



**William Ward Duffield**  
**Brigadier General, United States Army**

**By Monie Matthews**

**William Ward Duffield was born at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, November 19, 1824, the son of Reverend George Duffield & Isabella Bethubne Duffield. He married Annie Louise Ladue in 1854, and their children were Will Ward Duffield, 1858-1939, and Louise Angel Duffield, 1855-1941. William was educated at Columbia University, where he graduated, in 1843, with a degree in Engineering.**

**Duffield fought in the Mexican War with a Tennessee regiment. He went to California as a paymaster after the war and qualified as a founding member in the Society of California Pioneers.**

**When the Civil War broke out, he recruited a unit and commanded the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry Regiment. He resigned before they left the state and then commanded the 9<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry Regiment, in October, 1861, as a Colonel.**

**Colonel Duffield was recognized as a just man and was appointed to the Military Board of Review, in January 1862. He wrote the "School of the Brigade and the Evolution of the Line", in 1862. He was Military Commander of the State of Kentucky, in May & June, 1862, and promoted to Brigadier General. He was wounded and captured at the battle of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, in June, 1862. General Duffield was discharged after a lengthy recovery.**

**Following the Civil War, William managed coal mines in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Kentucky for several years and also surveyed for railroads. In 1894, he was appointed as head of the Coastal & Geodetic Survey in Washington, D.C. He left office when William McKinley was elected President and lived in Washington, D. C. until his death.**

**Duffield died, in June, 1907, and was buried in Section 3 of Arlington National Cemetery.**