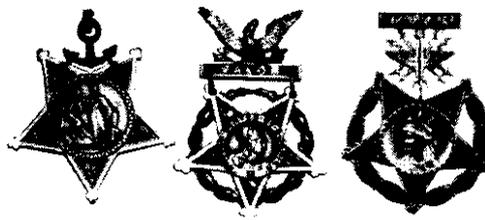


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Information on our
Medal of Honor winners

Mr. Donald E. Magee
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Dear Don,

That is some monument that Prentice has at his grave. He was a Private in the regular army during the Civil War. I can't find my notes on him or Wilson Vance. My filing system is some mess. I have dates of birth, where known, and dates of death posted to my Green Medal of Honor book so I can find that information very easy.

John Burke, 15th Pennsylvania Cavalry does not appear in any of my Medal of Honor books. I have found hundreds of mistakes in the spelling of the names while I was conducting my research.

JOHN GREGORY BOURKE, later Brevet Major. He was born 23 June 1846 and died 8 June 1896. He is buried in Section 1, Grave 32-A, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. Following the war he attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York from 1865 to 1869.

JOHN McCREATH FARQUAHAR. He was born 17 April 1831 and died 24 April 1918. He is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, New York. Following the war he served as Republican Congressman from New York 1885-1891.

JOSEPH LEONARD FOLLETT, later Second Lieutenant. He was born 16 February 1843 and died 1 April 1907. He was cremated and ashes buried at Albany Rural Cemetery, Albany, New York. His medal action covered two actions.

HENRY BLANCHARD FREEMAN, later Brigadier General, U. S. Army. He was born 17 January 1837 and died 16 October 1915. He is buried in Section 2, Grave 937, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

NINEVEH S. MCKEEN, later Brevet Major, U. S. Volunteers. He was born ??? and died 22 December 1890. He is buried in St Patrick's Cemetery (formerly named Glenwood Cemetery), Alton, Illinois. His medal action covered two actions.

FREDERICK PHISTER, later Brevet Major General, U. S. Army. He was also a Major General in Spanish-American War. He was born 11 October 1836 and died 13 July 1909. He is buried in Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio. Following service he served as The Adjutant General, State of New York as a Major General.

JOSEPH ROLLIN PRENTICE. He was born 6 December 1838 and died 7 August 1908 at Colorado Springs, Colorado. As you know, he is buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Hebron, Nebraska.

MILTON RUSSELL. He was born ?? and died 2 July 1908. He was cremated and ashes interred in Odd Fellow Collumbarium, San Francisco, California. This is the address anyway. There are two cemeteries in San Francisco and that is the San Francisco National Cemetery and one other. I think that there is a very small closed church cemetery there also. The cemeteries for San Francisco are located at Colma, California.

JOHN TWEEDALE, later Colonel, U. S. Army. He was born 10 June 1841 and died 21 December 1920. He is buried in Section 1, Grave 470WS, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

WILSON J. VANCE, later Brevet Captain and assigned to 14th United States Colored Infantry. He was born 20 December 1845 and died 10 November 1911. He is buried in Section 3, Grave 2360, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

JOHN MILTON WHITEHEAD. He was a Baptist minister. He was born 6 March 1823 and died 8 March 1909. He is buried in Topeka Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. Last year I ordered a Medal of Honor marker for his grave and Sonny Wells, Liberty, Missouri really put on a show. He had about 300 in attendance and 28 different organizations there. His granddaughter, and some great granddaughters or others came in from different parts of the United States. The granddaughter sent me a book which covered the family history including all about John Milton Whitehead. Some of these days I have got to get it off to the Congressional Medal of Honor Museum.

I don't know if you have a Medal of Honor book or not. Anyway enclosed are a couple of sheets from one of the old Medal of Honor books. I made corrections on all except Prentice and Vance. As I stated, my research material is all over the recreation floor and on tables in it and the basement. Some of these days I have got to stop going to the National Archives and stay home and try to get material in the filing cabinet. *FOUND INFO ON PRENTICE ASSIGNED SERVICE AT*

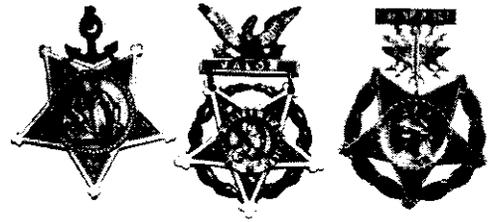
Lucero is one fine fellow. He has been with the National Cemetery System for years and now stayed in the Army with Soldiers' Home National Cemetery when we were transferred to the Veterans Administration.

Let me know if I can be of service to you and I will try. Thanking you in advance for your kind attention to this letter, I remain.

Sincerely yours,


RAYMOND L. COLLINS

Enclosure



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31 March 1988

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Dear Don,

Reference our previous correspondence on Stone River Medal of Honor recipients. Here is additional information on Joseph Rollin Prentice and Wilson J. Vance.

Enclosed you will find some newspaper articles on Joseph R. Prentice. You will note a difference in the birth. In my letter of 17 February 1987 (should have been 1988) I show 6 December 1838, which was shown on his Colorado death certificate. His enlistment paper dated 27 September 1864 shows age as 19, same as his service records. One of the news articles show him being born in Lancaster, Ohio on 8 December 1838. All of his military records show him being born in Lancaster. Another news article shows his birth as 20 December 1846. I also have a note showing 20 December 1845. I think the only thing we all agree on was his date of death being 7 August 1908 at Colorado Springs, Colorado, with burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Hebron, Nebraska.

WILSON VANCE; AKA WILSON J. VANCE; AKA JOSHUA W. VANCE (Per Service Records)

BIRTH: Findlay, Ohio, 20 December 1845 (military file).

