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Monterey Ordnance Depot

October 12th 1853

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your order of the 28th Oct relative to the issue of arms &c to the party designated to make a recognizance of the routes proposed for a railroad from the East to the Pacific

Arguably to your instructions I have furnished Mr Shelby with twelve Carbines, the only arms in store at this Depot which he thinks suitable for the purposes of the expedition. Having no suitable ammunition in store I was unable to meet his requisition in this respect.

I am very respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Briscoe G. Baldwin

Mil Storekeeper Od.

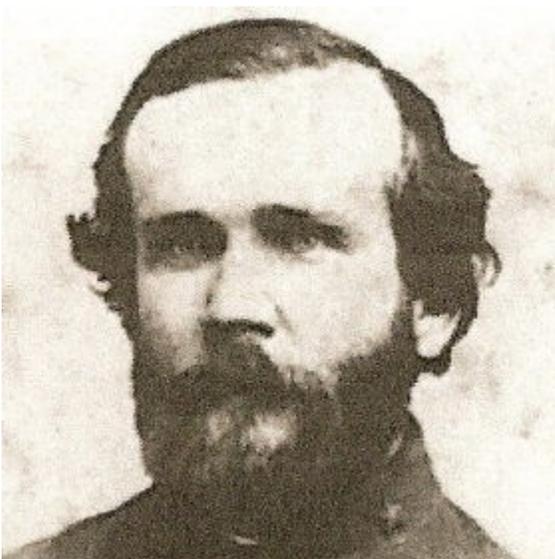
B.B. Genl E.A. Hitchcock

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Briscoe Gerard Baldwin Jr.

08/12/1828 (VA.) – 09/28/1898 (Brazos Cty, TX)

Served as Chief of Ordnance of Army of the Potomac under Gen. Robert E. Lee. Paroled as Lt. Col at Appomattox Court House 04/9/1865.
