

## WILLIAM REUBEN BUTLER

Right Eminent Past Grand Commander K. T.  
Grand Commandery of Tennessee  
1876

William Reuben Butler was born in Rutherford County, Tennessee on September 22, 1834. He was a Commission Merchant.

He was Master Mason in Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 18, September 5, 1867, Royal Arch Mason in Pythagoras Chapter No. 23, November 2, 1867, Knight Templar in Murfreesboro Commandery No. 10, July 14, 1870. He was Junior and Senior Warden and Master of Lodge, Captain General and Generalissimo of Commandery, Grand Captain General Generalissimo, and Deputy Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir Reuben Butler was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee in 1876. Stricken down in the meridian of life, just before he had reached the summit, the iron grasp of death enclosed him, falling a victim to that fatal disease, consumption. His life was one of action, he being one of the leading business men of his city, prominent in everything that tended towards the upbuilding of his city and county. Death teaches us that we should so live that we be neither surprised, nor leave our duties imperfect, nor our sins unconcealed, nor our persons unreconciled, nor God unappeased, but that when we descend to our graves we may rest in the bosom of our Lord till the mansions be prepared, where we will sing and feast eternally.

He died November 18, 1883.

[written underneath] He was a Colonel in the 18th Tennessee Regiment CSA and participated in the battle of Stones River.