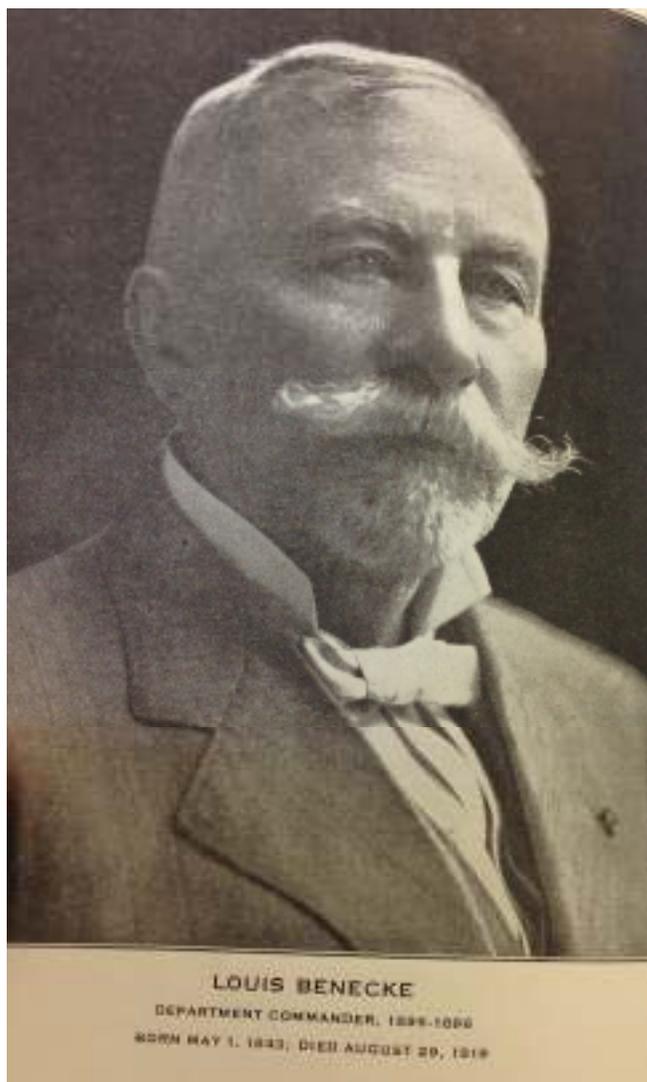


Louis Benecke 1895

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BENECKE, LOUIS, attorney of Brunswick, Mo., was born May 1, 1843, in Duchy of Brunswick, Germany. He received his education in Blakenburg college, Germany, and in the high schools of Brunswick, Mo. He served during the civil war in the eighteenth regiment Missouri infantry, and in the forty-ninth regiment Missouri volunteers and was captain of company I. For fourteen years he was mayor of his adopted city of Brunswick, Mo.; for thirty-five years has been a member of the board of education of that city; is vice-president of the board of education; is a director of the First National Bank of Brunswick.' For four years he served as a member of the Missouri state senate. He stands high in fraternal societies; was grand dictator of the Knights of Honor; judge-



advocate, junior, senior, and department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of Missouri; and is a member of the Loyal- Legion. He organized the Federal soldiers home at St. James, Mo.; and was its president for four years. He is president of the board of aldermen of the city of Brunswick for the term of 1906-08; and resides in Brunswick, Missouri.

He was a member of Pinhart Post 268, Brunswick. He died 29 August 1919.

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