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Mr. Click Relander
1212 North 32nd Ave.
Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

In reference to your letter concerning General James J. Archer, the following information has been found in this library.

1. Biographical Cyclopedia of Representative Men of Maryland, and District of Columbia. page 43.
2. Miller. Pictorial History of the Civil War.
Volume 2, page 241
Volume 9, page 223
Volume 10, page 109

Three other works included short passages on the subject, which I have copied in their entirety and am enclosing. Should you desire copies of the longer article and the pictures found in the two references above, we shall be glad to comply.

For additional information you might contact the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore, which publishes an indexed magazine, and also you might look into some general accounts of the Civil War.

Sincerely,

Dorothy M. Glacken

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The following excerpt is in refernce to the battle at Antietam, Maryland, and was taken from Andrews, History of Maryland, Doubleday, 1929.

General James J. Archer of Maryland was assigned a prominent position in command of the counter attack. For a while the conflict seemed to hang in the balance, or until Archer made a flank movement to relieve the hard-pressed Pender. After Archer had charged, there commenced, according to General A.P. Hill's account, "the most terrible slaughter that this war has yet witnessed. The broad surface of the Potomac was blue with floating bodies of our foe. But few escaped to tell the tale." Archer's attack may be considered a reply in kind to that of the Third Maryland Federal in the battle of Antietam.

Hosmer. The American Nation, 1861-1863 p. 290
Reynolds fell dead at the front, leaving the left divisions without a leader in the most critical hour. Heth's advance was roughly handled; one brigade was mostly captured, Doubleday nodding, with a pleasant "Godd-morning, I am glad to see you" to its commander, his old West Point chum, Archer, as the latter was passed to the rear among the prisoners.

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Andrews. Tercentenary History of Md.

page 757.

"Those publicly honored were: Brevet
Major James M. Archer, Robert H. Archer,
etc.

page 870 of this volume repeats what was
said in History of Maryland.

page 883, footnote 97, states;
With Trimble were the Maylanders, Generals
Archer and Herbert," etc.