Findlay, Ohio, 20 December 1846 (obituary).

ENTERED SERVICE AT: Findlay, Ohio, 22 August 1861.

Private, Company B, 21st Ohio Infantry.

2nd Lt, Company D, 21st Ohio Infantry.

MUSTERED OUT: Murfreesboro, TN, 20 June 1863.

ENTERED SERVICE AT: Warren, Ohio, 27 September 1864.

Private, Company G, 177th Ohio Infantry.

DISCHARGED: Nashville, TN, 10 January 1865.

APTD 2nd Lt, Company A, 14th United States Colored Infantry, 12 January 1865.

BVT CAPT, Company A, 14th United States Colored Infantry, 13 March 1865.

APTD 1st Lt Company A, 14th United States Colored Infantry, 6 January 1866.

1st Lt & Adjutant, 14th United States Colored Infantry, 6 January 1866.

MUSTERED OUT: Nashville, TN, 26 March 1866.

DEATH: Erlanger Hospital, Chattanooga, TN, 10 November 1911.

BURIED: 3-2360, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

His widow, Lillie B. died at Darien, CT on 15 December 1925. They were married at the Church of the Ascension in Washington, DC on 31 May 1877.

Don, I am sending a copy of this letter and documents to Charles E. Sharrock,
National Graves Registration Officer, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
400 South York, Denver, Colorado 80209.

I have other documents, but I think this will give you both information.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray', written in a cursive style.

RAYMOND L. COLLINS

Nov. 11, 1911

OBITUARY

**WILSON VANCE, SOLDIER,
DIES AT ERLANGER**

**HERO OF ARMY OF CUMBERLAND
SUCCLUMBS TO PARALYSIS**

Visit to Recent Reunion
Among Youngest of Fed-
eral Officers.

Wilson Vance, of New York, formerly of Ohio, who was said to have been the youngest commissioned officer in the Army of the Cumberland during the civil war, a congressional medal of honor man and also an author and newspaper man, died yesterday afternoon in Erlanger hospital of a heart affection. He had come to Chattanooga partly on business and partly to attend the reunion of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland about three weeks ago. While hurrying to catch a train in Atlanta for this city, he was overcome and after arrival here was unable to leave his room.

Born at Findlay, O., December 20, 1846, Mr. Vance was not yet 15 years old when the war broke out. After the battle of Bull Run had demonstrated to the north the serious nature of the conflict, he enlisted as a private in the Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland after the battle of Mill Springs in Kentucky, but its first great battle was that of Stone's River or Murfreesboro in the latter part of December, 1862, and first part of January, 1863. In the first day's fighting the regiment, which was attached to

On the last day of fighting as a part of Miller's brigade, Nagley's division, it led the counter charge which routed Breckenridge's advance.

For most conspicuous gallantry "under fire" in this action, young Vance, at that time an aide to the brigade commander, who had received a wounded comrade in the face of a charge of the confederates, received the medal of honor from congress. His commission as second lieutenant, conferred as a result of the same act, became effective on the eve of the battle of Chickamauga. Here the Twenty-first was posted on the extreme left of Thomas' left wing and in the second day's fighting was charged repeatedly by brigades under Longstreet, but being armed with repeating rifles was able to repulse all attacks until nightfall, when its ammunition being exhausted it was surprised and driven from its position.

After Chickamauga, Vance resigned his commission to study law, but in a few months returned to the service as lieutenant and adjutant of the One Hundred and Eighth United States Volunteer Infantry, a colored organization, which did garrison duty here and at Nashville in the closing hours of the war. He left the army with the brevet rank of captain. After the war Mr. Vance practiced his profession for a few years, but soon engaged in newspaper work, serving at various times as managing editor of the Indianapolis Journal, the Columbus State Journal and the New York Morning Advertiser, the latter service being in the early 90's, and as Washington correspondent of the old Cincinnati Commercial, the St. Paul Pioneer Press and several other publications. During his stay in Washington he also served as appointment clerk in the treasury department, chief of the bureau of Indian affairs in the interior department and clerk, first of the United States senate committee on revision of the laws and afterwards of the committee on foreign relations under the chairmanship of his old brigade commander, John E. Miller, then a senator from California.

president of the chamber of commerce was a potent factor in the upbuilding of the community. During the latter part of his life Mr. Vance lived mostly in or near New York, engaged largely in literature or newspaper work, though he served for a short time as chief clerk in the department of public works of that city under the Strong administration. His published works include "Little Amy's Christmas," "Prince's Favors," "God's War," a story of the Army of the Cumberland, and "Big John Baldwin" which but recently left the press.

In politics, Mr. Vance was a republican and frequently spoke on the stump for his party. He was twice married. By his first wife, who was Miss Rachel E. Johnston, of Piqua, O., he leaves four children, Henry C. and Wilson J. Vance, of Newark, N. J., and Mrs. T. Z. Morrow, of Ohio and Mrs. M. S. De-Corshuldham, of Millburn, N. J. His second wife was Mrs. Lillie B. Lyons (nee Beall), formerly of Uniontown, Pa., who survives. The one child of the second union is Louis Joseph Vance, of New York, a well known author.

Mr. Vance was a cousin of Joseph Coville Vance and John C. Vance, of this city, was distantly connected with the Vances of North Carolina, Virginia and Kentucky and was a great-grandnephew of Joseph C. Vance, once governor of Ohio and for many years a representative in congress from that state. The body will be taken to New York for interment. **ARL, N.Y. ARL, 44 3-2360**

Paul Lisso, Banker.
NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 10.
Lisso, president of the Louisiana Bankers' association, died yesterday evening at his home in La. He was 67 years old.

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We wish to thank
for the aid and
our recent bereavement
beautiful flowers
Mrs
J.