

David B. Vance

Occupant Name: David B. Vance

Location: Section D

Date of Birth: 2/16/1842

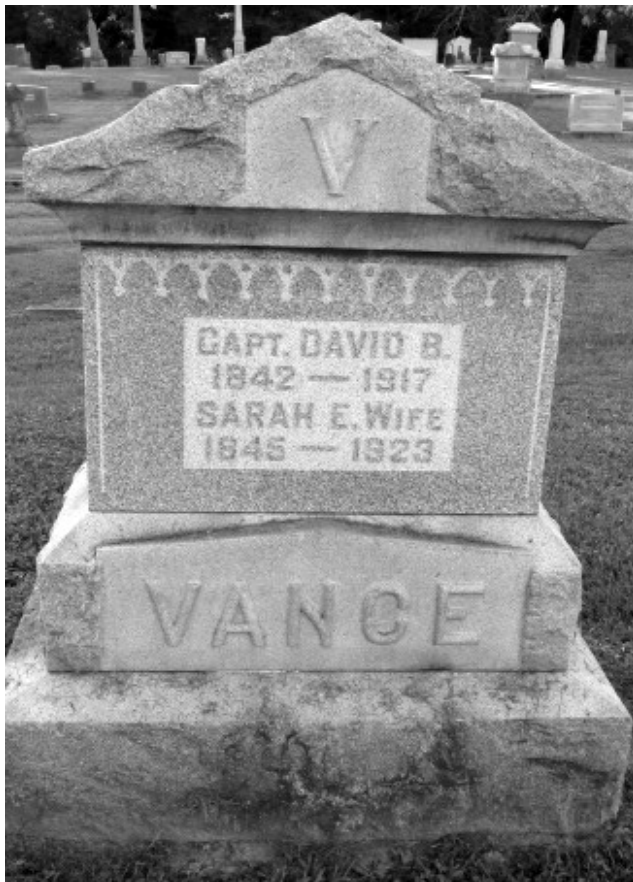
Date of Death: 1917

Date of Burial: 1917

Veteran: Yes- Co. C. 117th
Regiment, Indiana Volunteers

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



CAPT. D. B. VANCE EXPIRES SUDDENLY

Died Early Sunday Morning—Was
in His Usual Health When
He Retired.

GRIM REAPER'S WEEKLY TOLL

List of Other Items Not Mentioned in
Our Regular Correspondence
Items.

This entire community was greatly shocked Sunday when the word was spread that Capt. D. B. Vance, who was well known over the county, had died suddenly early that morning of heart trouble, at his home in Brownstown. He had been in his usual good health, attending to business affairs and doing work about his premises until late in the evening, and retired in good spirits that night, as he and Mrs. Vance contemplated going to Salem Sunday morning to witness the departure of Washington county soldiers for Camp Taylor.

Mrs. Vance says her husband slept soundly all night, but seemed a little restless about five o'clock in the morning. She asked him what was the matter, and he replied that he had a pain in his side. He sat up in bed and remarked that he believed it was his heart, when he fell back and expired.

Mrs. Vance began to scream and called to her grand-daughter, Mrs. W. W. Ireland, and husband whose house is on the same lot. They both hastened over but Mr. Vance only breathed two or three times after they reached there. Dr. Heller was also called immediately but life was extinct before he arrived.

David B. Vance was born in Washington county, Indiana, February 16, 1842. His early ancestors were Virginians. However, his father moved to Indiana from Kentucky in early

youth.

Captain Vance enlisted in the Civil War as a private in 1861 and served steel sanitary cots on which to sleep. Each building is capable of taking care of 153 men and there are about in the 27th Indiana Volunteers, until he was discharged on account of a wound he received at Antietam, Md. In 1863 he organized Company C, 117th, Ind., of which he was made captain, which enlisted for six months but served about eight.

Shortly after he returned from the army he and Mrs. Vance were united in marriage November 24, 1864, at the home of the bride's parents. Soon after their marriage they moved to Illinois, making the trip overland in a covered wagon, where they lived seven years. On account of Mrs. Vance's poor health they moved back to Indiana, locating at Seymour for a short time, thence moving to Crothersville, where they resided about nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Vance celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with an informal reception at their home November 24, 1914.

There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Vance, five children, four sons and one daughter, only one of whom, Mrs. Giles Smith, of Indianapolis, together with his devoted wife, survive him. He also leaves two grand-children, Mrs. W. W. Ireland, of this place, Vance Smith, of Indianapolis; two great-grandchildren and three brothers, A. T. Vance and Ephraim Vance, of Hastings, Neb., and W. H. Vance, of Winterset, Iowa.

In 1885 Capt. Vance and wife moved to Brownstown where they have since resided, and since which time Mr. Vance has been one of the most prominent business men of the place. He first engaged in the brick and tile business with John W. Heller, deceased, at the old brick yard south of Brownstown. In 1889 he was appointed postmaster under President Benjamin Harrison, serving four years, after which he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business with Jas. S. Clements for a few years, and then associated himself, in the hardware business with Frank Brodhecker for about two years.

In September, 1904, he was appointed town clerk in which capacity he served until 1910 during which time he had charge of the Water and Light Plant, later purchasing an interest in the same, and remained in active charge of the plant until 1914, when it was sold to the present company.

Deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church having united in early youth with the Presbyterian church at Livonia, Ind. He was identified with the active work thereof, giving ever generously of his time, strength and means to various interests of the church and for many years had been an elder of the church. It can be truthfully said that the church never had a more faithful attendant than Mr. Vance. He was also a prominent member of Gordon Tanager Post No. 159 and I. O. O. F. lodge

No. 488.

As a public spirited citizen Capt. Vance could always be counted in the front ranks, ready to do his part, both by personal efforts and financially, in every effort that was put forth, to advance the interest of his home town and county, and he took an active part in many of Brownstown's successful enterprises during his long residence here. He maintained this public spirited attitude even in his advanced years.

The last public occasion in which he took part was in acting as marshal of the day last Thursday in the parade for Jackson county's soldiers, and no more fitting tribute could have been paid to his patriotism and love of country than his appointment for this position, which was unanimous on the part of the committee that had the program in charge, and an honor he seemed to greatly appreciate.

He was also chairman of the Jackson County Council of Defense, at the time of his death.

That he will not only be missed by his relatives and friends but by the entire community is the verdict of all.

The funeral services largely attended, were held at the Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, Rev. W. H. Guernsey, pastor, officiating. The remains were laid to rest in Fairview cemetery under auspices of the G. A. R. Post.

