A dedicated soldier

The Onondaga Historical Association is celebrating its 150th anniversary. Here’s what was going on in 1863:

Maj. Gen. Edwin Vose Sumner died at the age of 67 from a congestion of the lungs at the home of his son-in-law on Fayette Park. He had recently been appointed to command the Department of the West and was due to depart for St. Louis earlier in the week. A dedicated soldier for 43 years and the purest of patriots, his last words were “God save my country, the United States of America.”

— Daniel Connors, of the Onondaga Historical Association