

Joshua Dever Powers

(1844-1923)

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History of Daviess County, Kentucky,
(Chicago: Inter-State Publishing Co., 1883) pp.139-140:

J.D. POWERS, born Oct. 17, 1844, in Hawesville, Hancock Co., Ky., is a son of Stephen and Emily N. (Shrader) Powers. His father was a native of Ohio, and his mother of Hancock County, Ky. Mr. Powers was admitted to the bar in the fall of 1873, at Hawesville, and began to practice there. He located at Owensboro, Dec. 27, 1877, and practiced nearly a year alone, then formed the copartnership with Judge G.W. Williams, which still continues. Politically he is a Democrat; was Assistant Elector in State at large in 1876, on Tilden and Hendricks' ticket; was a

member of the Legislature of Kentucky, representing Hancock County in 1873-'4. He was elected Vice-President of First National Bank in the spring of 1882. Oct. 19, 1875, he married Clara Hawes, youngest daughter of Hon. Albert Gallatin Hawes, and a native of Owensboro. They have six sons and one daughter.



The Lawyers and Lawmakers of Kentucky, H. Levin, ed.,
(Chicago, Il: The Lewis Publishing Company, 1897, pp.328-329:

JOSHUA D. POWERS, of Owensboro, was born in Hawesville, Hancock county, Kentucky, on the 17th of October, 1844. At Elliott's Mills, Maryland, the first settlement of the Powers family in America was made. One of the soldiers who had at tempted to throw off the yoke of British oppression and free the Emerald Isle from English rule, was obliged to flee from his native land, and established his home in Maryland in 1798. Stephen Powers, father of our subject, was a native of Wilmington, Ohio, and in 1840 removed to Kentucky, where he engaged in merchandising. He married Emily N. Shrader, daughter of James Shrader, of Washington county, Kentucky.

Joshua D. Powers acquired his elementary education in the common schools of Hancock county and supplemented it by a course in Georgetown College, of Georgetown, Kentucky. He was admitted to the bar at Hawesville in 1873, and at once began practice in his native city. The same year he was elected to the general assembly and in its counsels showed that he had given careful study to the subjects for consideration affecting the welfare of the state. In 1877 he removed to Owensboro, where he has since resided. For seven years he was associated in the practice of law with Hon. G. W. Williams. The firm of Powers, Atchison & Miller was then formed, his partners being J. D. Atchison and R. A. Miller. Mr. Miller withdrew, but the relationship between the two other members is still maintained. In June, 1893, Mr. Powers was appointed by President Cleveland collector of internal revenue for the second district of Kentucky, and is still discharging the duties of the office (1897). His practice of law has been of a most important character. His thorough knowledge of the principles of law and his strong and well-balanced analytical mind enable him to grasp the subject at issue with great readiness and discover the remedy.

Mr. Powers was attorney for the Louisville & Nashville railroad, the St. Louis & Texas, special attorney for the Owensboro, Falls of Rough & Green River railroad, and attorney for the Louisville, St. Louis & Texas. He is now attorney for the First National Bank, the Bank of Commerce, Central Trust Company, the Owensboro Building & Loan Association, the Fidelity Trust & Safety Vault Company, Columbia Finance & Trust Company, the Louisville Building & Loan Association, Owensboro Wagon Company, Owensboro Wheel Company, Owensboro Wharf Boat Company, Louisville & Evansville Mail Line Company and the Owensboro Gas Light Company. His aim has ever been to keep his clients out of the courts and to adjust and compromise all claims to the satisfaction of the litigants on principles of equity and justice. This is a course of procedure which many lawyers, looking only at the question from the side of personal gain, might condemn as unwise, but, though it may lose to Mr. Powers some monetary remuneration, he is rich in the esteem and confidence of those who recognize the high principle which prompts such a course. His probity is above question and he is honored by all. His large clientage has yielded him a good income, which has been further supplemented by other business enterprises with which he is connected. For twelve years he was president of the First National Bank of Owensboro, is

president of the Owensboro Wharf Boat Company, president of the Aqua Pura Company, of Las Vegas, New Mexico, which furnishes the water supply to that city and supplies ice to a large territory. He is also a director in a number of other corporations, and was one of the chief promoters and builders of the Louisville, St. Louis & Texas railroad, serving as one of the directors until it went into the hands of a receiver. He is also a director and one of the organizers of the Owensboro Female College.

