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MAJ. GENERAL FRANK DWIGHT BALDWIN

(1842-1923)

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### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Francis “Frank” Dwight Baldwin was born June 26 1842 in Manchester, Michigan. He married Alice Blackwood of Northville, Michigan on January 10 1867. The couple had one daughter.

On September 19 1861, Baldwin entered the service as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt., Michigan Horse Guards and served through the Civil War, being in battles and engagements near New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Bentonville and Raleigh. He took part in Sherman’s march to the sea and was awarded the Congressional Medal for distinguished service under fire at Peach Creek, Georgia on July 20, 1864.

Baldwin received a second Congressional Medal for a spectacular charge by a wagon train on the Indian camp of Gray Beard on the border of the Staked Plain of Northern Texas on November 8, 1874. During this engagement, Baldwin recaptured two little white girls who had previous been taken captive in Kansas several months previously. Baldwin also served in the Philippines from 1899 to 1902, winning renown for his rout of the Moros in the battle of Bayan, Mindanao on May 2, 1902.

Baldwin returned to the United States as Commanding General of the Department of Colorado. He retired in 1906, but was later appointed Adjutant General of the Colorado National Guard.

General Baldwin was the possessor of a military record that had few equals. At his death in Denver on April 22 1923, his wife of fifty-seven years and his daughter were by his side. General Baldwin was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

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5	“Military Relics of General Baldwin”	1923
6	Miscellaneous	(undated)
7	“Memorandum of Military Services of Brig. Gen. Frank D. Baldwin,” pt. I 1861-1900	(undated)
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10	Military File, National Archives and Records Administration	
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## Correspondence

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| 12 | Re: Lake Lanao Expedition, the Philippines;<br>recommendations for brevet officers | 1902      |
| 13 | Miscellaneous (including a note signed by<br>John J. Pershing)                     | 1912-1922 |
| 14 | Re: Frank Baldwin's appointment as Colorado<br>Adjutant General                    | 1917-1919 |
| 15 | Re: Dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown<br>Soldier, Arlington, VA                | 1921      |

## Miscellaneous

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| 16 | Drawing, Chief Graybeard Attack, 1874                           | (undated) |
| 17 | Poem, "The Battle of Bayan," dedicated to<br>Gen. Frank Baldwin | (undated) |