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The Whole Life of an American

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From Belford's Magazine.

I was born June 3, 1808, in Chrsttian county, Ky., in that part of it which, by subsequent division, is now in Todd county. At this place has since risen the village of Fair view, and on the exact spot where dleman, D M Miller: South ward—D R Julian, J A Barrett; East ward—J B Gordon, T A Coughenour; west ward—R J Holmes, J W Rumple

I was born has been constructed the Baptist church of the place. My father, Samuel Davis, was a native of Georgia, and served in the war of the Revolution, first in the mouning and night. Prayer meeting every ted gunmen, and afterwards as Wednesday night. Rev. J. F. Tuttle. Captain of infantry at the seige of Savannah. During my infancy my father removed to Wilkinson county, Miss. After passing through the County Academy I entered Sunday School every Sunday at 10 am. Transvaal College, Kentucky, at the age of 16, and wasadvanced as far as the senior class when I was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point, which I entered in September, 1824. which I entered in September, 1824.
Wednesday at 7 p m. Rev Chas B King, I graduated in 1828, and then in Sunday School every Sunday afternoon accordance with the custom of cadat 3 o'clock. Prof R G Kiser, Sup't. rank of Lieutenant, serving as an 11 a m, and 6:30 p m. Prayer meeting officer of infantry on the Northwest frontier until 1833, when regiment of dragoons having been Presbyterian-Services every Sunday created, I was transferred to it. Afevery Wednesday at 8:30 p m. Rev J ter a successful campaign against the Indians I resigned from the army, in 1835, being anxious to

with a daughter of Col. Zacharv Taylor, whom I married, not "after a romantic elopement," as has so often been stated, but at the house of her aunt and in the presence of many of her relatives, at a place near Louisville, Ky. Then I became a cotton planter in Warren county, Mississippi. It was my misfortune, early in my married life, to lose my wife; and for many years thereafter I lies

I for the first time took part in the political life of the country. Next year I was chosen one of the Presidential electors at large for the State, and in the succeeding year was elected to Congress, taking my seat in the House of Representatives in December, 1845. The proposition to terminate the joint occupancy of Oregon and reformation of the tariff were the two questions arousing the most public attention at that time, and I took an active part in their discussion, especially n that of the first.

During this period hostilities with Mexico commenced, and in the legislation which the contest rendered necessary my military edncation enabled me to take a some-

what prominent part. In June, 1846, a regiment of Mississippi volunteers was organized at Vicksburg, of which I was elected Colonel. On receiving notice of the election, I proceeded to overtake the regiment which was already on its way to Mexico, and joined them at New Orleans. Reporting to Gen. Taylor, then commanding at Camargo, my regiment although the last to arrive-having baen detained for some time on duty at the mouth of the Ric Grande-was selected to move with the advance on the city of Monterey. The want of transportation prevented Gen. Taylor from taking the whole body of volunteers who had reported there for duty. The Mississippi regiment was armed entirely with percussion rifles. And here it may be interesting to state that Gen. Scott, in Washington, endeavored to persuade me not to

old flint lock muskets, I insisted on capitulation. Gen. Taylor receivtheir being armed with the kind ed the city of Montery, with supof rifle then recently made in New plies, much needed by his army, Haven, Conn .- the Witney rifle. and shelter for the wounded. The From having been first used by the enemy gained only the privilege of Mississippians, these rifles have all retiring peacefully, a privilege wans been known as the Mississippi | which if it had not been accorded, In the attack on Montery Gen. one of the three roads open to was received. They were repulsed, needed to reform the ranks of the daughter of the Taylor divided his force, sending them. The point beyond which and it was quiet in front of the Democracy. However, as a duty to what they proposed to do. one part of it by a circuitous road they should withdraw was fixed by Mississipplans until an aide came the party, I accepted the position, When officially informed that colored coachman aroused me with to attack the city from the west, the terms of capitulation, and the and called from the other side of the and made as active a campaign as Mississippi had passed the ordi- the intelligence that the camp was while he decided to lead in person time during which hostilities were ravine, which he could not pass, time permitted, with the result nance of secession I took formal attacked, and I stepped out of the the attack on the east. The Miss- to be suspended was determined on that General Taylor wanted support that the majority against the party leave of the Senate announcing for tent where my wife and child ippi regiment advanced to the relief by the length of time necessary to to come as soon as possible for the was reduced to less than 1,000. the last time opinions I had so of- were sleeping, and saw at one

