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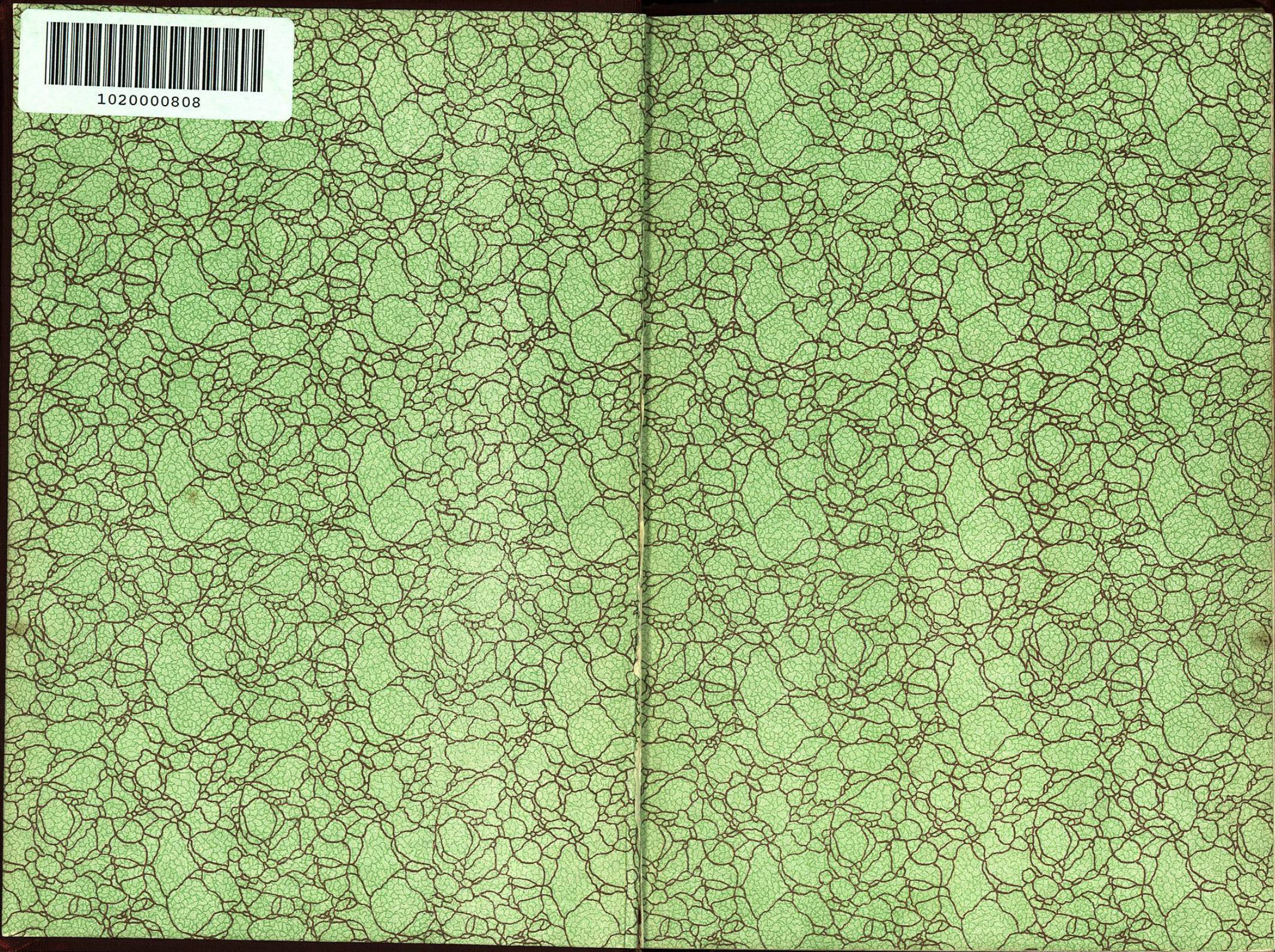
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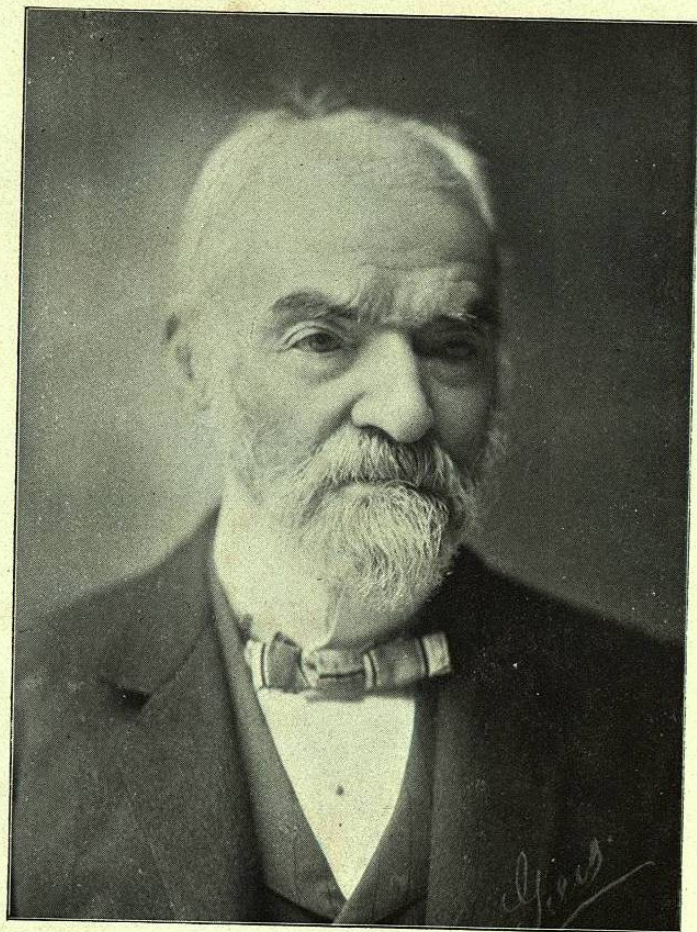
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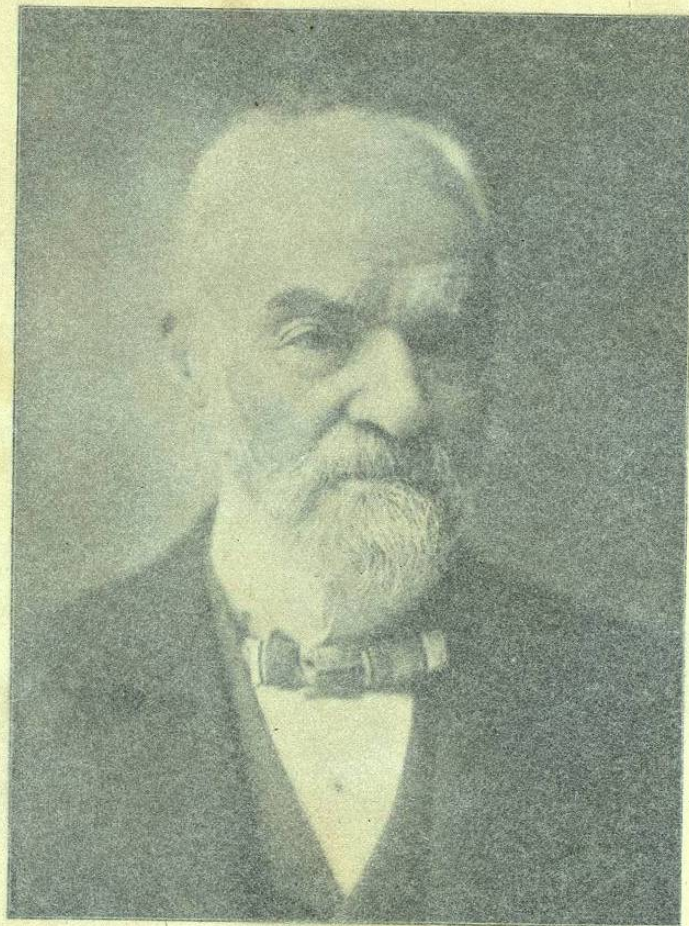
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*THIS VOLUME IS DEDICATED*  
TO  
*MY WIFE AND CHILDREN,*  
AND TO  
*THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS*

