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PATRICK EDWARD CONNOR.

b. Mar. 17, 1820, County Kerry Ireland. d. Dec. 17, 1891.

Parents brought him to N.Y. as a child. Enlisted in army at 19, served in Seminole War.

1846 - enlisted in Texas Volunteers. Fought in battles of Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma.

July 7, 1846 - commissioned 1st Lt.

Feb. 12, 1847 - comm. Captain. Took part in Battle of Buena Vista.

Resigned from army May 1847 and went to Calif. to mine. Married a girl from his own county in Ireland 1854 in Redwood City.

At the opening of Civil War he enlisted and the Governor appointed him Colonel of the 3rd Calif. Infantry. Directed to assume command of the Military District of Utah (including Nevada), he entered Salt Lake City with 700 men on Oct. 20, going on a few miles to estab. Camp (afterward Fort) Douglas. Kept peace with Mormons with a threat of force.

Jan. 29, 1863, attacked Bannocks & Shoshones who had been raiding the settlements in Utah. For this feat, which brought peace and opened to settlement a region which had been harassed for 15 years, he was appointed (Mar. 30, 1863) a brigadier-general of volunteers.

In March 1865 he was assigned to a newly created command, the District of the Plains, with instructions to cooperate, in the Powder River Indian Exp., with two columns from the Mo. River against the hostile Sioux, Cheyenne and Arapaho. With about 900 men and Jim Bridger as guide, he set out from Ft. Laramie July 30, reached