

# THE GRIP OF THE LION'S PAW: THE MASONS AND THE KGC

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# The Lion's Paw, the Masons, and the Knights of the Golden Circle

- ▣ Thanks to the National Archives many pictures have been opened up to the public of the soldiers, politicians, and civilians from the Civil War time period.

Confederate soldier with the Masonic  
“Fellow-Craft” degree hand sign. Notice that  
it is the person’s right hand.





# Confederate soldier with the Masonic hand sign.





# 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Mason Albert Pike



# 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Mason Albert Mackey



# Congressman Giles Hilzer and 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Mason





# General Pearley Poore and 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Mason

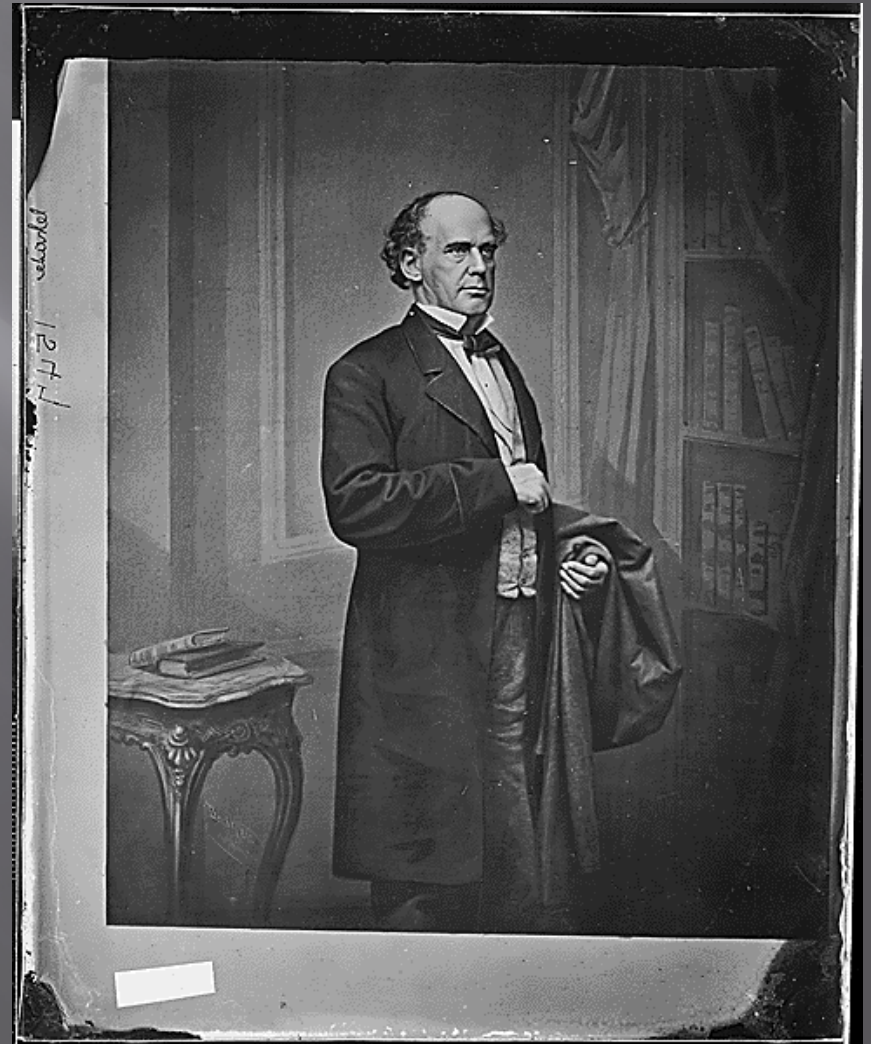
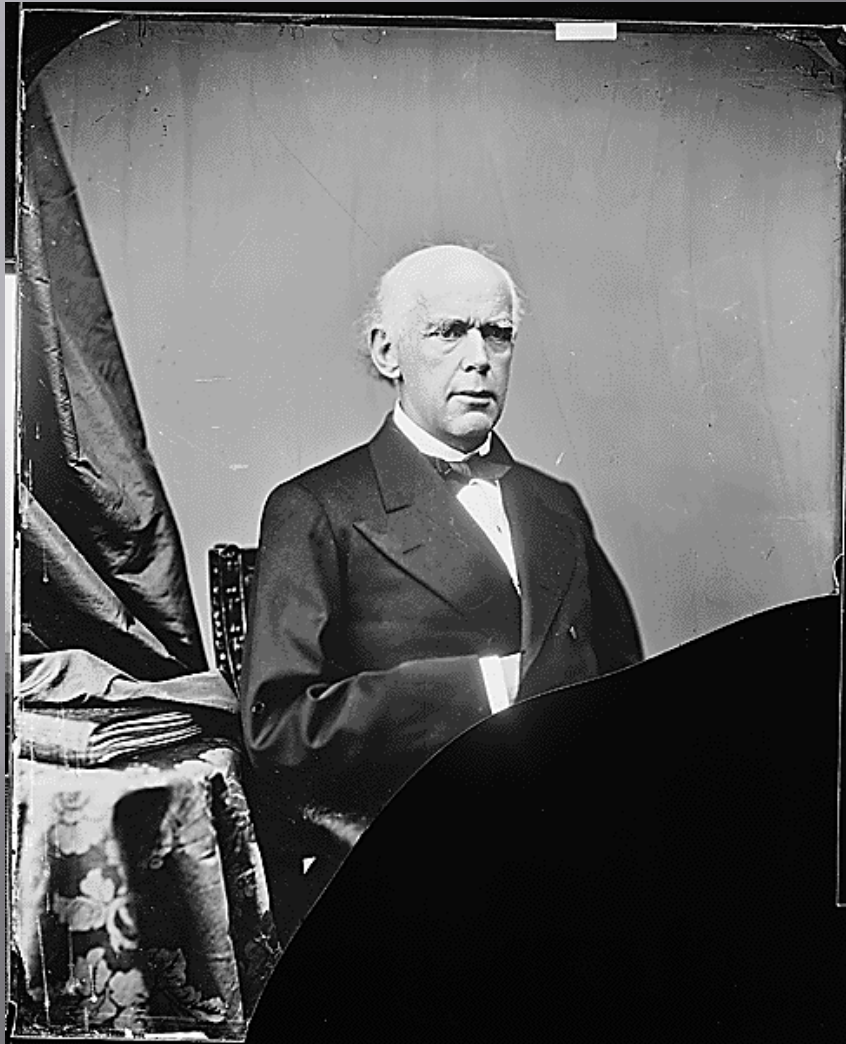