On the third day the Mississippi-

ans advanced from the fort which they held, through lanes and gardens, skirmishing and driving the enemy before them until they reached a two story house at the corner of the Grand Plaza. Here they were joined by a regiment of Texans, and from the windows of this house they opened fire on the artillery and such other troops as were in view. But, to get a better position for firing on the principal building of the Grand Plaza, it was necessary to cross the street, which was swept by canister and grape, rattling on the pavement like hail; and, as the street was very narrow, into the interior of Mexico, then it was determined to construct a commenced to prepare himself for flying barricade. Some long timbers were found, and, with pack saddles and boxes, which served transportation, as well as munitions, the purpose, a temporary barricade | including, among other supplies,

Here occurred an incident to carry provisions for days, and which I have since frequently referred with pride. In breaking open a quartermaster's storehouse saddles. The pack saddles were one of the boxes. This, of course, was freely accorded; but not one of the very valuable and much prized Mexican blankets was taken.

About the time that the flying barricade was completed, arrangements were made by the Texans and Mississippians to occupy houses on both sides of the street for the ourpose of more effective fire into the Grand Plaza. It having been deemed necessary to increase our Gree, the Mississippi sergeant major the Trist Mississippi which had

fired on by artillery across open campaign of Chihuahua.

take more rifles than enough for dia, commanding the Mexican force four companies, and objected par- sent in a flag and asked for a conticularly to percussion arms, as not ference with a view to capitulation. having been sufficiently tested for Gen. Taylor acceded to the propothe use of troops in the field. sition, and appointed Gen. Worth Knowing that the Mississippians Gov. Henderson and myself comwould have no confidence in the missioners to arrange the terms of

They carried the redoubt, and the so fixed the Government of the the distance must have been nearly when I went out to advocate his egated powers. Before I reached escape. After some hesitation I fort which was in the rear of it sur- United States disapproved of the a mile. They found the enemy election, having formed a very high home I had been appointed by the consented, and a servant woman rendered. The next day our force capitulation and ordered the truce moving in three lines upon the bat- opinion of him as a statesman and Convention of Mississippi Com- started with me, carrying a bucket on the west side carried successful- to be immediately terminated. By teries of Capt. Braxton Bragg and a patriot from observations of him ly the height on which stood the this decision we lost whatever cred- the section of artillery commanded in 1837 and 1858, when he was in Bishop's palace, which commanded it had been given us for generous by Geo. H. Thomas. The Mississ- the United States Senate. terms in the capitulation, and hos- ippians came up in line, their right | On his election as Presidens I betilities were to be resumed without flank opposite the first line of the came a member of his Cabinet, fillany preparation having been made advanced fire. All being sharp- ing the office of Secretary of War for what I believed was to be a which my wife had put over my to enable Gen. Taylor, even with shooters, those toward the left of during his entire term. the small force he had, to advance the line obliqued to the right, and During these four years I propos- messenger came from the Provision- carbine, when my wife, who witfurther into the enemy's country at close quarters and against three ed the introduction of camels for al Confederate Congress at Mont- nessed the act, rushed forward and Gen. Taylor's letter to Mr. Macy, long lines very few shots could have service on the Western plains. Secretary of War, was a very good missed. At the same time the suggestion which was adopted. response to an unjust criticism; guns of Bragg and Thomas were also introduced an improved sys- visional President of the Confed- if the trooper missed his aim, to and in the Washington Union of firing grape. The effect was de- tem of infantry tactics, effected the erate States. But, reluctant as I try to unhorse him and escape with that time I also published a very cisive; the infantry and artillery of subtitution of iron for wood in gun | was to accept the honor, and care- his horse. Then, with every species full explanation of the acts of the the enemy immediately retired. | carriages, secured rifled muskets fully as I had tried to prevent the of petty pillage and offensive exhicommissioners and of the military At the close of the day Santa An- and rifles and the use of Minie balls. possibility of it, in the circumstan- bition, I was taken from point to

