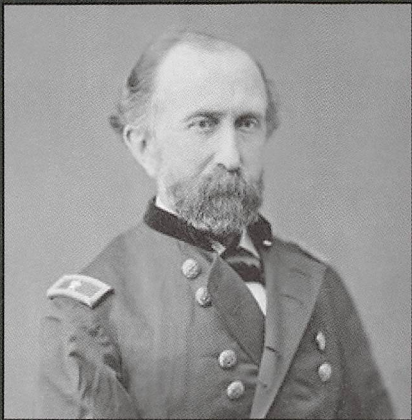




American Latino Heritage



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Brigadier General Stephen Vincent Benét (1827-1895) was the descendant of Minorcan immigrants, a Hispanic group from the Balearic Islands in the Mediterranean who colonized parts of Florida. He graduated 3rd in his class at West Point and taught the science of gunnery there during the Civil War. In 1874, he was appointed Chief of U.S. Army Ordnance. His grandson and namesake, Stephen Vincent Benét (1898-1943), was a famous American author who won the Pulitzer Prize in 1929 for his Civil War poem "John Brown's Body."