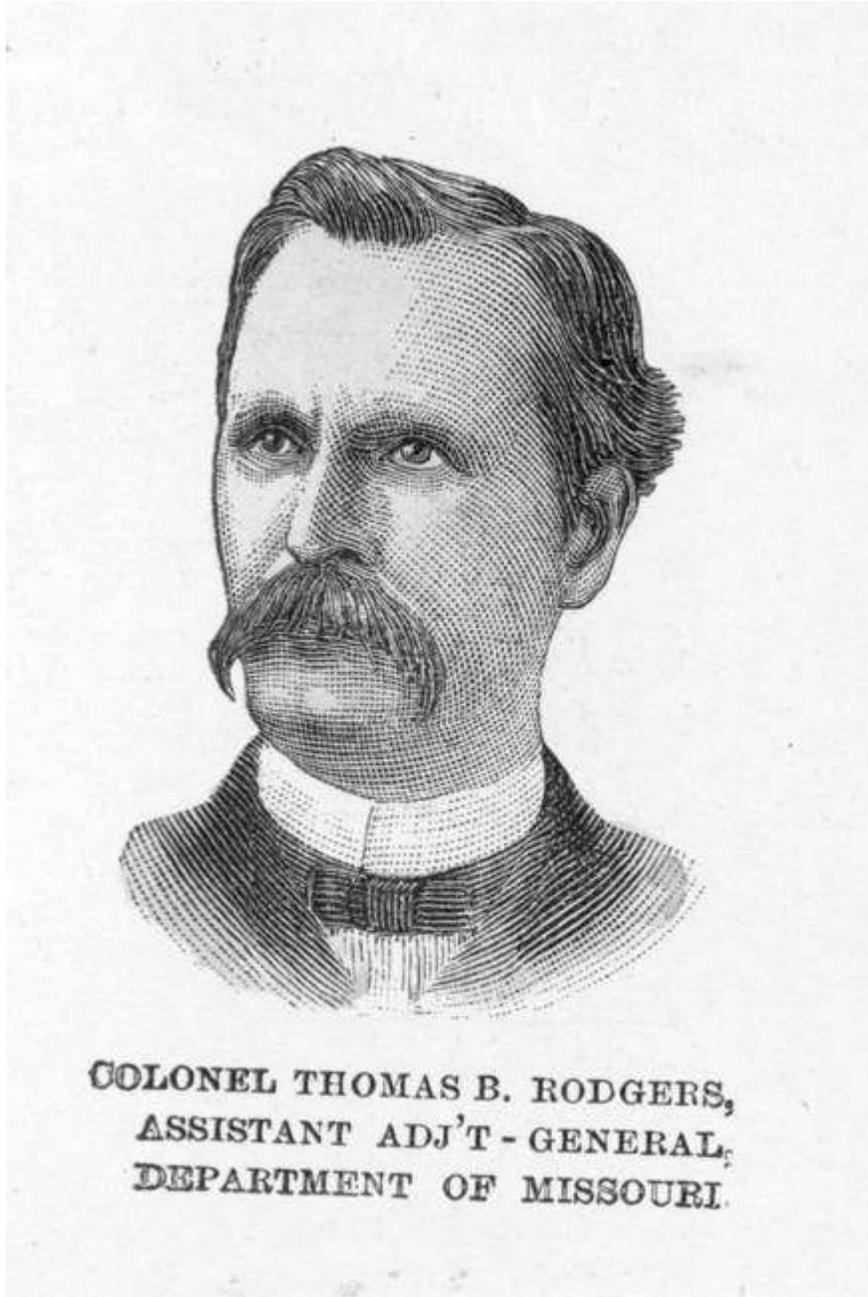


Thomas B. Rodgers

1896



Few public men of our city are so well and so widely known as Col. Thomas B. Rodgers, the efficient Assistant Adjutant General of the G.A.R. Department of Missouri. He is a native of the grand old state of Pennsylvania and was only twenty-one years of age at the time of his admission to the bar, had just commenced to enter the practice of law

when the civil war broke out and caused him to enter the army for the defense of the Union. He was captured at the Battle of Gettysburg and kept in Libby Prison for nine months, whereupon he returned to the Army of the Potomac, from which he received his

