

The Springfield Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Founded February 22, 1897

The Founders of the Springfield Chapter SAR are listed as:

- 1) Walter Chambers Bradish
- 2) Walter Horace Bradish
- 3) Andrew Mears Brooks
- 4) Kennedy Brooks
- 5) Frank Lockwood Hatch
- 6) Charles Philo Kane
- 7) Joseph Wampler Vance

In 1996, one year before the 100 anniversary of the founding of the Springfield Chapter, Harold and Jackie Wright began researching information regarding the founders of the Springfield Chapter. The following is a synopsis of their extensive research.

Just a few of the interesting facts uncovered by the Wrights' research:

- None of the men's graves are marked as being a member of SAR
- Two men or their families thought enough of SAR to mention it in their obituaries
- One man (PhD educator) was murdered in a dispute over chickens
- One man fought in many Civil War battles, became a General and founded the Illinois National Guard
- A majority of the founders were college educated and prominent men in the community
- Five of the men are buried in Springfield Oak Ridge Cemetery, one in Jacksonville, IL and one in Los Angeles, CA

1) Walter Chambers Bradish – SAR # 8304 b 1873 in Jacksonville, IL d 30 Nov 1968
Nephew of Walter Horace Bradish. Son of Charles Eugene and Eleanor (Chambers) Bradish. Grandson of Horace Clark and Elizabeth Coventry (Wade) Bradish. Great-grandson of Clark and Hannah (Hayes) Bradish. GG-grandson of Rufus and Hannah (Johnson) Hayes. GGG-grandson of Joel Hayes, Captain 18th Conn. Militia.

Walter Chambers Bradish is buried in **Section A (Duncan Ave.), Lot 145, Diamond Grove Cemetery, Jacksonville, IL**



Walter Chambers Bradish 1873 - 1968

2) Walter Horace Bradish – SAR # 8140 b 24 April 1848 d 07 May 1906

Son of Horace Clark and Elizabeth Coventry (Wade) Bradish. Grandson of Clark and Hannah (Hayes) Bradish. Great-grandson of Rufus and Hannah (Johnson) Hayes. GG-grandson of Joel Hayes, Captain 18th Conn. Militia.

Walter Chambers Bradish is buried in **Block 10, Lot 327 NW ½, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL**

SJR Obituary: The funeral of Walter Horace Brandish will be held at 10:30 O'clock this morning at the residence 931 South Forth Street. The internment will be made on Oak Ridge Cemetery. The decedent was born April 24, 1848 just east of Holland Pattent, Onieda County, NY. At the age of five years, he went to live at Adams, Jefferson County, NY where he received his education. In the spring of 1868 he went to New York City and was with the firm of Longstreet, Sedgwick & Co. for five years. In 1870 he left New York and went to Chicago where he was with Henry W. King & Co one year. He came to this city in 1871 and has been connected with the Springfield woolen mills for thirty five (35) years. At the time of his death, he was vice president. He was united in marriage, May 10, 1876 with Mary Alvin Hill who with five children survive him. (Walter had traveled from Springfield to Chicago to undergo an operation. After the operation, Walter rallied and was expected to recover, however, infection set in and he died.)



Walter Horace Bradish 1848 - 1906

3) Andrew Mears Brooks - SAR # 8192 b 09 Oct 1831 d 05 May 1920

Son of Kennedy and Elizabeth Hill (Butler) Brooks. Grandson of Anthony and Deborah (Hill) Butler. Great-grandson of James and Dorothy (Learned) Hill. GG-grandson of Ebenezer Learned, Brigadier-General Mass troops.

Andrew M. Brooks is buried in **Block 11, Lot 48, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield.**

SJR Obituary 09 May 1920: Former Pupils, fellow educators, lodge associates and scores of intimate friends joined in paying final tribute to the memory of Andrew Mears Brooks, former county superintendent of schools yesterday afternoon.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock at the Bettie Stuart Institute of which Mr. Brooks was an officer and where he resided and at 3:30 o'clock at First Presbyterian Church of which he was a ruling elder. The

services were conducted by Rev. John T. Thomas, pastor of the church. In addition, to Dr. Thomas' funeral oration, a beautiful eulogy was pronounced by Rev. Edgar Ewing Brandon D. D. Dean of men and Vice-president of Miami University of which Mr. Brooks was a graduate. Dr. Brandon told of the interest which the veteran schoolmaster had always taken in his Alma Mater and the respect in which Mr. Brooks was held by the faculty, students and alumni of that institution.

