



GENERAL B. F. CHEATHAM.

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NASHVILLE, September 4.—Shortly after 1 o'clock this morning General B. F. Cheatham died at his residence. He had been ill but a short time. His death has caused the sincerest regret in this city, to whose people he had endeared himself during many years of residence, and no less profound will be the sorrow of his old comrades in arms, who, in the days that tried men's soul as with fire, bore himself as a brave man should. He was the beau ideal of a brave, blunt and heroic soldier to the men of Tennessee, and no Confederate leader has left behind him a brighter record than General Cheatham.

He was born in this city October 20, 1820, and here grew to manhood. He commanded the Nashville Blues in the Mexican war, and for gallant conduct at Monterey was promoted to Colonel of the Third Tennessee Volunteers.

He was appointed Brigadier General in the Confederate army on the breaking out of the late war, and in 1862 became Major General. His corps was distinguished for hard fighting, and its fearless commander in many a bloody battle proved his valor and the devotion of his men.

At the close of the war he married Miss Anna B. Robertson, of this city, and engaged in farming. He always took prominent part in promoting agricultural interests. He also served four years as State superintendent of prisons. At the time of his death he was postmaster of this city. Distinguished funeral honors will be paid General Cheatham by the citizens of Nashville and thousands of ex-Confederate veterans from all parts of the South will participate in those honors.