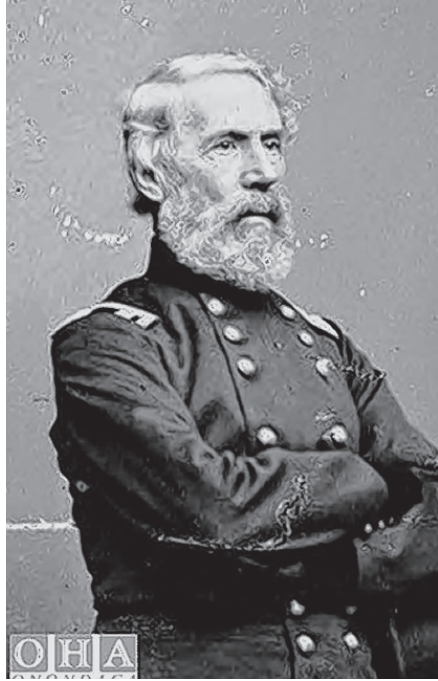


LOCAL HISTORY

Thousands mourned death of Sumner

Each week, the Onondaga Historical Association looks back at important events:



153 Years Ago: On March 21, 1863, Maj. Gen. Edwin Vose Sumner died at the age of 67 at his daughter's home on Fayette Park in Syracuse. As one of the senior military commanders in the Union Army during the Civil War, Sumner had recently been appointed to command the Department of Missouri and was due to depart for St. Louis earlier in the week. A dedicated soldier for more than 40 years and the purest of patriots, his last words were, "God save my country, the United States of America." Twenty thousand people viewed Sumner's body as it lay in state at City Hall, and thousands of people accompanied the funeral procession to Oakwood Cemetery, where he was buried.

— *Daniel Connors*

Maj. Gen. Edwin Vose Sumner
(OHA photo)