Was Old Miami Alumnus

Mr. Brooks was the second oldest living alumnus of Miami University. Only a few years ago, he was the central figure at the diamond jubilee celebration of the school. Dr. Brandon said that as every college had calls and songs so had old Miami. Nothing could be more fitting, he stated, in speaking of the life of Andrew M. Brooks, the late Governor Richard Yates, Whitlaw Reid, Gideon Brainerd and other alumni than the recital of the Miami song. He then quoted the following verse: "Old Miami from hilltops, thou has watched ages roll, while thy sons have quested from thee, sturdy hearted, pure in soul."

Then taking his place in front of the pulpit, Dr Brandon exclaimed: "Andrew Brooks, we love you, and here we pledge to keep thy memory and love in the coming years, as you have so loved your Alma Mater.

Whispering Hope Sung

During the service, Mrs. Frank Partridge and Mrs. John Black sang "Whispering Hope." They were accompanied by R. Albert Guest, organist.

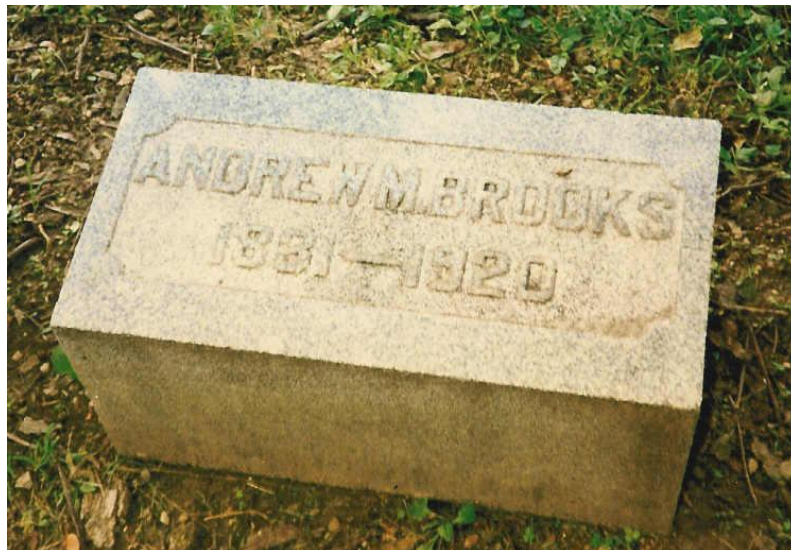
The casket was banked with flower designs from Mr. Brooks' children, a large pail of lilies and roses and a handsome offering from the faculty and students of Miami University, brought by Dean Brandon.

A touching scene was enacted at the residence just before the funeral cortege left for the church, when James Stone of Farmingdale recalled a football game in which he and Mr. Brooks participated back in the fifties (1850s). Mr. Stone was one of the first pupils of the veteran school master, when the latter first came to this city.

The pallbearers were J. E. Taylor, County Superintendent of Schools. Edgar C. Pruett, S. H. Heidler, Edward Anderson, Harry Luers and George K Larimore. At the head of the casket walked Dr. L. C. Taylor and DeWitt Smith, at one time favorite pupils of the deceased.

Is buried at Oak Ridge Cemetery

The remains were laid to rest in Oak Ridge Cemetery, besides those of Mr. Brooks' wife, who passed away some eleven years ago. Services at the grave were conducted by Central Lodge No. 71 A. F. & A. M. All of Mr. Brooks children were present at the services, they were: Kennedy Brooks, Joplin, Mo.; James W. Brooks, Chicago, Ill; Andrew Mears Brooks Jr., Nashville, Tenn; Mrs. Alice Johnson Fayart and the Misses Anne Hamilton Brooks.



Andrew Mears Brooks 1831 – 1920

4) Kennedy Brooks SAR # 8170 b 14 Oct 1856 d 21 Jul 1928

Son of Andrew Mears and Eliza Johnson (Welch) Brooks; grandson of Kennedy and Elizabeth Hill (Butler) Brooks. Great-grandson of Anthony and Deborah (Hill) Butler. GG-grandson Of James and Dorothy (Learned) Hill. GGG-grandson of Ebenezer Learned, Brigadier-General Mass troops. Kennedy Brooks is buried in **Block 11, Lot 48, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield.**

SJR Obituary: July 24, 1928 **Former Local Educator Shot at Joplin, MO In Row Over Chickens** That Kennedy Brooks, 72, former resident of Springfield and well known as an educator and authority on international law was killed Saturday morning by a tenant on the Brooks farm near Joplin, MO became know here last night.