# Northern General Burnside





# Congressman Salmon P. Chase





# Northern General Buford



# Northern General Chamberlain

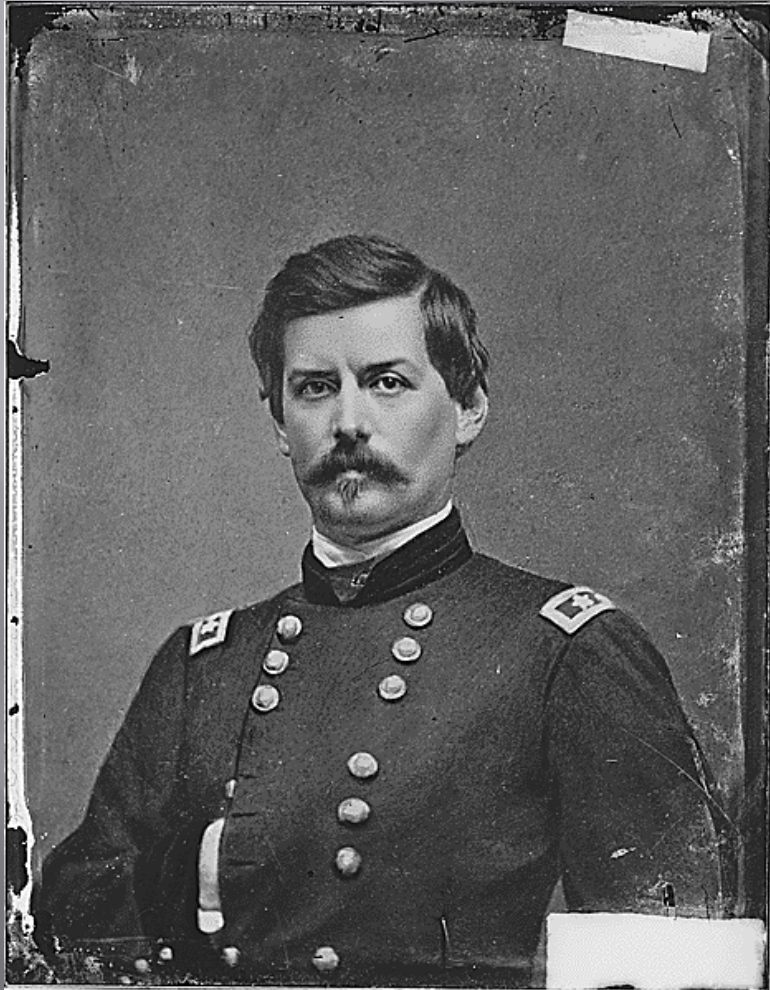


# General Custer

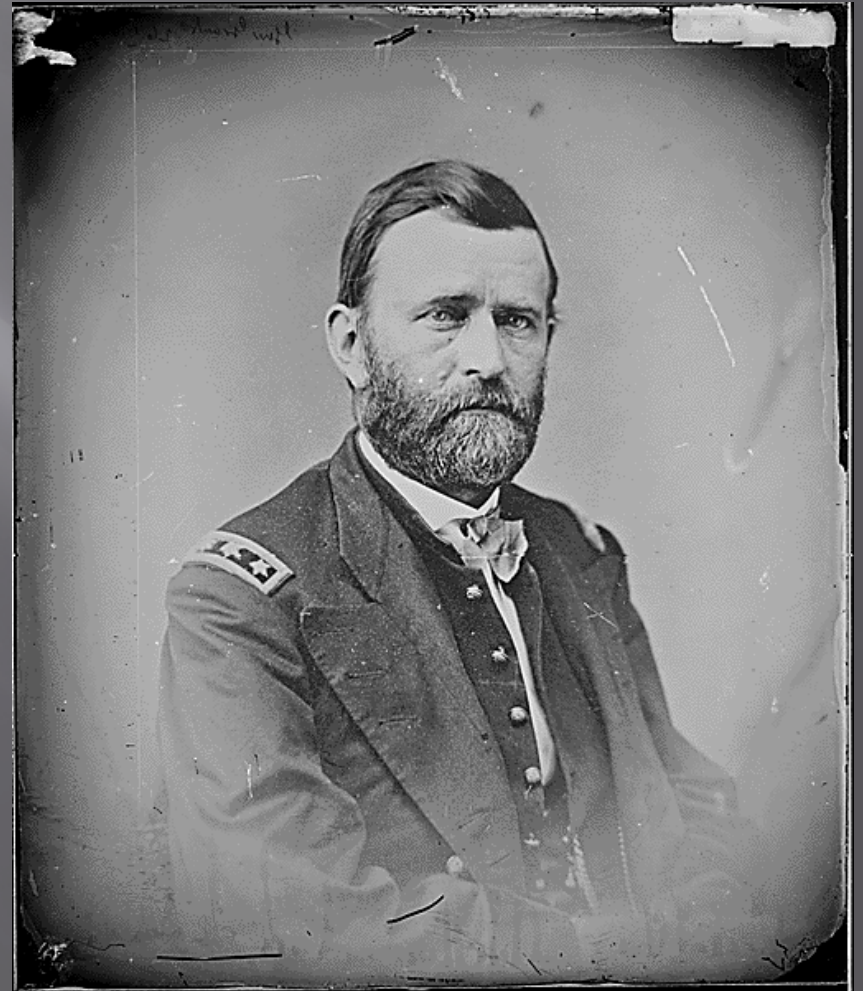




# Northern General George McClellan



# General Ulysses S. Grant





# General James A. Garfield who later became the 20<sup>th</sup> President.





# Northern General Sherman, in the center, and his staff.



# Northern General Lew Wallace





# Northern General Winfield Hancock

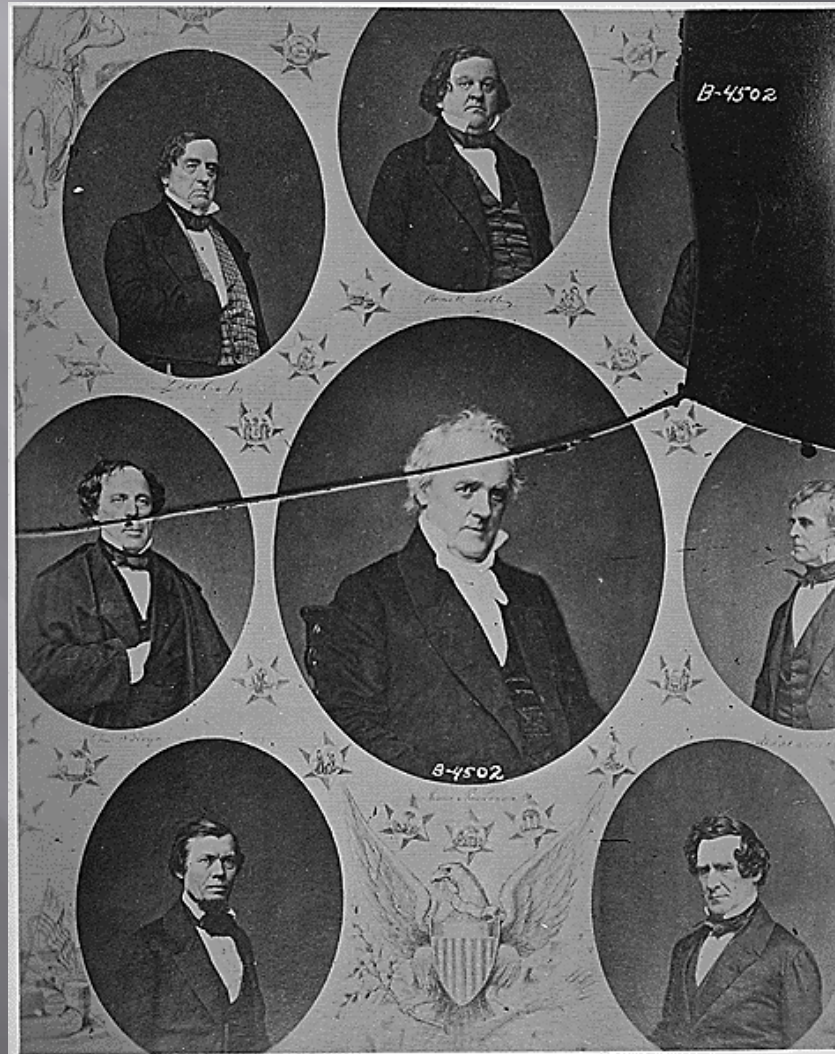




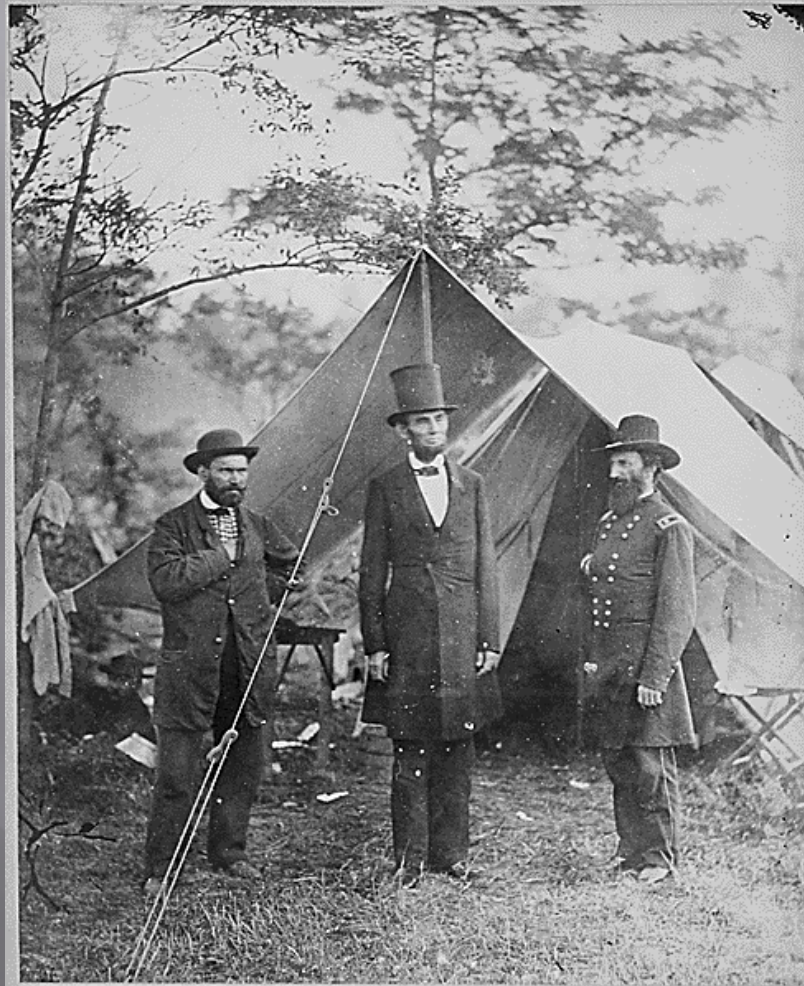
# Southern General James Longstreet



# President and his cabinet



President Lincoln with Allan Pinkerton on the left and Gen. McClellan on the right.





