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Born: Deep River, CT, September 20, 1810

Died: Washington, D.C., December 21, 1878

Brigadier General, United States Army

Though born in Connecticut, Alpheus Williams spent most of his life in Michigan. A graduate of Yale, Williams became a lawyer in Detroit, where he also served as a bank president and as the owner/ editor of a daily newspaper. Williams played an important role in many of the Civil War's most famous battles. At Gettysburg, he temporarily commanded the U.S. Twelfth Corps, which defended Culp's Hill, the army's critical right flank. Not having a West Point education or any professional military training, Williams was one of the best volunteer citizen-turned-generals of the entire Civil War.



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