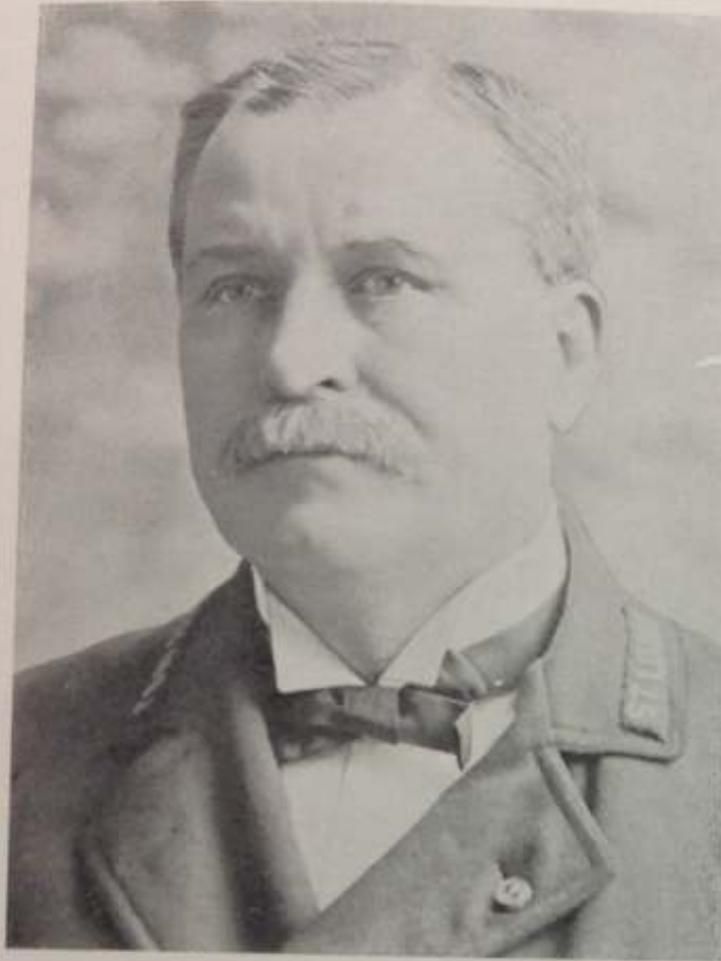
honorable discharge after four years service, having been promoted from lieutenant to lieutenant-colonel. Coming to St. Louis after the end of the war he has made this city his home ever since. He was for three years employed by the government in examining the war claims of this State, was afterwards engaged in the real estate and insurance branch and was appointed Deputy Circuit Clerk in 1879 and was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court in 1894 with a majority of 4,000 votes over his Democratic opponent. As one of the most prominent members of the Grand Army of the Republic he held for eight years the Assistant Adjutant-Generalship in the Missouri Department, to which position he was again elected later on and is occupying it now. He was the First Commander of the Frank P. Blair Post, and from 1896 to 1897 Commander of the Department of Missouri. Taking an active interest in educational matters, he was a member of the School Board in 1876 and 1877 and during the same period Vice-President of the Library Board, serving with the greatest fidelity and ability in all his official positions. He is now giving all his time and attention to his duties in the Adjutant General's office (in the Temple Building) where his efficient services are duly appreciated by the members of the Grand Army of the Republic. Col. Rodgers has a host of friends on account of his great urbanity and his most amiable and courteous manners in his intercourse with each and all.

Addendum:

Rodgers was born on Oct 30, 1835 in Mercer PA and died on May 30, 1916 at St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis, MO. He was the son of James R. Rodgers of Scotland and Margaret Foster of Pennsylvania. He was taken to Mercer, PA, for burial.



Thos. B. Rodgers
Adj't Adjt Gen'l



THOMAS B. RODGERS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1896-1897

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL, 1887 TO 1894 AND FROM 1899 TO 1916

MUSTERED OUT MAY 30, 1916