# Admiral Silas H Stringham



# The U.S. Christian Commission. Notice the man in the center.





# Northern Colonel Dahlgren





# Northern Major General Abner Doubleday



# Colonel Hall





# Northern Col. Francis E. Pinto

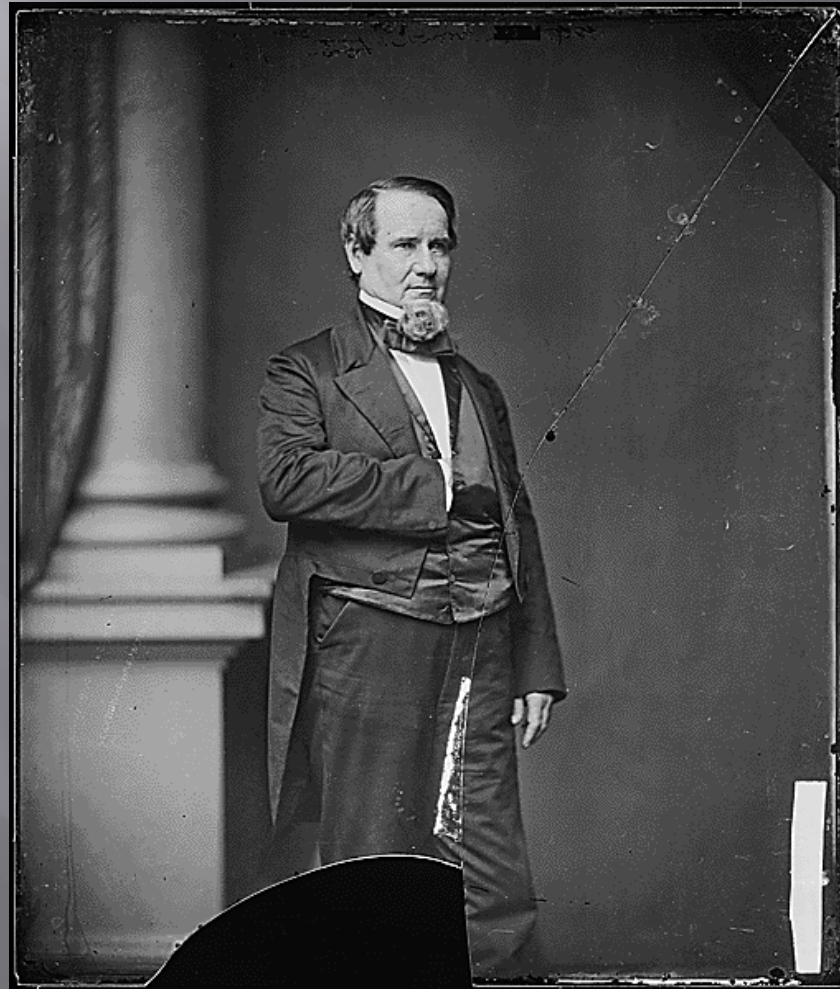


# Northern Colonel Henry Ryerson





# Congressman Brown



# Congressman Cass





# Congressman Chandler

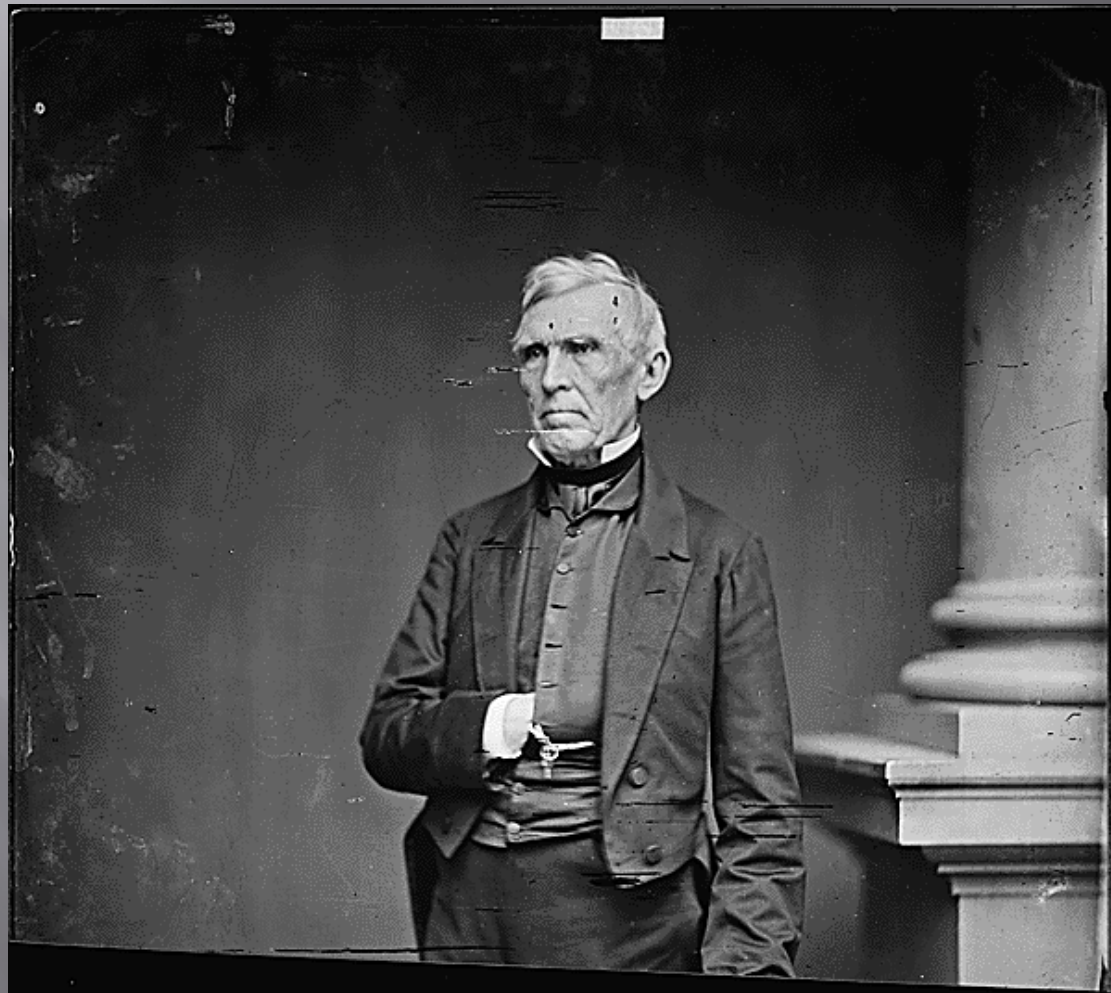