Frances N. Overby, 32, a tenant on the Brooks farm at Bell Center near Joplin last night was ordered held for the first degree murder by a corner's jury and now is a prisoner in the Jasper County jail at Carthage, MO. Overby is alleged to have shot Brooks through the heart with a rifle following an argument over chickens on the Brooks farm.

Funeral Today

Mr. Brooks had retired practically from all educational work but formerly he had addressed a number of well know bodies on questions involving international politics and international law.

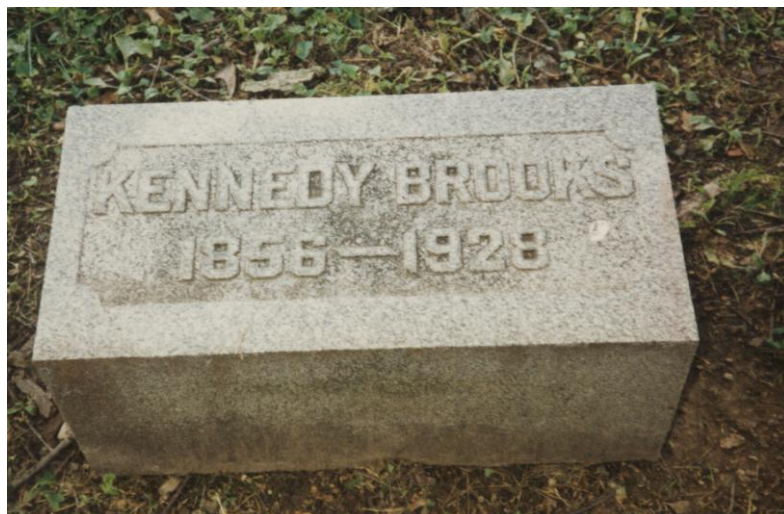
Remains will arrive in this city at 11:30 o'clock this morning and funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the residence of the Misses Brooks 1931 South Park Avenue (Springfield). Rev John T. Thomas, pastor of First Presbyterian Church will conduct the services and interment will be made at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Members of the Masonic Lodge No 71 will have charge of services at the grave.

Kennedy Brooks was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brooks and was born Oct 14, 1856 at Early Grove plantation near Holly springs, Miss. His early education was secured in Springfield public schools after which he attended Wooster College, Wooster, OH where he earned the degree of AB and later he was a graduate from the University of Michigan with degrees of MA and he secured his PhD degree after study in Berlin (Germany).

Conducted School

Specializing in the study of languages, Mr. Brooks for many years conducted the Brooks school for boys in Springfield; his pupils who have attained recognition in the social and business world. He was a member of Masonic lodge No 71 of this city and also of the chapter and affiliated Masonic lodges in Joplin, MO.

Mr. Brooks is survived by his wife, Charlotte; two brothers, James W. Brooks , Chicago; Andrew M. Brooks Jr., Nashville, Tenn.; five sisters the Misses Mary E., Margaret E., Annie H., and Frances Brooks and the Mrs. Alice Brooks Fayart all of this city.



Kennedy Brooks 1856 - 1928

5) Frank Lockwood Hatch - SAR # 9776 b 06 Sep 1869 d 24 Aug 1951

Son of Ozias Mather and Julia Riley (Enos) Hatch. Grandson of Pascal Paoli and Salome (Paddock) Enos. Great-grandson of Roger Enos Lieutenant Colonel Second Vermont Regiment.

Frank L Hatch is buried in **Block 32, Section 201, Grave 23, Oak Ridge Cemetery.**

SJR Obituary: August 25, 1951 **Frank Hatch, Attorney Dies**

Frank L. Hatch retired Springfield attorney and member of one of Springfield's most prominent families died at 10:55 PM yesterday at Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

Mr. Hatch was born in Springfield Sept 6 1869. He was the son of Ozias M. and Julia Enos Hatch. He attended the Springfield schools and later entered Yale University from where he was graduated in 1895. He also attended Harvard Law School. In 1897, he was named Assistant District Attorney of the US District Court here, a post which he held for several years.

He engaged in the practice of law in Springfield continuously until he went to Washington (DC) in 1918 when he was appointed Assistant Advocate General in the War Department. Years ago, he was active in Republican party affairs.

Mr. Hatch remained in Washington until his retirement seven years ago when he returned to Springfield to make his home.

He was married to Miss Alice Bowen on Sept 18, 1900. She died April 1, 1908. In 1923, he was married to Mrs. Sue Weber Munger who died Oct 17, 1943.

He was a communicant of Christ Episcopal church.

