

# Andrew J.P Barnes

## 1921 & 1938



### IN MEMORIAM

Our beloved Comrade Col. A.J.P. [Andrew James P.] Barnes and twice our Past Department Commander, died June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1939 at his home in Joplin, Mo., after spending the last year of his life working for his G.A.R. of Missouri to welcome them to his "Home Town" for their 58<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment. I have told of his unfortunate fall, and of the fact that he was with us in spirit all during the Encampment. His absence was all that kept the Encampment from being perfect in every detail.

Comrade Barnes was born March 29, 1843 [to William and Elizabeth Barnes in Lockport, Indiana]. He enlisted in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Iowa Infantry, 42<sup>nd</sup> U.S. troops. He was a brave soldier, a loyal Comrade and a staunch and true personal friend. He was at one time a member of the Missouri Legislature and was a real addition to that body, as he was always a fine speaker, forceful in his beliefs and convictions.

He was a member of the O.P. Morton Post No. 14, of Joplin, for many years, having served in

practically every office of the Post. He had been a member of the National Council of Administration for years, and was always present at all Encampments both State and National, fi it was at all possible for him to come. He was deeply interested in his country's welfare and in the Grand Army of the Republic, and will be sadly missed by the Grand Army of the Republic and by the citizens of Joplin who loved him calling him affectionately "Daddy Barnes." Everyone associated with him will miss him, including all members of the G.A.R. Auxiliary Organizations as Mrs. Hargis said in a recent letter to the Assistant Adjutant General: Quote – "I was so grieved over Commander Barnes' death, I loved him so much, and we shall miss him so much as the years go by," which I believe will express the sentiments of all who knew him. Only I would say: "We shall miss him more and more."

. He lived at 1606 Kentucky, Joplin, MO and was married to Mary Ella (last name unknown). He is buried in Fairview Cemetery, Joplin, MO.