> tinuing the seige and attack. Gen. Taylor, assuming that it my in our front. was intended for him to advance such a campaign. To this end he made requisitions for the needful large India rubber bags in which to tice. Thenceforward the march of of the surveys of the various routes which, being emptied before we reached the desert of sixty miles, clusion.

would, by being filled with It this battle while advancing to to get supplies for this barricade, water, enable his troops and horses meet the enemy, then pressing some Capitol. the men found bundles of the much to cross those desert plains. These of our discomforted volunteers on prised Mexican blankets, and also and other details had been entered the left of the field of battle, I reof very serviceable shoes and pack into under the expectation that the ceived a painful wound, which was Executive whose Cabinet witnessed censure of the treaty of Monterey rendered more severe in consefreely taken as good material for meant a march into the interior of quence of remaining in the saddle whole term. At its closes, having ed that necessity, not choice, had mother; my wife, as soon as permitthe proposed barricade; and one of Mexico. Another thing required all day, although wounded early in been re-elected to the United States led to the secession of the Southern ted, having shared my imprisonmy men, as his shoes were broken was a new battery of field pieces to the morning. A ball had passed Senate, I re-entered that body. take the place of the old Ringgold through the foot leaving in the During the discussion of the battery, which by long service had wound broken bones and foreign Compromise measures of 1850, the become honeycombed. When all matter, which the delay had made refusal to extend the Missouri these arrangements were nearly it impossible then to extract. In Compromise line to the Pacific was completed it was decided to send consequence I had to return early put on the ground that there changed. Gen Scott, with discretionary pow- home on crutches.

ers, which enabled him to take In the meantime a Senator of legislate slavery into or out of any Fortres Monroe to Fort Sumter, opinion, which sent the case to the nearly all the tried troops Gen. Tay- Mississippi had died, and the Gov. Territory, which was in fact and lor had, including even the engi- had appointed me his successor. Be- seeming intent a repudiation of the harbor of Charleston, and the at- States, and the proceedings were neer then employed in the constructor fore my return home President Missouri Compromise; and it was tempt to throw reinforcements into quashed, leaving me without the tion of a fort, and the battery of Polk had also appointed me Briga- so treated in the Kansas-Nebraska that fort-thus doubly breaking a opportunity to vindicate myself new guns to replace old ones, dier General of Volunteers, an ap- bill. which were deemed no longer safe, pointment which I declined on the Subsequently Mr. Douglas, the in statu quo-constituted the occabut which under the intrepid Capt. ground that volunteers are militia, advocate of what was called squat- sion as well as the justification of Canada I went to England, with Bragg afterward did good service and that the Constitution reserved ter sovereignty, insisted upon the the opening of fire upon Fort Sum- my family, under an arrangement Gen. Taylor, with the main body militia officers. This was in 1847. the Territory to decide upon the came the call for a large army by

