TAYLOR, George William, soldier, b. in Hunterdon county, N. J., 22 Nov., 1808; d. in Alexandria, Va., 1 Sept., 1862. He was graduated at the military academy of Alden Partridge, Middletown, Conn., and received a midshipman's warrant in the navy in 1827, but resigned at the end of four years and engaged in mercantile pursuits. In the beginning of the Mexican war he assisted in raising a company in New Jersey, being commissioned as lieutenant on 8 March, 1847, and as captain in the following September, and served through Gen. Zachary Taylor's campaigns. After the war he went to California, remaining there three years. Returning then to New Jersey, he occupied himself in mining and iron-manufacturing. When the civil war began he was made colonel of the 3d New Jersey infantry, which left for the field on 28 June, 1861, assisted in guarding Long Bridge, formed part of the reserve division at Bull Run, and participated in the occupation of Manassas in March, 1862, being the first to perceive the enemy retreating. When Gen. Philip Kearny was promoted, Col. Taylor succeeded to the command of the brigade, which he led in the advance on Richmond and the seven days' battles, receiving his commission as brigadier-general of volunteers on 9 May, 1862. At Gaines's Mills his command was subjected to the hottest fire. At the second battle of Bull Run he fought with distinguished courage, and received wounds from which he soon after died.

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