

[Goldschmidt, John L.]

Col. John L. Goldschmidt

Col. John L. Goldschmidt died at Watertown, N.Y., on Thursday last, aged 64 years. His life was an extraordinary one, full of strange scenes, comprising almost every degree of adventure, hardship and peril. Originally, he was designed and educated for the ministry, but entered the army with a lieutenant of cavalry's commission. He was subsequently through the (?) Peninsular war; first in the disastrous campaign [missing line] afterward participating in the more brilliant career of the Duke of Wellington, then Sir Arthur Wellesley, with whom he eventually became intimately acquainted, and was honored by him with the position of Aid in several engagements.

Col. Goldschmidt was one of our patrons.<sup>1</sup> We enjoyed the pleasure of his personal acquaintance for the last ten years or more. He was one of the most interesting individuals whom we have ever met.—Although he had passed a large part of his life in camps and amid the rough and bloody scenes of war, yet he was mild and gentle in his deportment, and friendly and gentlemanly in his disposition and intercourse. In conversation he was highly polished and attractive. His narrations of battles and adventures, which he had witnessed and in which he had participated in various and distant parts of the world which he had visited while in the British army, possessed all the charm of a romance. Something like twenty-five or thirty years since, becoming sick and weary of a soldier's life, he sold out his commission. He finally came into Jefferson county, in this State, where he married an American lady, and spent the remainder of his days in the midst of domestic peace and enjoyment. We have understood that for several years he has been entitled to a Baronetcy in the British peerage, but never thought enough of it to claim it. He has left an amiable widow and two promising sons.

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Also, the first paragraph appears in the New York  
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<sup>1</sup> Transcriber's note: The writer, Rev. John Mather Austin, who was editor of the *Christian Ambassador*, apparently means here that Goldschmidt was a subscriber to the paper.