# Congressman Corning

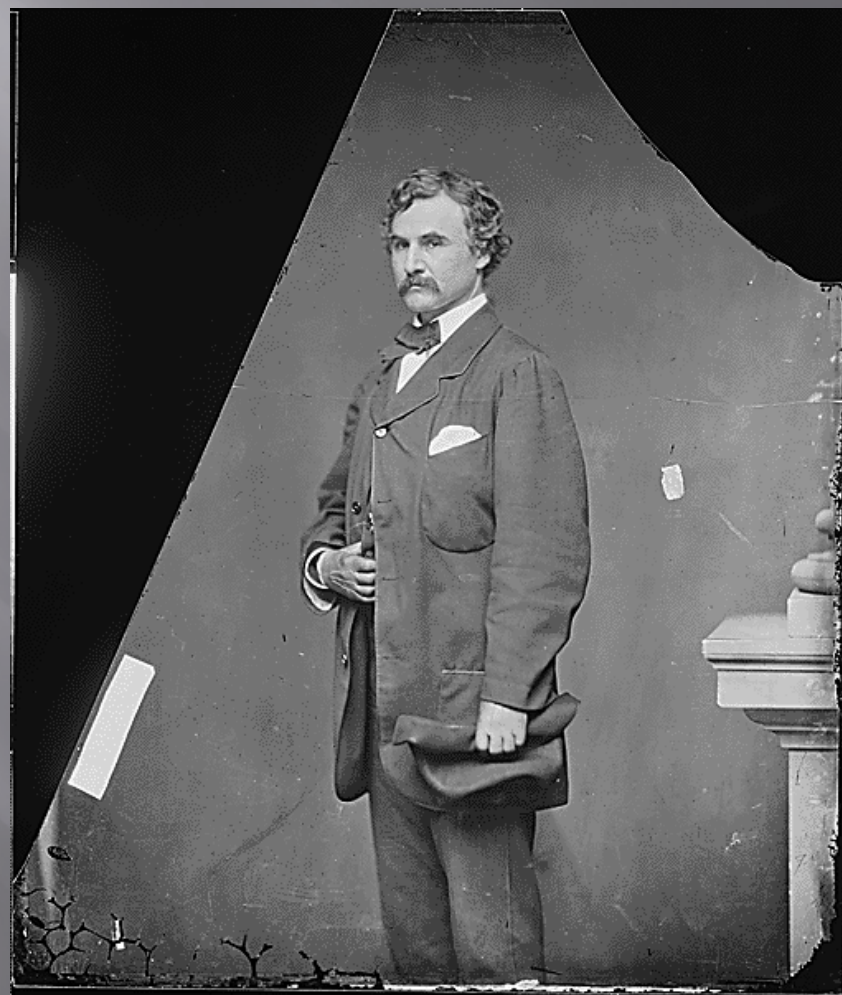




# Congressman Crittenden

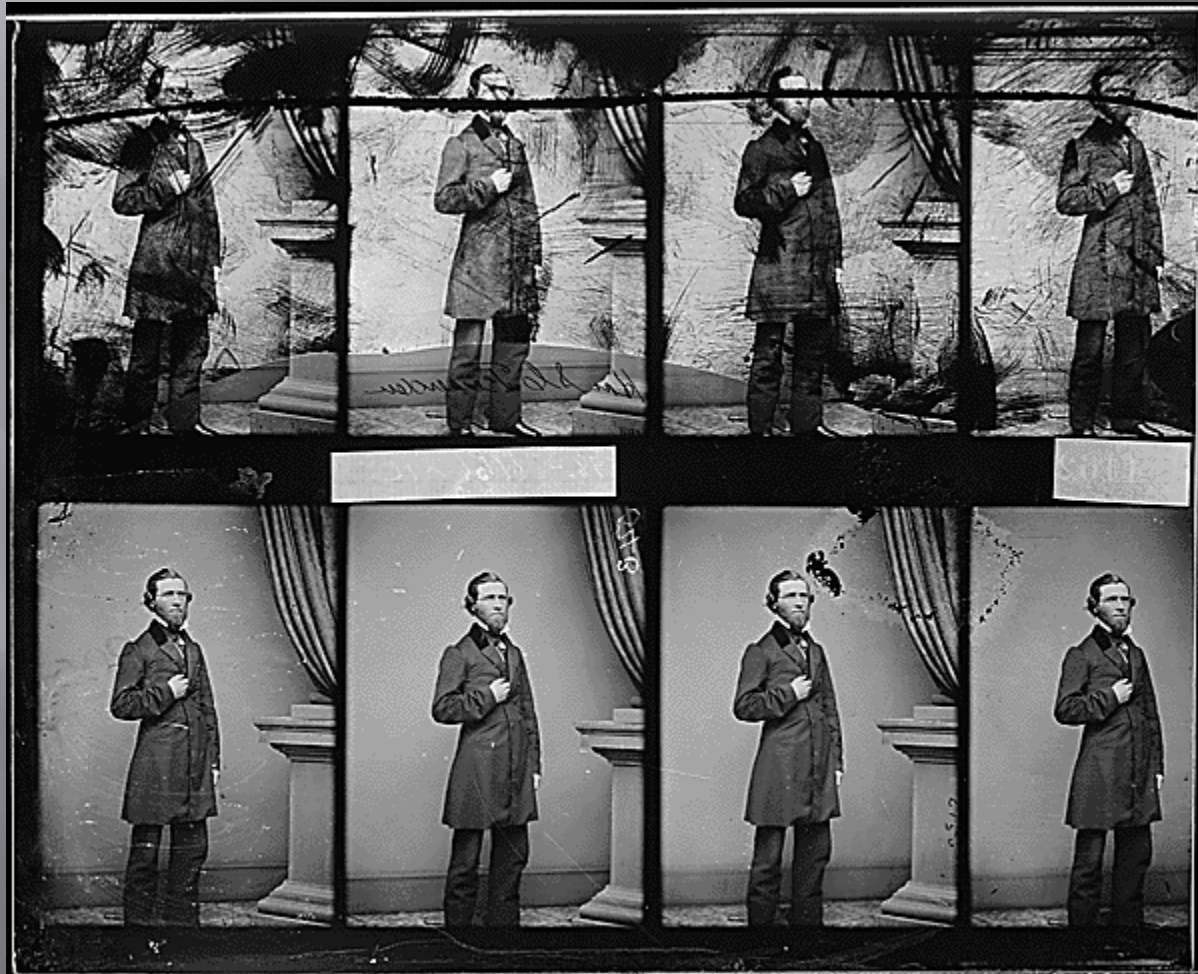


# Congressman Davies

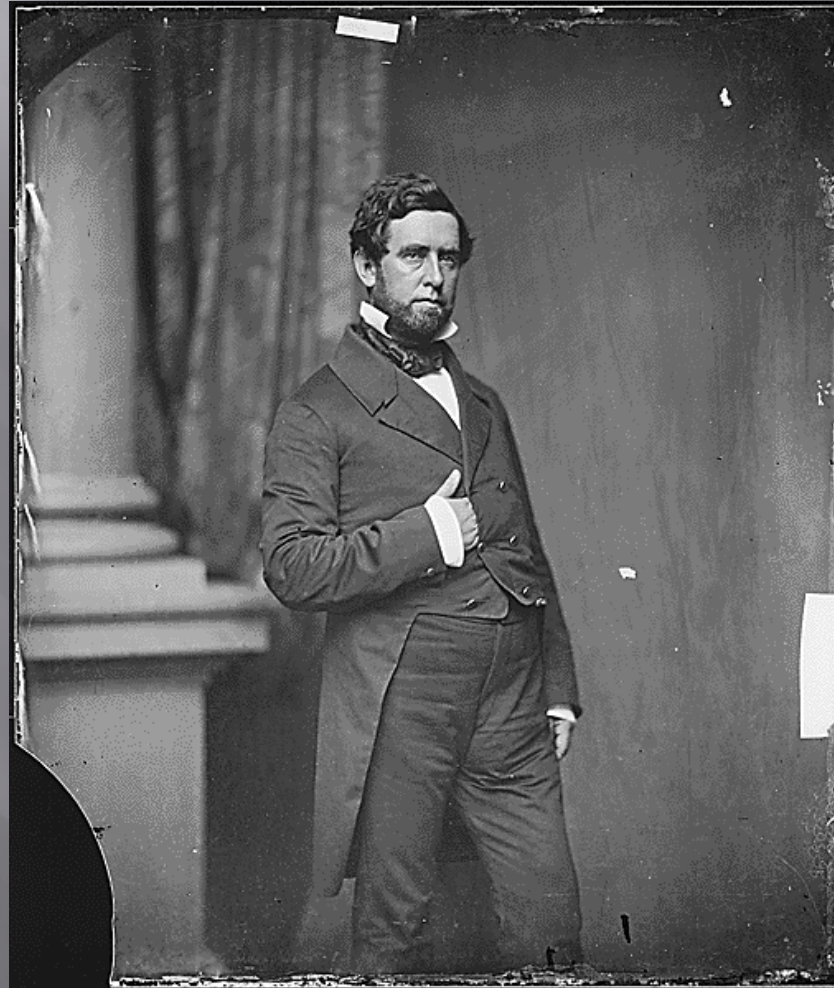




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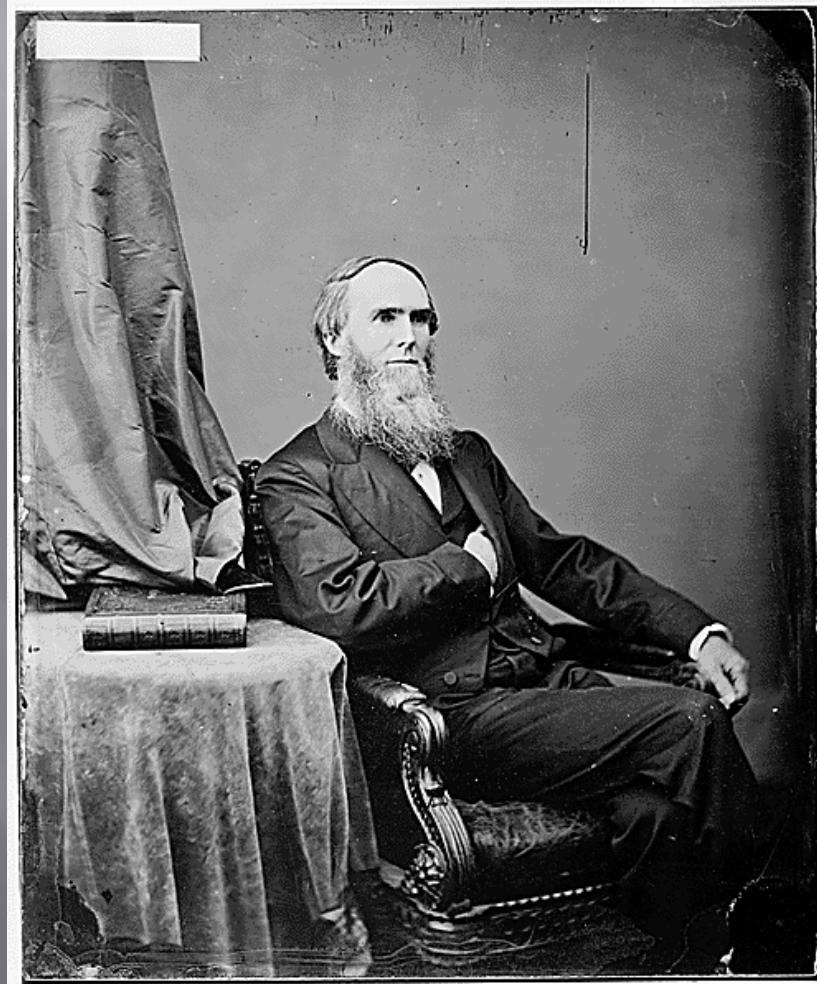