He leaves a daughter, Miss Cornelia B. Hatch with whom he made his home at 1004 N. Sixth St and a brother Peachal E. Hatch Chairman of the Board of First National Bank.

The body was removed to the Thomas C. Smith Sons Funeral Chapel. Arrangements are incomplete.



Frank Lockwood Hatch 1859 - 1951

6) Charles Philo Kane - SAR # 1467 b 15 Dec 1850 d 12 Jan 1918

Son of Andrew J. and Caroline (Beers) Kane; Grandson of Philo and Martha (Stillman) Beers. Great-grandson of Zachariah Beers, Orderly Sergeant Conn., Militia.

Charles P. Kane is buried in **Block 10, Lot 48, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield.**

***SJR Obituary:* January 13, 1918 Judge Charles P. Kane Dead: Well-Known Lawyer Victim of Pneumonia at Age of 67 Years.**

Judge Charles P. Kane 1001 South Second Street died at St John's Hospital shortly after midnight last night, following a short illness from pneumonia at the age of 67 years and 27 days. A native of Springfield prominent in social fraternal and political circles, Judge Kane held a large acquaintanceships in this city. He held the position of County Judge for the four years commencing 1884, and three years before that was a city attorney of Springfield. His services to this county were not confined to the profession of law but he also was a member for five years of the Springfield Board of Education, was a member of the county board of supervisors and a candidate in 1892 for congressman on the Republican ticket.

Judge Kane was also an effective agent in the development and organization of the Illinois National Bank. Among other fraternal connections he was a **member of the Sons of the American Revolution** and had been grand commander of the Knights Templar of Illinois. Added to other attainments, he has traveled much and on that had considerable reputation.

On November 2, 1881, Judge Kane married Miss Flora Brittin who with their three children survives him. His son, Lieutenant Philo B. Kane of the United State Army and his two daughters, Flora H, the wife of Dr. O.L. Zelle and Caroline M., the wife of Hubert G. Strieff.



Charles Philo Kane 1850 - 1918

7) Joseph Wampler Vance SAR # 1325 b 21 May 1841 d 14 Dec 1927

Son of William Blackburn and Sarah (Wampler) Vance; Grandson of Samuel and Mary (Blackburn) Vance; Great-grandson of William Blackburn, Lieutenant Virginia Militia, killed at the battle of Kings Mountain (NC).

Gen. Joseph W. Vance is buried in **Englewood Cemetery, CA** (presumably near Los Angeles)

SJR Obituary: December 16, 1927 **General Vance, Organizer of I. N. G. (Illinois National Guard) is Dead**

Gen. Joseph W. Vance Adjutant General of the State of Illinois during the administrations of Governors Hamilton, Oglesby and Fifer, prominent in Civil War and peace time military activities died at 9 o'clock Wednesday night in Los Angeles, Cal., according to a telegram received by the State Journal from Col. James R. B. VanCleave.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow in Los Angeles and internment will be made in the Englewood Cemetery.

General Vance left Springfield about ten years ago. He was born in Paris, Edgar County (IL) where he received his early education, afterward being graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point (Editor's note: this information may be in error). He was commissioned a second lieutenant in Company F, Seventh Congressional District Regiment in Illinois and his first active engagement in the Civil War was at Fredrickstown, MD. Later he was acting adjutant general on the staff of General William S. Rosecrans. As commander of the military post at Bardstown, KY he successfully defended the place against an attack of Confederate cavalry led by Gen. John Morgan.

In Historic Battles

Later in the war, General Vance participated in the battles of Liberty, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Resaca and Kenesaw Mountain.

Following the close of the Civil War, he was selected to aid in the organization of the Illinois National Guard. In 1884, decedent was promoted to Brigadier General and Adjutant General of Illinois and during the years of his active association with the National Guard he compiled and published eight volumes of Illinois war reports, embracing the records of 268,000 soldiers. During this time, he caused the establishment of Camp Lincoln with its rifle range. He resigned in 1891 from active military work to enter private business.

Once S.A.R. President

General Vance engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods and at various times was engaged in mining and other industrial work. He formed the firm of Vance & Lawson, manufacturers of concrete building stone. He was a member of Paris Post grand Army of the Republic and was affiliated with various lodges of Masonic order and was a past commander. At one time, General Vance was **President of** (the)

Springfield Chapter Sons of the American Revolution.

General Vance is survived by the following children: Dr. Boyle Vance, Homewood, Ill; Joseph W. Vance Jr., Mrs. W. C. Bennett, Mrs. George Colby, Miss Helen Vance and Miss Linnie Vance all of Los Angeles.