our troops had been withdrawn. Vera Cruz, except the small force rest of the unexpired term; and in that Congress could authorize a few pose of coercion. and that orders had been three he considered himself entitled to 1850 I was elected for the full term settlers to do what it was admitted times sent to me to return. Gov. as an escort on his route back to as my own successor. In the Uni- that Congress itself could not do. effort by a peace convention to avert Henderson, of Texas, had accom- Monterey through an unfriendly ted States Senate I was chairman But out of this bill arose a dissen- national ruin, when she saw the panied the Texan troops, and on people. The escort consisted of a of the Military Committee; and I sion which finally divided the Dem- Constitution disregarded and the submitting to him the question battery of light artillery, a squad- also took an active part in the de- ocratic party, and caused its defeat purpose to compel free States by what we should do under the mes. ron of dragoons, and the regiment bates on the Compromise measures in the Presidential election of 1860. military force to submit to arbitrary sage, he realized—as was very plain of Mississippi Riflemen. With of 1850, frequently opposing Sena- And from this empty, baseless power, passed an ordinance of sethat it was safer to remain where these he proceeded through Monte- tor Douglas, of Illinois, in his theo- theory grew the Iliad of our direct cession and joined the Confederate we were than -our supports having rey and Saltilly to Agua Nueva, ry of squatter sovereignty, and ad-woes. been withdrawn-to return across where he was joined by the division vocating, as a means of pacification, When Congress met in the fall of streets where we were liable to be of Gen. Wool, who had made the the extension of the Missouri Com- 1860 I was appointed one of a Sen- by the Provincial Congress, I re-

should follow; and so on another of Buena Vista, and there made ernment.

blood. The infantry against whom the advance was made was driven

capitulation in preference to con-

promise line to the Pacific. When ate committee of thirteen to exam- moved the Confederate capital from

In this position the second dem- time before the approaching election to tell what they wanted. As they the Confederates would listen to Miss. Born in the last year of the they had the power to take by any onstration of the enemy's cavalry to make such a canvass as would be had refused everything he claimed of a force which had attacked Fort refer to and receive answers from protection of the artillery on the From this time I remained engag- ten expressed as to State sovereign- the assailants were troops dep

questions involved in the matter of na bugled the retreat, as was sup- and advocated the increase of the ces of the country I could not re- point until incarcerated in Fortress posed, to go into quarters; but when defences of the seacoast by heavy fuse it; and I was inaugurated at Monroe. There I was imprisoned the next sun rose there was no ene- guns and the use of large-grain Montgomery, February 18, 1861, for two years before being allowed powder.

The news of this victory was re- While in the Senate I had advoceived in the United States with a cated, as a military necessary and degree of enthusiasm proportionate as means of preserving the Pacific to the small means with which it territory to the Union, the conwas achieved; and generosity was struction of a military railway federacy and of the war between should be bondsmen influential in excited by the feeling that Gen. across the continent; and, as Sec-Taylor had been treated with injus- retary of War, I was put in charge fore, to follow it in detail. "Old Rough and Ready" to the proposed. Perhaps for a similar White House was a foregone con- reason-my provious action in the

> The Administration of Mr. Pierce presents the single instance of an no change of persons during his