Mr. Powers is a prominent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church; is a Knight Templar, Mason and past high priest of the Chapter of Kentucky; and past grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias fraternity of Kentucky. In politics he is a Democrat and takes an active interest in the growth and success of his party. He is decided in his views, enthusiastic in their support and is an important factor in local and state politics. He is a man of great energy and versatility, successful as a financier or lawyer or in control of commercial enterprise; is a man of scholarly attainments, and a brilliant and fluent speaker who has no difficulty in holding the attention of his auditors, no matter what the subject of his discourse.

He was married October 19, 1865, to Clara Hawes, daughter of Hon. Albert Gallatin Hawes, twice congressman from the second district of Kentucky. The city of Hawesville was named in honor of her grandfather, Richard Hawes, one of Kentucky's pioneers, who was of English ancestry and belonged to one of the oldest and most aristocratic families of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Powers have nine children now living: Stephen, who has charge of the water works in Las Vegas, New Mexico; Albert D., cashier in the office of the collector of internal revenue in Owensboro; Robert B., who is now a student in West Point Military Academy; Jessie C., Joshua D., Jay C., John H., Emily H. and Thomas McCreary.



History of Kentucky, Volume IV, Judge Charles Kerr, ed.,
(Chicago & New York: The American Historical Society, 1922) pp.21-23:

HON. JOSHUA DEVER POWERS. Kentucky is justly proud of the long list of its sons who have achieved national as well as state distinction. In that list there has been a growing appreciation for many years of the high character of the Louisville financier, Joshua Dever Powers, who is the only Kentuckian ever chosen president of the American Bankers Association. He is a lawyer by profession, practiced law actively in connection with other business affairs for many years, but for a considerable period his chief attention has been directed to the financial management of the Commonwealth Life Insurance Company, of which he is president.

Mr. Powers, whose versatility and resourcefulness have been tested in many trying and important responsibilities, was born at Hawesville, Hancock County, Kentucky, October 17, 1844. His grandfather, Stephen Powers, was a native of the North of Ireland. He immigrated to America in 1771, first settling at Ellicott's Mills, Maryland, and later becoming a pioneer of the new state of Ohio. The father of the Louisville financier was also named Stephen Powers. He was born at Wilmington, Ohio, February 22, 1821, and from Ohio he moved to Hawesville, Kentucky, in 1842 and for many years was a leading merchant of Hancock County. He died in November, 1902, at the age of eighty-one. At Hawesville he married Emily Noble Schrader, who was born there in 1824. Her parents, James and Susan Schrader, were natives of Louisiana and had settled at Hawesville in the early twenties. Mrs. Emily Powers died in 1858, when her son Joshua was fourteen years of age.

Up to that time he had attended private schools at Hawesville. After the death of his mother he came under the instruction of the eminent Kentucky educator, James Kennedy Patterson, now president of Kentucky University. He was taught by Professor Patterson at Greenville, Kentucky, and at the outbreak of the war between the states was a student in Georgetown College. War coming on, that college was suspended and, returning to Hawesville, Joshua Powers helped in his father's store as a clerk. During 1864-65 he was employed by a wholesale dry goods firm at Louisville. After the war he returned to Louisville and formed a partnership with his father under the firm name of S. Powers & Son, a business that continued until 1884. In the meantime Mr. Powers had diligently prosecuted his studies as a lawyer and was admitted to the bar in 1873. In that year he was chosen to the Lower House of the Kentucky Legislature. As a lawyer his practice was at Hawesville until 1877, when he removed to Owensboro, and was one of the eminent lawyers of the Owensboro bar for a quarter of a century. In that time he was associated with several well known attorneys, being a partner of the late Judge G. W. Williams, under the firm name of Williams & Powers, until 1884, then in the firm of Powers & Miller until 1885, as Powers, Atchison & Miller until 1887, as Powers & Atchison until 1896, and finally as senior member of Powers & Anderson until Mr. Powers retired from active practice in 1902.