# Congressman Haskin





# Congressman John Scott



# Congressman Quitman



# Congressman Sharkey





# Congressman Wilson and the Impeachment Committee members.

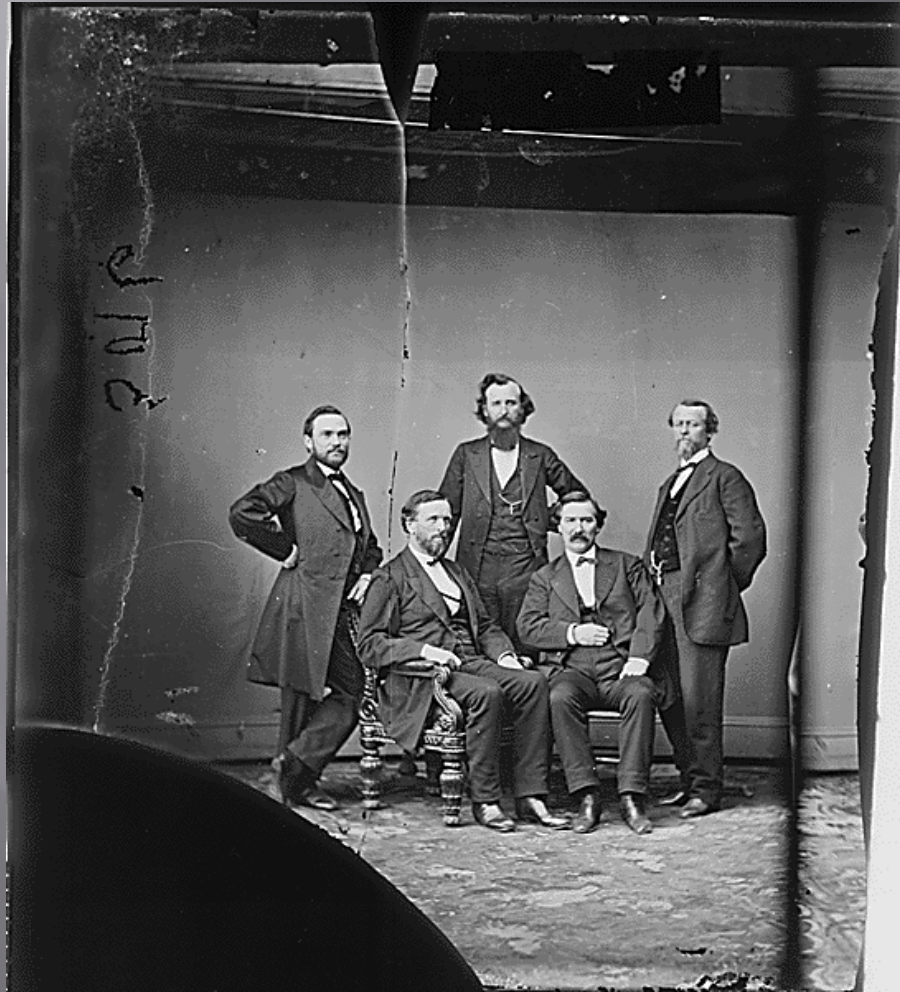


# Congressman Wright





# Civil War era Congressmen





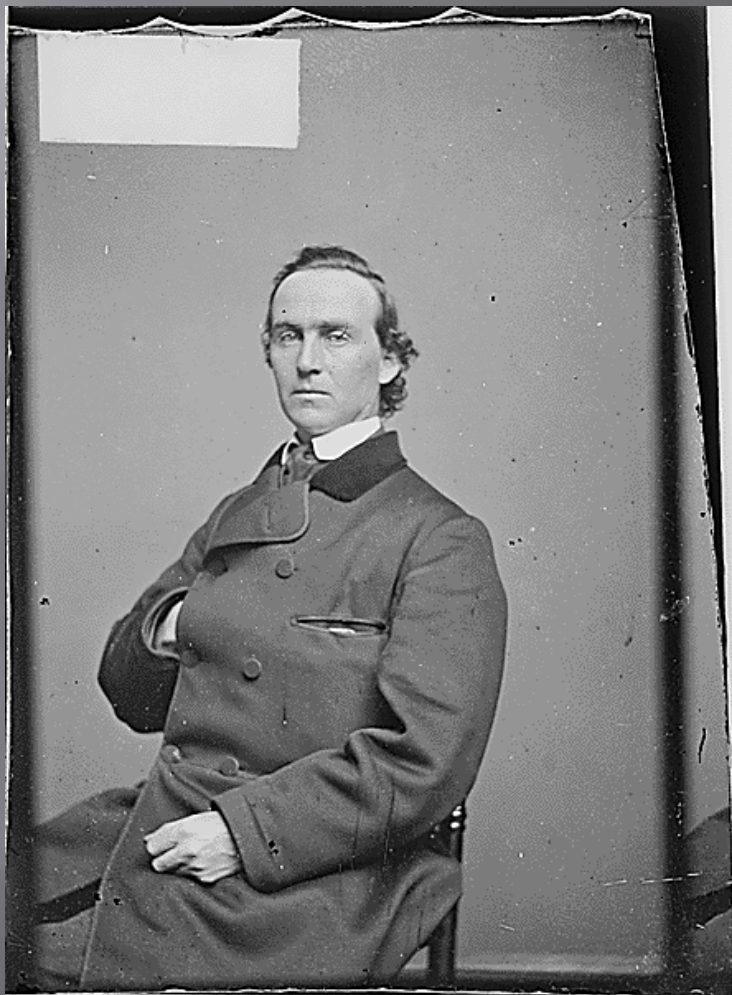
# The Conspirators Court members



# Confederate Soldier



Catholic Church, Father J.B. O'Hagan. Yes  
that's right a priest.





