## Cassius McDonald Barnes 1885

## (25 Aug 1845 – 18 Feb 1925)

Of Guthrie, OK. Born <u>Livingston County</u>, N.Y. Son of Henry Hogan Barnes and Semantha (Boyd) Barnes. Republican.



In 1861, the American Civil War broke out when Barnes was just 16 years old. Barnes joined the Union army as a volunteer soldier. Barnes's earlier experiments in telegraphy earned him a position in the Military Telegraph and Engineering Corps of the Union army. Barnes would serve for the entire duration of the war. During his service, he would spend a portion

of his enlistment as the secretary to Brig- Gen Nathaniel Lyon. Barnes would leave the army at the age of 20.

Member of Oklahoma territorial House of Representatives, 1895-97; member of Republican National Committee from Oklahoma, 1896; Governor of Oklahoma Territory, 1897-1901; mayor of Guthrie, Okla., 1903-05, 1907-09. <u>Episcopalian</u>. Member, **Grand Army of the Republic**. Died in Albuquerque, <u>Bernalillo County</u>, N.M., <u>February 18, 1925</u> (age <u>79 years, 177</u> <u>days</u>). Interment at <u>Summit View Cemetery</u>, Guthrie, Okla.

Relatives: Married to Mary E. Bartlett.