Mr. Powers abandoned the formal duties of his profession in order to remove to Louisville and discharge the heavy burdens which had been accumulating for a number of years in his business and financial relationships. Few Kentuckians have had delegated to them a greater variety of business responsibility, and it is to the disparagement of none that few have so faithfully and with such resourcefulness discharged these obligations. Mr. Powers first became a figure in Kentucky banking when he was elected in 1884 as president of the First National Bank of Owensboro. He held that office until he removed to Louisville in 1902. At Louisville he organized the National Trust Company, now the United States Trust Company, and was president of the former in 1907. In 1905 he took the leading part in organizing the Commonwealth Life Insurance Company, and has been its first and only president. Under his direction this has grown to be Kentucky's largest and most popular life insurance company.

Undoubtedly it is on the constructive side of finance and business that Mr. Powers has rendered his greatest service. Besides building up a great life insurance company and several banks he projected and built and was the principal owner of the Owensboro Street Railway in 1893; was president of the Owensboro Wharf Boat and Transfer Company from 1885 to 1895; and in 1888 organized the Hancock Deposit Bank of Hawesville, his native town. He has the distinction of having built and owned the Owensboro Bell Telephone Company plant, this being the second telephone exchange installed in Kentucky. Later he assisted in the organization of the Harrison Telephone Company of Owensboro. In 1892, with several other gentlemen, he projected and built the Louisville & Henderson Railroad, serving as its vice president for several years. At one time he was Owensboro legal representative of the Louisville & Henderson and the Louisville & Nashville railroads.

Besides the honor of being the only Kentuckian ever chosen as head of the American Bankers Association, Mr. Powers had another notable honor from that organization in the fact that he was twice elected a member of its Executive Council. He was first chosen to this position in 1889. After serving the constitutional limits of three years he was absent from the council during 1903. In 1904, while not even in attendance at the annual convention, he was chosen a member of the Executive Council for a second term of three years. In 1905 he was elected chairman of the council. In 1906 he was elected vice president of the association and the culminating honor of being elected president came in 1907.

He has a number of financial and industrial interests in Louisville and the state, though the actual management of the Commonwealth Life Insurance Company commands his utmost allegiance and most of his time. He has in the truer sense of the word been a distinguished public servant, though he has been very little in politics. President Cleveland in 1893 appointed him to the office of internal revenue collector at Owensboro. His jurisdiction embraced thirty-five counties of the state. Mr. Powers was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the Louisville Free Public Library in 1913 for a term of four years. He was reappointed for a second term, and from April, 1919, to April, 1921, was vice president of the board.

This record, though brief, cannot but suggest the fundamental strength of Mr. Powers' personal character, an unassailable integrity, and a breadth of mind and soundness of judgment that have fully earned him the great responsibilities he has carried.