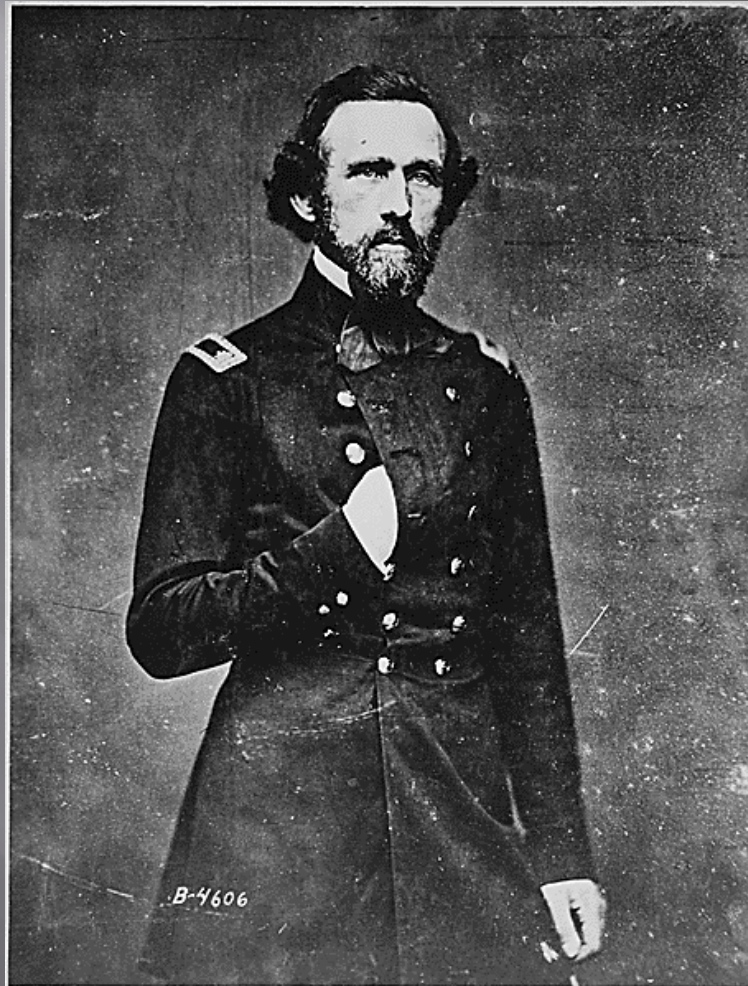
# Northern Soldier Geb Cross



# Confederate Gen. Thomas S. Clingham



# Northern General Barnard





# Northern General Benton



# Northern General Buell



# Northern General Campbell





Northern General Norton P. Chipman, later became a U.S. Congressman.



# Gen Cogswel & Colonel Dustin



# Northern General Couch





# Northern General Robert Cowdin



# Northern General Crawford



# Northern General Cross





# Northern General Dodge, later U.S. Congressman.



# Northern General Duryee



# Northern General French





# Northern Brig. Gen. Charles K. Graham

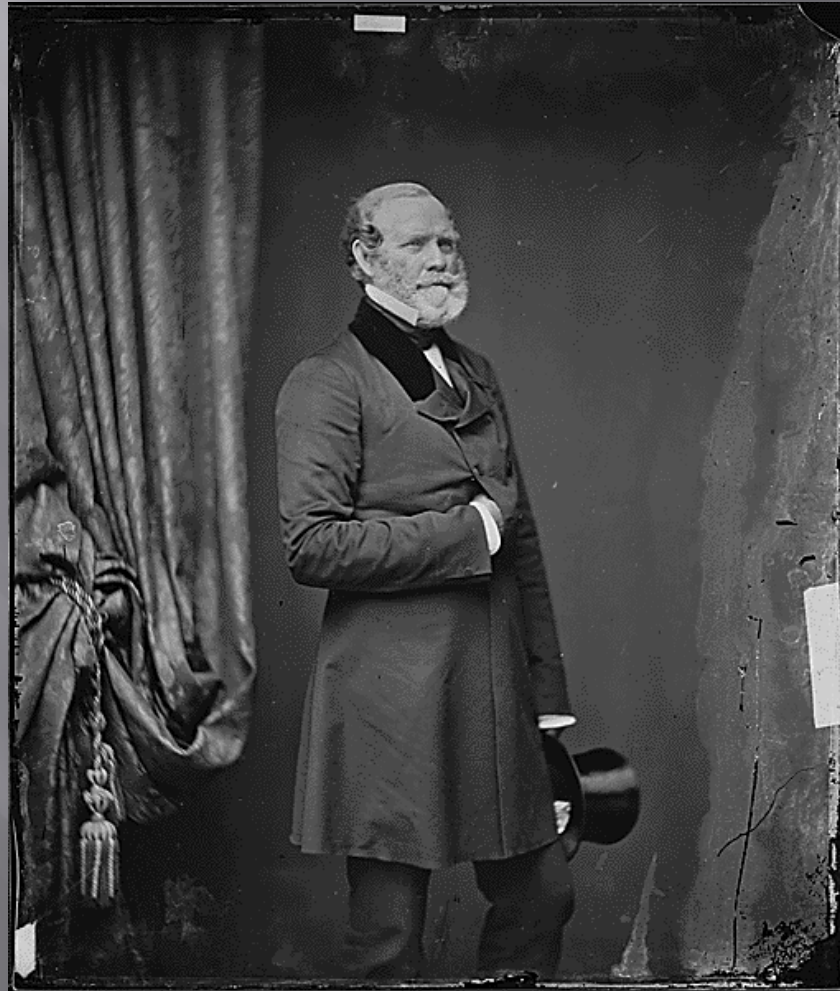


Northern General Henry Halleck. Notice that the Wikipedia picture that is posted is purposely not the one with his hand in his coat.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry\\_Wager\\_Halleck](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Wager_Halleck)



