

David A. Kochenour

Occupant Name: David A. Kochenour

Location: Section E

Date of Birth: 2/7/1844

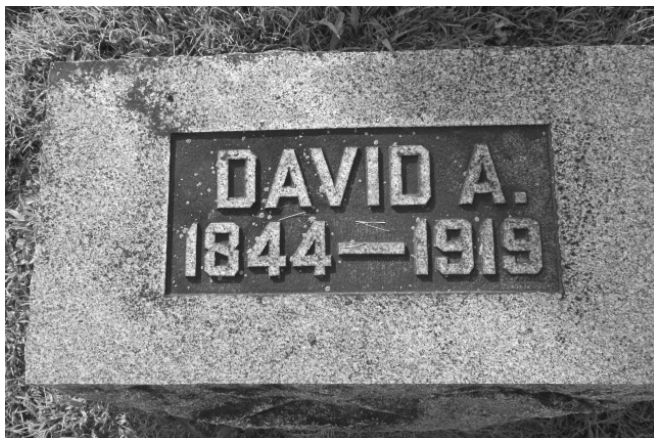
Date of Death: 5/26/1919

Date of Burial: 5/30/1919

Veteran: No

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



**PROMINENT CITIZEN
ANSWERS LAST CALL**

**Death Of Judge D. A. Kochenour
Comes As Shock To Many Of
His Acquaintances**

HIGH IN LEGAL PROFESSION

**Come To Brownstown Forty-five Years
Ago—Other Deaths In The
County**

Judge David A. Kochenour, whose sickness has been mentioned in these columns, died at his home in Brownstown Monday, May 26, 1919, about 9:30 a. m., of diabetes complicated with other ailments. He was taken sick about four weeks ago, and took suddenly worse Saturday night after which no hope was given for his recovery. His age was 75 years, three months and 19 days.

The funeral services, which were largely attended, were held at the Methodist church this afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. C. H. Pinnick, of North Vernon, recently pastor of the church here, assisted by Rev. R. I. Black, the present pastor. The services were held under the auspices of Washington Lodge, No. 13 F. and A. M., and Brownstown Lodge, No. 60, K. of P. The business houses of Brownstown were closed and the Jackson Circuit Court adjourned during the services.

Judge Kochenour was the oldest member of the Jackson County Bar. He was one of the most prominent attorneys, not only of this, but of adjoining counties, and stood high in the legal profession in this section of the state. He practiced law in this county continuously for forty-five years and in 1906 associated himself with H. H. Prince under the firm name of Kochenour & Prince.

Deceased was born near Milltown, Harrison county, February 7, 1844. After obtaining an ordinary education in the common schools of that day, he graduated from the business course of the Hartsville College, carrying at the same time a full course of miscellaneous studies. He also graduated in the law department of Indiana University, being an alumnus of the class of 1871. He made his way through college by teaching school in various parts of the state.

He was united in marriage on May 20, 1874, to Miss Anna Kagey, a native of Shenandoah Valley, Va., who preceded him to the grave May 19, 1915. To their union were born three children, two dying in infancy. One son, Leigh Francis, survives. His second marriage was to Miss Catherine A. M. Cox, of Crothersville December 14, 1916, who also survives him.

Mr. Kochenour began the practice of law in Paoli in 1872, but soon after his first marriage located in

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Brownstown in August 1874, where he has since resided.

His sound judgment and logical arguments soon established him in the front ranks of his chosen profession. He was a man of broad intellect, and possessed a wide range of knowledge and many went to him for advice and counsel.

Although eminently qualified as a jurist, Mr. Kochenour never became a candidate for office, but at the death of Judge Voyles in this circuit in 1898, he was made judge pro tempore of the Jackson Circuit Court and acted in that capacity until the governor's appointee was commissioned and qualified. He has also served with distinction as special judge upon a number of occasions. As an indication of his legal talents, he was tendered and accepted a position as instructor of law at Indiana University some years ago, which position he filled with credit.

He also acted for a time as county attorney and town attorney, serving in the latter capacity at the time of his death.

He was an ardent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in fact was a pillar in the local organization. He not only manifested great interest in church work but was also for many years an active worker in the Sunday school. He was also a prominent Mason and a charter member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge at this place.

While he laid no claims to oratory, yet through his talent and scholarly attainments he was often called upon to make addresses for various public occasions.

He was at all times a public spirited man and took especial interest in the progress and welfare of his home town. He was president of the Commercial Club at the time Brownstown made some of its greatest progress—in the year 1899 when nine substantial brick business houses were built, the paper mill and a hoop factory located, and our water and light and telephone plants were established. A great share of credit is also due him for the present public library in Brownstown.

Mr. Kochenour was a man of unquestioned integrity and of great moral courage; he never hesitated in the least in taking an open stand in that which he thought was right. He was a man of most courteous manners and pleasing disposition which made him a host of friends.