On October 19, 1865, Mr. Powers married Clara Hawes. She was the youngest daughter of Hon. Albert Gallatin Hawes, who from 1847 to 1849 represented the Second Kentucky District in Congress. Mr. Powers is proud of all his children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren, now living in homes widely scattered, and among these descendants several have earned distinction as soldiers. His oldest child, Stephen Powers, has for many years been a resident of Las Vegas, New Mexico, where he is superintendent of a public utility. By his marriage to Neville Pendleton his children are : Joshua D., who married Lois Hidden and was a first lieutenant of infantry during the war; Rosalie P. and Mary S., both teachers in New Mexico; Robert B., who served as a private in the cavalry ; Ruth P., Katherine and Martha G., still attending school. Albert D. Powers, fiscal agent for the Photoplay Association at Fort Worth, Texas, married Ethel Bryant, and their children are : J. Bryant, a newspaper editor in British Honduras; Ethleel B., wife of Charles Ingelky, of British Honduras; and Albert H., who is in the oil business at Tampico, Mexico. Col. Robert B. Powers, the third son, graduated from West Point Military Academy in 1896, was a captain in the Seventh Regiment of Cavalry and in the regular army service twenty-four years, received two promotions during the war, to major and later to colonel, and recently was relieved of active service, though retaining the rank and pay of colonel subject to call to duty. The fourth son, Joshua D., Jr., is a farmer in Daviess County, Kentucky, and by his marriage to Bessie L. Young has two children: Josie D. and J. D. Powers 3rd. Jay Clay Powers, who married Lena Budd and has a daughter, Laura Lucille, was a major during the World war, saw active service in France, and is now a resident of Dallas, Texas. John H. Powers, a wholesale grocer at Lexington, married Florence Whipple. Thomas McCreery, the next in age, served in the United States Aviation Corps in Scotland as inspector over five divisions, where he met with a serious accident while on duty, his plane collapsing at a height of 700 feet, and he was sent to the London Infirmary and suffered from wounds nearly a year before recovery. He is now an actor on the stage with home at New York. The two daughters of Mr. Powers are Jessie C. and Emily H. Jessie is the wife of Dr. Hugh Kimberly, of Owensboro, Kentucky, and the mother of a daughter, Sarah Ray. Emily is the wife of Eugene Iglehart, a practicing lawyer at Indianapolis, Indiana, and their children are Emily, Eugene and Robert Iglehart.



Sixty Years of Owensboro, 1883-1943, William Foster Hayes
(Owensboro, KY: Messenger Job Printing Co., 1944) pp.3-4:

Recurring to my later arrival, the good offices of that elegant and scholarly gentleman and prince of lawyers, the late Wilbur F. Browder, of Russellville, had procured me a berth in the office of Powers and Miller, a firm composed of Col. J. D. Powers and Reuben A. Miller, then located on Frederica Street opposite the Court House. They were the railroad lawyers of that day (Mr. Browder being the chief attorney of the O. & N. road), and able men in their very different ways.



Col. J. D. Powers

The conspicuous ability of Col. Powers was chiefly that of a business man. His energetic, adventurous temperament did not take kindly to the exacting discipline of study necessary to the making of a real lawyer. (Mr. Miller said that Col. Powers would have made a good lawyer if he had studied law.) He was withal a whole-souled, bighearted, genial man, and his kindness and courtesy to me are gratefully remembered. A few years later he moved to Louisville, where he made his home until his death. The best known member of his family at this time I suppose is his son, the distinguished actor and playwright, Tom Powers.



Owensboro Monitor, Owensboro, KY, 20 May 1874, p.3:

We had the pleasure of greeting in our city last week, Hon. Joshua D. Powers, of Hancock county. He is one of the rising young men of this section of the State and will make his mark in the legal profession or as a politician, as he already done commercially, if he so elects. He represented his county in the last Legislature, and stood high in that body integrity and talent.



Messenger & Examiner, Owensboro, KY, Wednesday, 9 January 1878, p.3:

Hon. Joshua D. Powers and family, late of Hawesville, Ky., have removed to this city for permanent residence. The Hawesville *Plaindealer* pays this tribute to Mr. Powers on his departure:

"Hon. J. D. Powers moved his family and household effects to Owensboro day last week, and will, in the future, reside in Owensboro, where he will continue the practice of his profession. Mr. Powers has been for a number of years one of the most active and responsible business men of Hancock county, and he will be a great loss to the community. It is not probable that the vacancy caused by his removal will ever be filled by a man so able and worthy. We feel that we are but

expressing sentiments of the community when we say that we very much regret that Mr. Powers has changed his residence from Hawesville. Owensboro has received an accession of which she can be justly proud."

Which notice we heartily endorse as true in every particular.



Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Friday, 26 June 1891, p.4:

Postoffice at Powers

A postoffice has been established at Powers, a station on the L., St. L. & T. railroad two miles from Yelvington. Mr. E. P. Taylor, who has received the appointment as postmaster, was in the city yesterday for the purpose of filing his bond and forwarding his papers to Washington. The office will be ready for business in a few days.



Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Wednesday, 7 April 1897, p.1:

Postoffice Change.

The name of the postoffice at Powers has been changed to Maceo, in honor of the Cuban hero who was slain by Spanish treachery. The change was effected several days ago, but the postal clerks have failed to find it out, as all mail sent there thus far has been returned from Louisville marked no such office in state named.



Kentucky Place Names, Robert M. Rennick (Lexington, KY: University of Kentucky Press, 1984), p.183:

Maceo (Daviess): This village with post office and railroad station stretches over 8 miles northeast of Owensboro. The community was settled just after the Civil War by freed slaves on land given to them by their ex-masters. There the Louisville Henderson & St. Louis (now L&N) Railroad laid out a town and established a post office in 1890 or 1891 named Powers Station for Col. J. D. Powers of Owensboro, a railroad official. To avoid confusion with Powers Store, another Kentucky post office, postmaster Edwin P. Taylor suggested that his post office be renamed Maceo for Capt. Alonzo [sic] Maceo, a Cuban mulatto then in the news for having been killed in the early stages of the Cuban revolt against Spain. This change was effected on Feb 3, 1897. [Sources – "Towns and Villages of Daviess County," Cecilia M. Laswell, WPA manuscript, 19 June 1936, Kentucky Archives, Frankfort, KY; and David & Joyce Orrahood, Owensboro, KY, 30 September 1977.]



Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Tuesday, 11 March 1902, p.8:

– Col. J. D. Powers and family will remove to Louisville next week, Col. Powers' presidency of the National Trust company, of that city, rendering it necessary for him to live there.



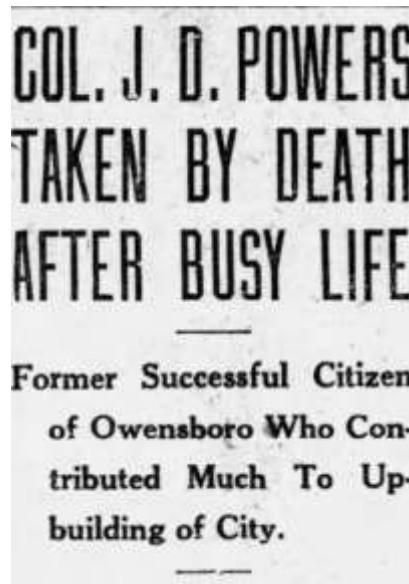
Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Sunday, 21 August 1904, p.10:

Wants to Be Buried at Old Home.

Mr. J. D. Powers, a native Hawesville boy, who is now president of one of Louisville's trust companies, was in town a short time ago and bought a lot in the local cemetery. Mr. Powers says he desires to be buried in the town of his nativity. He says he has always wanted to be buried so that one standing by his grave could look and see the store owned and occupied so many years by his father, which is true of the location he selected. – Hancock Clarion.



Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Thursday, 1 February 1923, pp.1 & 3:



Col. Joshua D. Powers, once a most conspicuously successful citizen of Owensboro, died at his home in Louisville at 5:05 o'clock, yesterday afternoon of the infirmities of age, being in his 79th year.

His body will be taken to his old home at Hawesville, Ky., for burial, probably on Friday. The exact arrangements for the funeral have not been made because three of his sons living in remote parts of the United States have not been heard from.

With Colonel Powers at the time of his death were his son, Col. Robert B. Powers, a retired army officer, and his wife. His other children are Stephen Powers, of Nogales, Ariz., Abner

Powers, now at St. Petersburg, Fla., John Powers, of Lexington, Ky., Josh D. Powers, Jr., of Deanefield, Ky., Mrs. Hugh Kimbley, of Owensboro, Mrs. Eugene Igleheart, of Indianapolis, and Thomas Powers, of New York. Colonel Powers' wife died in Louisville some years ago.