# Northern General Harney





# Confederate General Imboden



# Northern Gen. John Reynolds



# Northern General Erasmus D. Keyes

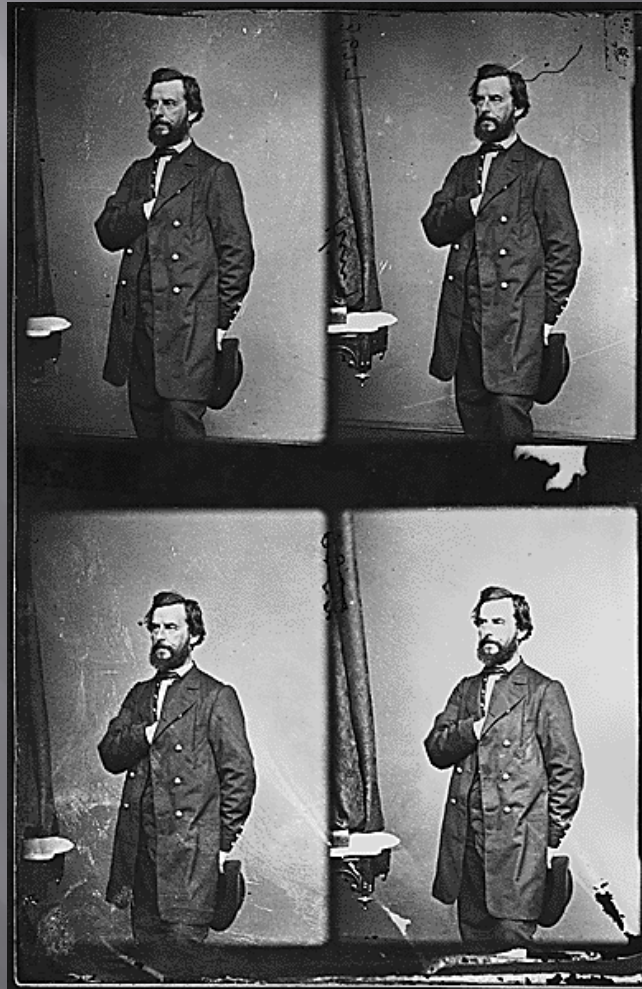




# General Hugh Kilpatrick, later U.S. Congressman.



# General King



# Northern Maj. Gen. Mortimer Leggett

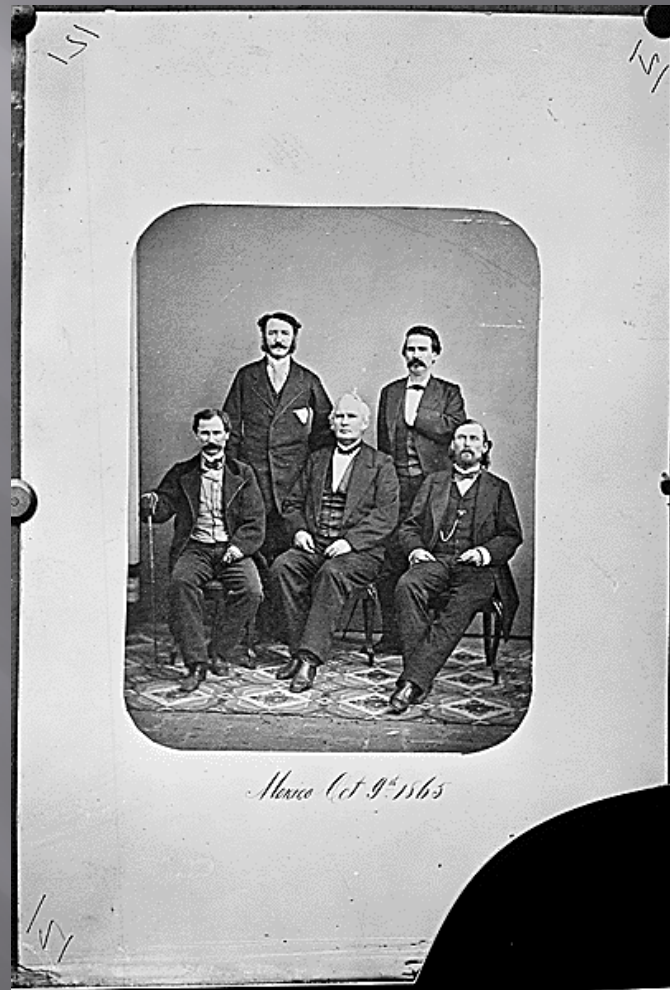




# Northern Gen. Logan, later U.S. Senator from Illinois



# General Magruder and staff



# General McManon and staff





# Northern General George Morell



# Northern General Parke



# Northern General Potter





# Northern General Henry Prince



# Northern Gen. David A. Russell



Gen. John Schofield, later was Secretary of War and Commanding Gen. of the U.S. Army.





# General Shepley, later Governor of Louisiana and U.S. Federal Judge.



Northern Gen. James Shields, later to be the only U.S. Senator for three different states, not at the same time. He was also Illinois State Representative and a State Supreme Court Justice. Notice the similar picture in the link below. (According to Wikipedia) [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James\\_Shields](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Shields)





# Northern Maj. Gen. Franz Siegel





# Northern Gen. Stoneman, later Governor of California.



# Northern Gen. Edwin Stoughton



# General George Strong





# General Jeramiah Sullivan



# Northern General Alfred Torbert

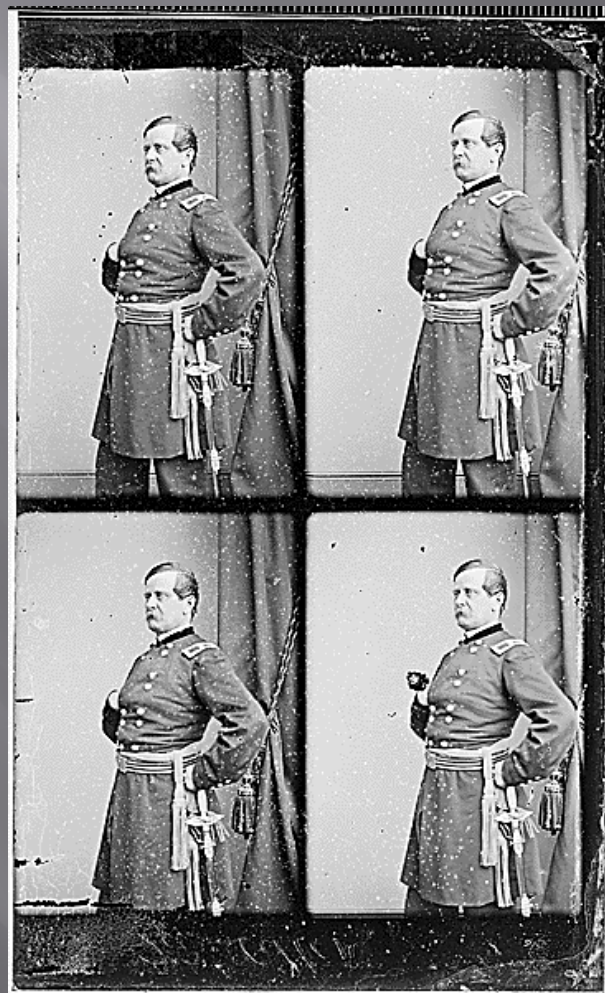


# Northern General Tweed

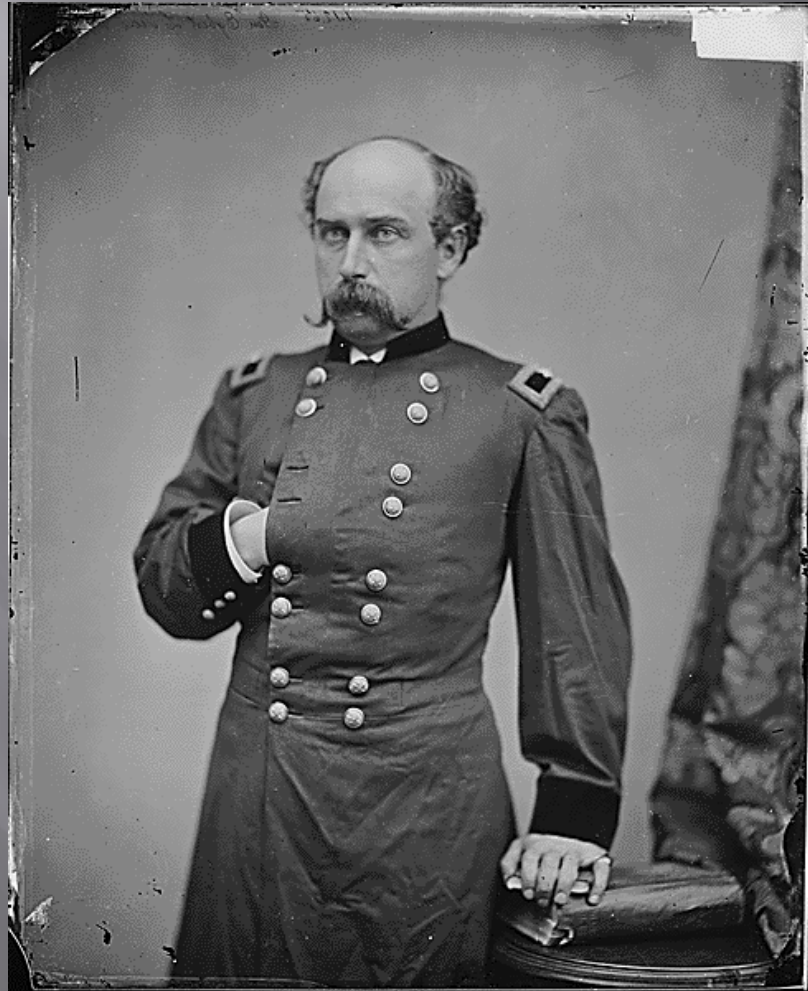




# Brig. Gen. J.H. Van Allen



Northern Gen. Egbert L. Viele, later was a U.S. Congressman and notice his gravesite in the link below. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egbert\\_Ludovicus\\_Viele](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egbert_Ludovicus_Viele)



