

ANOTHER AGED CITIZEN DEAD

Captain James Oates of Cincinnati Succumbs to Paralysis

SOLDIER AND POLITICIAN

Wagon Manufacturer and Machinist of Note. A Good Man

Wednesday March 17th, at about two o'clock p. m., James Oates, one of the best known of the citizens of Cincinnati, Ark., passed away as a result of a stroke of paralysis. He had lived in that town for over forty years and had been one of its best business men. He came to Cincinnati soon after the war between the states and opened a wagon and machine shop which gradually developed into a large wagon factory and machine shop, employing sometimes as high as twenty helpers. He was a man of strong convictions and firm purpose. He was at all times a strong Republican and never failed to support his party's principles when the time and occasion arose. This gave him prominence as a politician and he was among the leaders of of his party in Washington county.

The earlier years of his life were filled with adventure. He was one of the party that accompanied Walker in his famous filibuster to Nicaragua and narrowly escaped death in that futile raid. When the war between the states opened he became a federal soldier and was twice wounded in the course of his service. At the close of the war he had advanced to the rank of Captain.

A few years ago he retired from business and concluded to take a much needed rest. He was known as a manufacturer of the best wagons in the country. He was a machinist without a peer in the county, but age and the hardships of the years bore upon him, necessitating his retirement. His interest in his community and in public affairs increased with this leisure and he became a familiar figure here and in other towns of the country. Many of our citizens have known him ever since he has been in the country and found in him the traits of a good citizen. His death causes general regret. He had been in tolerable health up to a few weeks ago when he had a severe sick spell. The attack that caused his death was very sudden.