Story of His Life

Joshua D. Powers was born October 17, 1844, at Hawesville, Ky., being a son of Stephen and Emily (Shrader) Powers. His father was a native of Ohio county, Ky.

Mr. Powers was admitted to the bar in the fall of 1873 at Hawesville, and began the practice of law there. He located in Owensboro December 27, 1877, and soon formed a co-partnership with Judge G. W. Williams, also formerly of Hawesville. After the death of Judge Williams, Mr. Powers formed a partnership with the late J. D. Atchison and the late Reuben A. Miller, under the firm name of Powers, Atchison & Miller.

In addition his law practice in Owensboro, he was prominent in banking and business affairs. He was a director and vice president of the First National bank and always a close personal friend of the late president of that bank, Phil T. Watkins.

President of American Bankers

In later years Mr. Powers became vice president and later president of the American Bankers' association, and was for many years a most conspicuous member of that notable organization.

He moved to Louisville, about fifteen years ago and became prominent in the financial and business affairs of that city. He was until a few years ago president of the Home Long Distance Telephone company, with headquarters in Louisville. This company embraced several states in the Central West.

He was one of the organizers of the Commonwealth Life Insurance company and was its president until a year ago, when he was made chairman of the board. Until the last year he was constantly at his office in Louisville, attending to the most important affairs of this growing institution.

His Early Undertakings

In his earlier days in Owensboro he was always foremost in public spirited undertakings. He was one of the organizers with Judge George W. Williams, J. W. Porter, M. V. Monarch and T. J. Monarch of the first telephone company in Owensboro. Later he bought up the stock of his associates in this company and it to another company, which transferred it to present Cumberland Telephone company.

He was one of the organizers of the first electric light plant in Owensboro, being associated with J. W. Porter, J. H. Hickman and others. This plant was afterwards bought by H. D. Fitch and others, who about the same time bought the Owensboro gaslight plant.

He was also one of the organizers of the old system of turnpike and gravel roads built by the Daviess County Gravel Road company with pit gravel from the old John G. McFarland farm at Sutherland, his associates being Lucius P. Little, M. V. Monarch, G. W. Williams and J. W. M. Field.

Pioneer in Railroad

But his principal achievement in the development of Owensboro and its contiguous territory was in his association with Col. R. R. Pierce, of Cloverport, Ky., in interesting capital in the building of the Louisville, St. Louis and Texas railroad, (afterward known as the Henderson Route), from Louisville down the Ohio river, through Cloverport, Hawesville, and Owensboro to Henderson, connecting there with the L. & N.

Colonel Powers was prominent as a Mason, Knight Templar, and Knight of Pythias at different times in his earlier life, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

His Business Methods

He had a wide acquaintance as a young man with the business men of Louisville, Cincinnati and many other cities, and his law firm handled many claims against Owensboro debtors. No other lawyer in Owensboro in those days had so large a business of this kind and there are many here who will still testify that he saved any business against which he had claims when it was possible to do so. He was considerate and kindly, although firm in his business transactions.

Nearly all of his earlier associates in Owensboro are now dead, but there are still some who knew him well who have always cherished the highest respect and affection for him.

He and Mrs. Powers reared a large family of children, giving them the best possible advantages and had the proud satisfaction of knowing that though scattered over many states they have all been successful in life.

Announcement of the exact funeral arrangements at Hawesville will be made later.



Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Thursday, 1 February 1923, p.4 (editorial):

Joshua D. Powers

In the death of Col. Joshua D. Powers Kentucky loses a notable citizen. For many years he was a resident of Owensboro and he was indeed a first rate citizen. He was foremost in nearly every public enterprise of real merit. He was one of the organizers of our first telephone exchange, our first electric light plant, our first turnpike or gravel road system, a leading member of the bar and prominent in banking affairs. But his most notable work here was as pioneer with Col. R. R. Pierce of Cloverport, Ky., in interesting capital in the building of the Louisville, St. Louis and Texas railroad, (now called the Henderson Route), from Louisville down the Ohio river through Owensboro to Henderson, Ky.