# Lt. Col. Louis Blenker





# Lieutenant Preston



# Major Charles Johnson

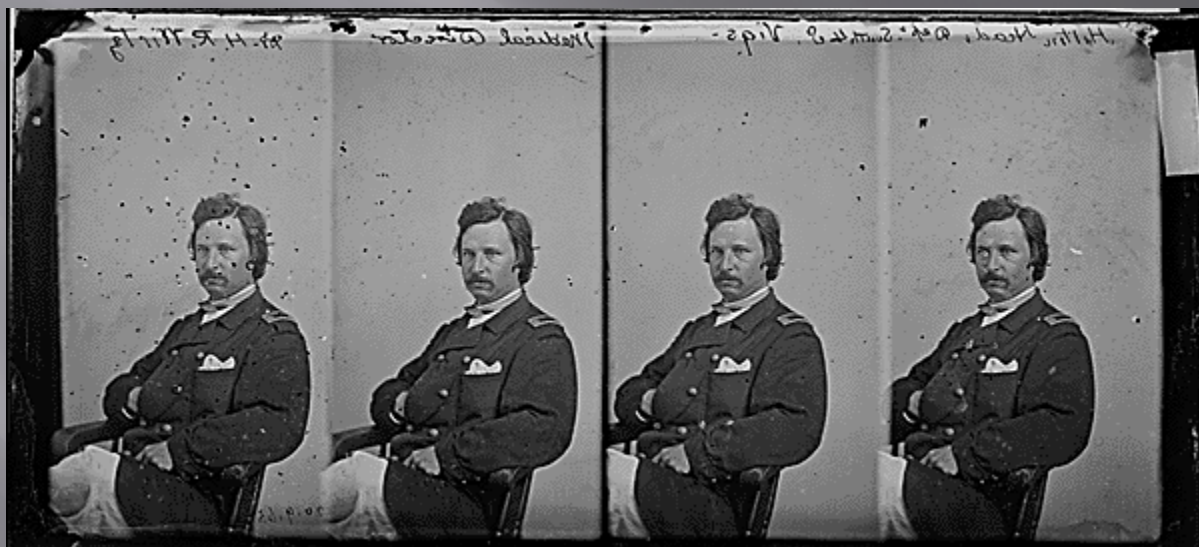


# Major Kinzue





# Major Writz M.D.



William D. Ticknor, Boston Publisher Ticknor and Fields.  
Notice his gravesite picture in the link.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William\\_Ticknor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Ticknor)



# Rear Admiral Thomas Slefridge





Supreme Court Justice, James M. Wayne  
who graduated from Princeton, was Mayor  
of Savannah, Georgia, and founded the Girl  
Scouts. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James\\_Moore\\_Wayne](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Moore_Wayne)



# Right to left

- ▣ At this point you may have noticed that some men have used their right arm and some have used their left hand.
- ▣ These last series of pictures are all Knights of the Golden Circle members.
- ▣ Note the professions and ranks of the people below.

# Catholic Rev. Alexander L. Hitzelberger

<http://www.civil-war-photos.com/Clergy/imagepages/Catholic%20Priest.%20Rev.%20Alexander%20L.%20Hitzelberger,S.G..html>





President Rutherford B. Hayes. Notice this link with another picture of him in the same pose.  
<http://americancivilwar.com/hayes.html>



# Congressman James S. Negley



# Commodore J.B. Montgomery, U.S. Navy

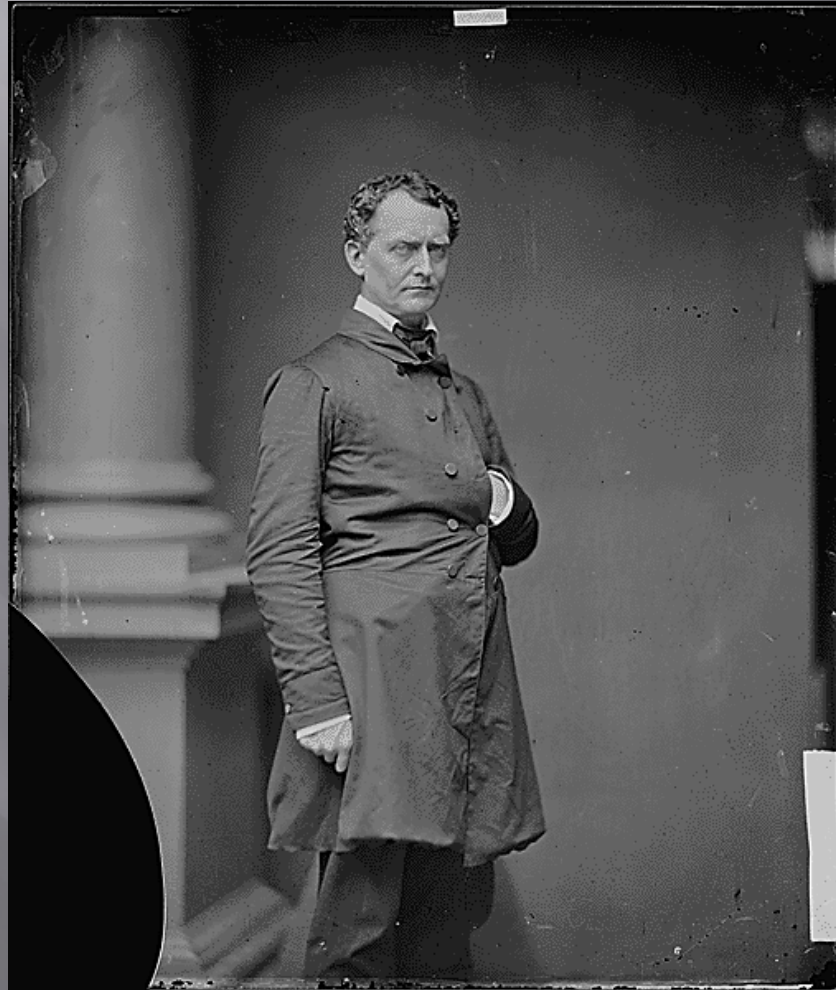




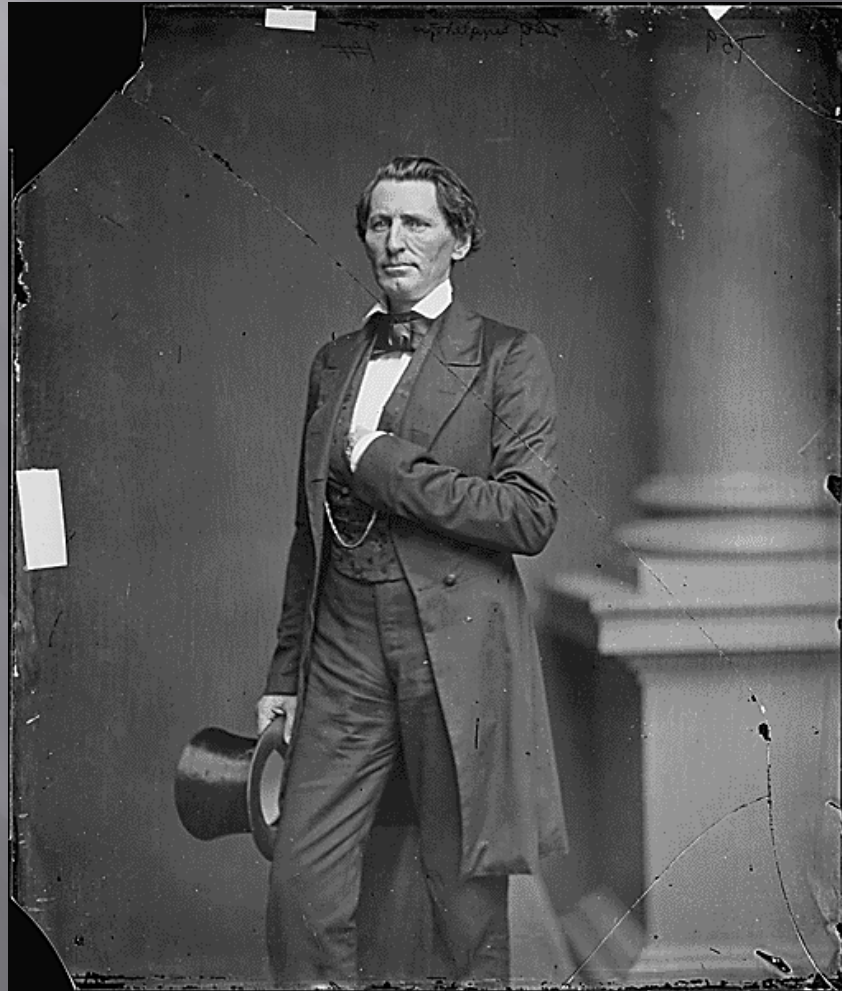
# U.S. Senator David C. Broderick



# Congressman Johnson



# Congressman Singleton





# Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles



Confederate Gen. John C. Breckenridge, Vice President (youngest in U.S. history) until 1961, Confed. Secretary of War, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, and helped fracture the Democratic party in the 1860 election. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_C.\\_Breckinridge](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_C._Breckinridge)



# Northern General Gordon

