SKETCHES OF THE CIVIL AND MILITARY SERVICES OF WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649186303

Sketches of the civil and military services of William Henry Harrison by Charles S. Todd & Benjamin Drake & James H. Perkins

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd. Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

SKETCHES OF THE CIVIL AND MILITARY SERVICES OF WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON



SKETCHES

OF THE

CIVIL AND MILITARY SERVICES

OF.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON.

COL. CHARLES S. TODD,

AND

BENJAMIN DRAKE,
AUTHOR OF THE LIPE OF BLACK HAWK, MC., MC.

REVISED AND ENLARGED BY JAMES H. PERKINS.

CINCINNATI:

J. A. & U. P. JAMES, WALNUT STREET,

BETWEEN FOURTH AND WIFTE

1847.

PREFACE.

[FROM THE PREPACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.]

In the preparation of this work the authors have been much aided by Colonel M'Affee's excellent History of the Late War-by Mr. Dawson's Historical Narrative, which embraces many valuable and authentic documents-and by Judge Hall's elegant Memoir of the Public Services of General Harrison. Several other historical and biographical narratives have been consulted; and, in addition to these sources of information, the authors have had the benefit of original letters and documents not heretofore embraced in any similar publication. They have also been favored with the personal recollections of several officers of the late war, who participated with honor in the north-western campaigns. they themselves happen to have a personal knowledge of many of the scenes and incidents which they have undertaken to describe.

Under these circumstances, whatever may be thought of the literature of the work, they venture to claim for it, at least, the merit of authenticity in every substantial particular. Running, as it does, through a period of nearly fifty years, in the history of the West, it will be found to embrace a variety of matter valuable to the general reader, independently of its immediate relation to the distinguished citizen whose remarkable public career has been briefly portrayed in its pages.

C. S. T.

B. D.

CINCINNATI, March, 1840.



INTRODUCTION TO THE REVISED EDITION.

Two Chapters have been added to this work, as it originally stood. In those an account is given of the political campaign of 1840; of the inauguration of General Harrison, and of his brief administration of one month. A few alterations have been made in the work; mostly such as were called for by the death of the subject of the Biography, since the original edition was prepared; some slight errors, which had escaped the authors, have been corrected, and the Volume is now submitted to the Public as containing, in a cheap form, a condensed, and, it is believed, correct account of one of the best men yet born in America.

J. H. P.

78:150 DA - 1' - - 17 (9:572)

.

39.

Ÿ

CONTENTS.

CHAPTER I.

CHAPTER II.

CHAPTER III.

Harrison appointed Governor of Indiana Territory,—Commissioner to treat with the Indian Tribes,—His Message to the Legislative Council,—Addresses of the Council to him.—Correspondence with President Jefferson and the War Department.—Indian Treaties.—Reappointed Governor by Jefferson, and again by Madison.—Recommends the building of a fleet on lake Eric.—23

CHAPTER IV.

Interview between Governor Harrison and Tecumthe.—Battle
of Tippecanoe.—Various documents concerning the same
vii

CHAPTER V.

Governor Harrison visits Kentucky.—Appointed Major-general in the militia of that state.—Brigadier in the United States army.—Commander-in-chief of the North-western army.—Relieves Fort Wayne.—Leads an expedition against the Wabash Indians.—Appoints Winchester to the command of the left wing of the army.—Refutation of the charge that he had intrigued for Winchester's command,—Reconciles the troops to serve under Winchester.—Plan of campaign———40

CHAPTER VI.

Movements of the army.—Tupper's expedition to the Rapids.—Campbell's expedition to Mississiniway.—General Harrison recommends a fleet on lake Eric.—Plan of operations for the campaign.—Again urges on the Secretary at War the necessity of a fleet on lake Eric.—Winchester's movement to the Rapids.—His movement to the river Raisin, and defeat on the 22nd of January.—The question examined, on whom rests the blame of that defeat.—Opinion of Wood—M'Afee's opinions.—Address of the Kentucky and Ohio officers.—48

CHAPTER VII.

Movements of the North-western army, after the defeat at the river Raisin.—Establishment of Camp Meigs.—Kentucky and Ohio militia discharged.—Termination of the first campaign.—Preparations for the next.—Colonel Morrison's opinion.—Siege of Fort Meigs.—Arrival of Kentucky troops under General Clay.—Dudley's defeat.—Britliant sorties, 5th May.—Proctor's demand of a surrender.—His abandonment of the siege.—Gallant conduct of General Harrison.——64