WHO BATTLED WITH THE INVAD-  
ING FOE TO PROTECT OUR HOMES  
AND MAINTAIN THE CAUSE FOR  
WHICH OLIVER CROMWELL AND  
GEORGE WASHINGTON FOUGHT.



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FERNANDO DIAZ RAMIREZ



PREFACE.

SOME years ago, when living on an orange grove at Winter Park, it occurred to me that my idle time might be usefully employed in transcribing from memoranda and my diary many incidents of my life for preservation in one manuscript for my children. This was continued at intervals until it became as here presented. It was mainly discontinued after my children became old enough to observe passing events for themselves.

But inasmuch as a few books have been published containing errors in describing some military operations in which I participated, justice to the troops under my command induces me to publish my account of them as recorded when they occurred.

This volume, then, is a simple narrative of passing events, without discussing their importance and bearing politically in shaping the destiny of the nation.

Although my lot was cast with the South, and whatever may be my opinion of the action of the North before, during, and after the war as expressed in these pages, I am as loyal to the Constitution and as ready to uphold and maintain the rights and dignity of the United States as any man within its boundary; and this was evidenced when I tendered my services, as a soldier, to the President before war was declared against Spain.

I do not know that I am indebted to any person, except Joseph M. Brown, of Marietta, Ga., a son of Gov. Joseph E. Brown, for what I have written, and to him I make acknowledgment for obligations.

THE AUTHOR.

Pensacola, Fla., May 1, 1899.