In late years he has made his home in Louisville where he was highly successful first as the president of the Home Long Distance Telephone company embracing several states and later as president of the Commonwealth Life Insurance company of Kentucky.

But it is not of his success in professional and business undertakings these lines are now written. It is a pleasure to dwell upon the fine qualities of the heart and the high integrity of this remarkable man. He would never touch anything that bore the suspicion of uncleanness. He was an upbuilder, never a wrecker. He was careful and considerate of the welfare of his fellowman. He was soul the of geniality and genuine friendship. He was a captivating public speaker. He radiated sunshine in all his walks of life. In his home life he was the ideal husband and father. His gentleness, devotion and patience were boundless. He reared a large family, several of whom have made notable successes. Surely his was a life not lived in vain and there is a crown in heaven for Joshua Powers.



Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Saturday, 3 February 1923, p.1:



Funeral services for Col. Joshua D. Powers were conducted at 11 o'clock Friday morning from the M. E. church at Hawesville by Rev. John Foote, of Versailles, formerly of Owensboro. The remains were accompanied by officials of the Home Telephone and Commonwealth Life Insurance companies, of Louisville, in President R. N. Hudson's private car. Dr. Hugh Kimbley and Mrs. Kimbley, a daughter of the deceased, and J. G. Taylor, of Owensboro, attended the funeral, and Mrs. Kimbley went to Louisville with the other relatives following the funeral. Burns Fowlkes, of Louisville, was a former Owensboroan in attendance at the funeral.

Directors of the Commonwealth Life Insurance company were pallbearers. Interment was in the Hawesville cemetery on the family lot.



Hawesville Cemetery, Hawesville, Hancock County, KY:
Joshua D. Powers (17 October 1844 – 31 January 1923)
Clara wife of J. D. Powers (1 April 1848 – 10 January 1915)

Form V. E. 1-128a-4-15-15

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
State Board of Health
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH
County Jefferson

Vol. No. _____ Registration District No. 75

Inc. Town Louisville Primary Registration District No. 2275

City Louisville (No. 1938 South 6th St. _____ Ward)

2 FULL NAME Joshua Dever Bowers

3 SEX male 4 COLOR OR RACE white 5 Single Widowed Married widower Divorced _____ (Write the word)

6 DATE OF BIRTH Oct. 17-1844
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 78 yrs. 3 mos. 14 ds. IF LESS than 1 day _____ hrs. or _____ min?

8 OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work Chairman Board of Directors Commonwealth Life Insurance Co.
(b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)

9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Hancock Co. Ky

10 NAME OF FATHER Stephen Powers

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Ohio

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Emily Schrader

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Kentucky

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) R. B. Powers
(Address) 1938 So 6th St

15 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Hawesville Ky DATE OF BURIAL Feb 7, 1923

16 UNDERTAKER Lee E. Gralle ADDRESS 1938 So 6th St

17 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
18 DATE OF DEATH January 31st 1923
(Month) (Day) (Year)
19 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from 18 mos. 1922 to Jan 31st 1923 that I last saw heart alive on Jan 31st 1923 and that death occurred on the date stated above at 5 P.M.
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Myocarditis
(Duration) 1 yrs. 6 mos. 00 ds.
Contributory Cardio Valvular Pathy (Secondary)
(Duration) 1 yrs. 6 mos. 00 ds.
(Signed) W. H. Boggess M. D. and
Jan. 31st 1923 (Address) Chancery Bldg
*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Cause state (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal or Homicidal.
18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents)
at place _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. in the State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
Where was disease contracted, _____
if not at place of death!
Former or usual residence _____

19 FILED 1923 DE. L. A. CRUTCHEN Registrar