was no constitutional authority to

grounds where cavalry might be ex- Gen. Santa Anna, commanding the question was presented to Mis- ine and report on some practicable pected to attack us. But, he added, the army of Mexico, was informed sissippi as to whether the State adjustment of the controversies he supposed the orders came from of the action which had been taken should acquiesce in the Compromise which then threatened the dissoluthe General-in-Chief, and we were in stripping Gen. Taylor of his legislation of 1850, or whether it tion of the Union. I at first asked to and after my arrival at Richbound to obey them. So we made forces, and was also informed that should join the other Southern to be excused from the committee, mond was the purchase of a very dispositions to retire quietly; but he had at Saltillo only a handful of States in a Convention to decide as but at the solicitation of friends fine residence in Richmond by leadin passing the first square, we found volunteers, which could be easily to the best course to pursue in view agreed to serve, avowing my willing- ing citizens. It was offered as a that our movement had been antic- dispersed on the approach of an of the threatened usurpations of the ness to make any sacrifice to avert present; but following a rule that pated, and that a battery of artil- army. Thus assured, and with the Federal Government, I advocated a the impending struggle. The com- had governed my action in all such lery was posted to command the prospect of recovering all the coun Convention of the Southern States, mittee consisted of men belonging cases, I declined to accept it. I street. The arrangement made by try down to the Rio Grande, Santa wish a view of such co-operation as to the three political divisions of me for crossing it was that Anna advanced upon Agua Nueva. might effectually check the exercise the Senate, the State right men of the Confederate forces were com-I should go first; if only one gun Gen. Taylor retired to the Angos- of constructive powers, the parent the South, the Radicals of the was fired at me then another man tura Pass, in front of the hacienda of despotism, by the Federal Gov- North, and the Northern Demo- fences of the capital. crats, with one member who did and another, until a volley should his dispositions to receive the antic- The canvass for Governor com- not acknowledge himself as belongbe fired, and then all of them should ipated attack. As sage as he was menced that year and the candidate ing to any one of the three divisrush rapidly across before the guns brave, his dispositions were made of the Democratic party was by his ions-Mr. Crittendon, an old time could be reloaded. In this manner as well as the small force at his opponents represented to hold ex- Whig, and the original mover of the men got across with little loss. command made it possible. After treme opinions-in other words, to the compromise resolutions. When We then made our way to the two days of bloody fighting, Gen. be a disunionist. For, although he the committee met it was agreed suburb, where we found that an Santa Anna retired before this lit- was a man of high character and that unless some measure which officer of infantry, with two com- tle force, the greater part of which had served the country well in peace would receive the support of the panies and a section of artillery had never before been under fire. and war, this supposition was so, majority of each of the three divishad been posted to wait for us, and The encounter with the enemy artfully cultivated that, though the could be devised, it was useless to in case of emergency, to aid in our was very bloody. The Mississippi- Democratic party was estimated to make any report; and after many suing my family, whom I had not tilities manifested against me since ans lost many of their best men, be about 8,000 in a majority, when days of anxious discussion and a Early next morning Gen. Ampu- for each of whom, however, they the election occurred in September multiplicity of propositutions, knew to be en route to the Florida have also refused to be a candidate slew several of the enemy. For, the Democratic candidates for a though the Southern States rights trained marksmen, they never Convention were defeated by a ma- men and the Northern Democrats touched the trigger without having jority of over 7,000, and the Demo- and the Whig Mr. Crittendon them encamped and threatened by the United States an object through both sights; and cratic candidate for Governor with- could frequently agree, y the could a robbing party. To give them the I have been twice married, the The election for Governor was to ern Radicals to unite with them in back, but the cavalry then moved ed on to take the place vacated by Finally, the committee reported when I supposed I could safely has borne me six children, four occur in November, and I was call- any substantative proposition. neighborhood of Irvinville, Ga., Natchez, a son of Governor to get in the rear of the Missippi- the candidate who had withdrawn their failure to find anything on leave them. But hearing at night- sons and two daughters. My sons ans, and this involved the necessi- from the race. It was a forlorn which the three divisions could fall that a party of marauders were are all dead; my daughters survive. ty of falling back to where the plain hope, especially as my health had unite. Mr Douglas, who was a mem- to attack the camp that night, and The elder is Mrs. Hayes, of Colorawas narrow, so as to have a ravine been impaired by labors in the sum- ber of the committee, defiantly supposing them to be pillaging de- do Springs, Col., and the mother mer canvass, and there was not challenged the Northern Radicals serters from both armies, and that daughter lives with us at Beauvoir,

Lenaria, but had been repulsed be- the two governments. A few days flank. The order was promptly ed in quiet farm labors until the ty and, as a consequence of it, the around the encampment. alisbury, N. C. fore the Mississippians arrived. before the expiration of the time obeyed at double quick, although nomination of Franklin Pierce, right of a State to withdraw its del- formed my wife, who urged

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I notice that I had been elected Pro- defeating my intention, which was,

Georgia, as Vice President. From this time to the fall of the Confederate Government my life be issued, the condition was imposed the States. It is impossible, there- the "Republican" party of the

was relieved from the difficulty justice and legal right, not from which surrounds that duty by the motives of personal regard, Mr. Senate-I was also put in charge of President of the United States; for Greely, Mr. Gerrit Smith, and the extension of the United States there was no "sections" and no other eminent Northern citizens "party distinctions." All aspira- went on my bond. tions, ambitions, and interests had In May, 1867, after being rebeen merged in a great desire for leased from Fortress Monroe, I Confederate independence.

