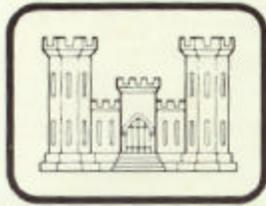


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1852 - 1854



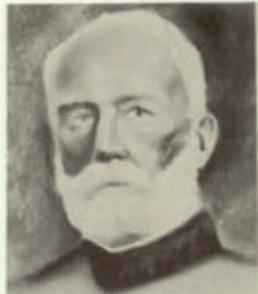
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1869 - 1884



Capt. William Trent Russell  
1884 - 1886



Capt. William Murray Black  
1886 - 1891



Col. Dan Christie Kingman  
1906 - 1906



LTC Lansins Hoskins Beach  
1907 - 1908



Capt. George Redfield Spalding  
1908 - 1911



Major John Rodolph Slattery  
1911 - 1913



LCT William Baker Ladue  
1913 - 1917



Col. Spencer Cosby  
1920 - 1920



Maj. William C. Lemen  
1920 - 1922



LTC Gilbert Albin Youngberg  
1922 - 1926



LTC Mark Brooke  
1926 - 1928



LTC Laurence Verner Frazier  
1928 - 1932



Col. W. C. Weeks  
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Col. Alvin G. Viney  
1941 - 1942



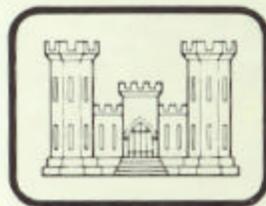
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1942 - 1943



Col. David W. Griffiths  
1943 - 1944



Col. A. B. Jones  
1944 - 1946



Col. Juliam V. Sollohub  
1960 - 1962



Col. H. R. Parfitt  
1962 - 1965



Col. R. P. Tabb  
1965 - 1968



Col. John F. McElhenry  
1968 - 1970



Capt. Frederic Vaughan Abbott  
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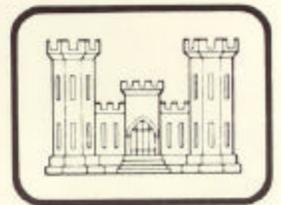
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Capt. Charles Hedges McKinstry  
1899 - 1901



Capt. Herbert Deakne  
1901 - 1903



Major James Franklin Bell  
1917 - 1917



Mr. John Warren Sackett  
1917 - 1918



Mr. Jaquelin Marshall Braxton  
1918 - 1919



Col. Glen Edgar Edgerton  
1919 - 1919



Col. William Jones Barden  
1919 - 1920



LTC Beverly C. Dunn  
1932 - 1935



Capt. Peter A. Ferings  
1935 - 1935



Col. Earl North  
1935 - 1938



Col. Lewis H. Watkins  
1938 - 1940



LTC Tatnall D. Simkins  
1940 - 1940



Col. Willis E. Teale  
1947 - 1949



Col. Richard W. Pearson  
1949 - 1952



Col. Herman W. Schull, Jr.  
1952 - 1955



Col. Elmer E. Kirkpatrick  
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Col. Paul D. Troxler  
1957 - 1960



Col. A. S. Fullerton  
1970 - 1972



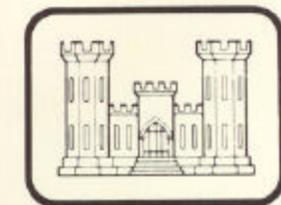
Col. Emmett C. Lee, Jr.  
1972 - 1975



Col. Donald A. Wisdom  
1975 - 1978



Col. James W. R. Adams  
1978 - present



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# Foreword

This is your opportunity to discover how the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, came to be. These pages detail the fascinating history of the Corps of Engineers in Florida and Puerto Rico tracing significant contributions to the growth of each.

More importantly it lets you capture the spirit of the men and women of the Corps who built this district and established the high standards for professional competence, personal service and human warmth which we sustain today. Here is their story and ours in a single volume. I invite you, your family and friends to enjoy and share its many treasures.

**JAMES W. R. ADAMS**  
Colonel, Corps of Engineers  
District Engineer

# Biographical Sketch

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