

Morgan H. Chrysler

Morgan H. Chrysler was born in Ghent, Columbia County, New York on September 30, 1822. He lived for a time in Hudson and while there, married Amelia Groat of Ghent. He subsequently lived on the Groat Farm in Ghent.

Upon the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted as a Private in the 30th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry on April 7, 1861. Private Morgan was assigned to Company G, 30th NY Volunteer Infantry Regiment and, by a vote of the men, was elected Captain of the Company. On July 4, 1861, Governor Morgan commissioned him as such. On March 24, 1862 he was promoted to Major. On September 20, of that year he was commissioned as Lt Colonel.

On June 23, 1863 he received authority to reorganize the 30th for 3 years service as the Empire Light Cavalry. This designation was later changed to 2nd NY Veterans Calvary. Lt Colonel Chrysler was commissioned Colonel by Governor Seymour on December 14, 1863.

President Abraham Lincoln brevetted Col Chrysler a Brigadier General, with rank from January 23, 1865 and President Johnson commissioned him a Brigadier-General, and on May 25 made him Brevet Major-General. All promotions were made for meritorious service on the field of battle. General Chrysler was in several of the great battles and many skirmishes and was wounded 7 times.

After the war, he was made military Governor and Commander of the Department of Northern Alabama. He held that position until November 8, 1865, and on January 15, 1866, he was; mustered out of military service.

After the military, General Chrysler, was for a time, in the New York Custom House, was appointed Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms in the New York Assembly, and during President Hayes Administration was a special examiner in the Pension Department, a position he held until his death.

General Chrysler lived for a time in Valatie and founded the Major Thomas M. Burt Post #171, Grand Army of the Republic at Valatie. This was an organization of honorably discharged veterans of the Civil War. The GAR grew to 400,000 nationwide, Post 171 boasted 83 members.

Major-General Morgan H. Chrysler and his wife, Amelia had a son, Captain Gifford W. Chrysler, also a Civil War soldier of note. The general died at his home on Broad Street, Kinderhook on August 24, 1890 and is buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Valatie.