States; that, as an agricultural peo- ment, brought our infant daughter ple, their policy was peace and free with her. From time to time I commerce with all the world; that obeyed summonses, to go before the the constituent parts, not the sys- | Federal Court of Richmond, until tem of government, had been finally the case was heard by Chief

the guns of which threatened the Supreme Court of the United pledge that matters should be kent | before the highest Federal court. nt of all rights of the first immigrants into ter. Speedily following this event that was to have sixty days' notice return- of his army, went to Victoria, and In January, 1848, the Mississippi question whether migrating citizens Mr. Lincoln, and the secession of required my presence. After being with the statement that the there made arrangements to send Legislature unanimously elected might take their slaves with them; other Southern States as the conse- abroad in England and on the Conenemy was behind us, that all them all to report to Gen. Scott at me United States Senator for the which meant anything, quence of this unmistakable pur- tinent about a year, I received an

Shortly after this, as authorized

Montgomery to Richmond. Among the many indications of good will shown when on my way continued to live in Richmond until pelled to withdraw from the de-

conditions were fulfilled under America," which is expected to which Gen. Lee contemplated re- appear early in 1890. treat. After Gen. Lee was forced to surrender, and Gen. Johnson consented to do so, I started, with tive part in politics, not merely bea very few of the men who volun- cause of my disfranchisement, but teered to accompany me, for the from a belief that such labors could trans Mississippi; but, hearing on not be made to conduce to the pubseen since they left Richmond, but the war. For the same reason I coast, I changed my direction, and, for public office, although it is well after a long and hard ride, found known that I could at any time needed protection 1 travelled with second time being in 1844, to a them for several days, until in the daughter of William B. Howell of me. I awaited their coming, lay war she became familiarly known as

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mander-in-Chief of its army, with as if going to the spring for water. the rank of Major-General and I at | One of the surrounding troops oronce proceeded with the task of or- dered me to halt, and demanded ganization. I went to my home in my surrender. I advanced toward Warren county in order to prepare the trooper, throwing off a shaw! long and severe struggle. Soon a shoulders. The trooper aimed his gomery, bringing the unwelcome threw her arms around me, thus with Alexander H. Stephenson, of the privilege of the writ of habeas

corpus* At length, when the writ was to was part of the history of the Con- by the Federal Executive that there North, Mr. Greely being specially In the selection of a Cabinet I named. Entirely as a matter of

went to Canada, where my older In my inaugural address I assert- children were, with their grand-Justice Chase and District Judge The removal of the troops from Underwood, who were divided in

> After about a year's residence in offer of appointment as President of a life insurance company. Thereupon I returned to this country, and went to Memphis and took charge of the company. Subsequently I came to the Gulf coast

of Mississippi, as a quiet place where I could prepare my work on "The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government." A friend from her infancy, Mrs. Dorsey. shared her home with me, and subsequently sold to me her property at Beauvoir, an estate of five or six hundred acres, about midway between Mobile and New Orleans Before I had fully paid for this estate Mrs. Dorsey died, leaving me her sole legatee. From the spring of 1876 to the autumn of 1879 I devoted myself to the production of the historical work just mentioned. It was an octavo book, in two volumes of about 700 pages each. I have also from time to time contributed essays to the North Americam Review and Belford's Magazine, and have just completed That event was not quite unex- the manuscript of "A Short Hisnected, but it occurred before the tory of the Confederate States of

> Since settling at Beauvoir, I have persistently refused to take any ac-

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