

Biographical Sketch: Lucius E. Cochran

Lucius E. Cochran, who came to Youngstown in 1862, was for half a century one of the most notable figures in the commercial life of the city and its environments. He came from a farm, entered business life without capital, and by sheer force of ability raised himself to a rank among the commanding forces in industrial affairs.

He was born in Delaware County, Ohio, June 12, 1842. His grandfather, George Cochran, was a pioneer in the Western Reserve, having settled at Vienna, Ohio in 1816. He had been a merchant in Pittsburg and continued in similar occupation in Ohio. The parents of Lucius E. Cochran were Robert and Nancy [Hummason] Cochran, who spent most of their years on a farm in Logan County. Both were members of the Christian church, and there were the parents of [11 children, including] four sons and three daughters.

Lucius E. Cochran supplemented his education in the district schools with a course in the Commercial College at Pittsburg, and had his first experience in a general store in that city. In 1862 he became a bookkeeper for the firm of Andrews & Hitchcock at Youngstown. His industry and evident ability earned him promotion, and in 1867 he became a partner in the mercantile firm of Andrews Brothers & Company in Haselton, a suburb of Youngstown. In 1890 Andrews Brothers & Company was formed by the consolidation of The Niles Iron Company and Andrews Brothers. It continued under his management until 1892, when the corporation was formed known as The Andrews Brothers Company of which he was made president and general manager, continuing until 1899, when it was sold to the Republic Iron and Steel Company.



Lucius E. Cochran

From the date of his coming to Youngstown until his death, Lucius E. Cochran extended a more than average influence upon local affairs. Nearly all the big industries that have made Youngstown notable among Ohio cities bore the impress of his energies. He was president of the Youngstown Car Manufacturing Company, Youngstown Bridge Company, Youngstown Iron and Steel Roofing Company, Youngstown Pressed Steel Company, the Mahoning Motor Car Company, the G. M. McKelvey Company, the Edwin Bell Company, and the Mahoning Valley Water Company; was vice president of the Commercial National Bank and the Morris Hardware Company, and was a director of the Youngstown Carriage and Wagon Company, the Ohio Steel Company [which he helped organize], and the Pittsburg, Cleveland, and Toledo Railroad Company. He was a keen, capable business man, and in his success his personal integrity was unimpaired.

In 1868 he married Mary Isabella Brownlee, daughter of John and Leah [Powers] Brownlee. They were the parents of two sons, Robert Bruce, who died at the age of 32, and Chauncey A.

Lucius E. Cochran was an unswerving Republican in politics, and during his residence at Haselton in 1872 he was appointed postmaster of Haselton, Mahoning County, Ohio, by John A. J. Creswell, postmaster general of the United States, at a salary of \$12 year. Mr. Cochran in no way wanted this office, but was appointed so he could appoint one William Campbell as assistant. Mr. Campbell being an old Civil War veteran and incapacitated for work. Mr.

Cochran took this means of giving Mr. Campbell employment, which office he held for many years. He was a member of the Memorial Presbyterian church, and was a Knight Templar Mason and a 32nd degree Scottish Kite Mason.



Chauncey A. Cochran

His son, Chauncey A. Cochran, was for a number of years actively associated with his father in business and is a Youngstown citizen whose activities are still a vital factor in the community. He was educated in the Youngstown public schools, attended a military

academy in New York, and has had an active business career of more than a quarter of a century. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Youngstown, a Republican, and is affiliated with the Masonic Order and various social clubs.

He married Miss Sarah E. Davis, daughter of Hon. John R. and Maria S. [Richards] Davis. Her father was a prominent man in Mahoning County, having represented his district in the State Legislature, was a soldier in the Civil War, afterward became a merchant at Youngstown and enjoyed a number of honors in official affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey A. Cochran had two children: Lucius D. and Esther Marie.

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General Sorrow Expressed Over the Death of L. E. Cochran

First intelligence of the death of Lucius E. Cochran, occurring at Cairo, Egypt on Saturday, on given to the public through the columns of the Sunday Vindicator and the Vindicator bulletin Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Cochran was identified in an executive capacity with many of the largest interests in the Mahoning valley.

In an effort to regain health and rest, Mr. and Mrs. Cochran sailed with Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Booth, in the latter part of February, for a tour of Spain and the Holy Land.

Cold weather, encountered while making the trip up the Nile, brought on pneumonia which resulted in death.

Mr. Cochran died 71 years and ten months of age. A complete biography of his life and achievements appeared in the Saturday Vindicator.

Regret was heard on every hand at the passing of this prominent citizen of Youngstown, and sympathy was expressed for Mrs. Cochran and her son in their bereavement.

No Further News.

“Nothing has been heard from Egypt in regards to my father since the cablegram of Saturday evening announcing his death” said Chauncey A. Cochran, 680 Bryson Street, son of Lucius E. Cochran, on Monday.



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“It will probably be two or three days before passage and final arrangements can be made for the transportation of the body. The first intelligence I expect to have from abroad is the sailing date and the date of expected arrival in New York.”

Close business associates of the deceased man state that the reorganization of his interests will be necessary because of the fact that practically of the Lucius Cochran interests are embodied in the incorporate form, merely making it necessary for the heirs to vote the stock left to them.

No statement could be gotten as to who will succeed the deceased in the various executive capacities which he held.

Mr. Cochran Injured.

An hour before receiving the cablegram announcing his father’s death, Chauncey A. Cochran injured his knee while endeavoring to crank his automobile and was obliged to remain in his room all day Sunday. Today there is an improvement in his condition.

Source: Youngstown Vindicator 4/14/1913, p. 3:4.

Sad Journey

**Body of L. E. Cochran will Reach New York May 2nd
Party will Leave Naples April 19th on the Carpathia –
Cablegram Received From Mrs. Cochran**

A cablegram which came to Chauncey A. Cochran from his mother Wednesday morning imparted the information that she, with Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Booth, would sail homeward with Mr. Cochran’s body on the Carpathia, which leaves New York on Friday, May 2nd. The fact that Mrs. Cochran and Dr. and Mrs. Booth are well was also mentioned in the cablegram.

The Carpathia is the ship that rescued the survivors of the Titanic disaster a year ago.

Source: Youngstown Vindicator 4/16/1913, p. 3:3.

Lucius D. Cochran Dies; Was an Engineer

Lucius Davis Cochran, 73, of 3443 Logan Way, Liberty Township, retired engineer and store official and member of a leading Youngstown family, died at 6 p.m. at a Youngstown hospital.

Mr. Cochran had been in failing health since last fall and was hospitalized three weeks ago.

A son of Chauncey A. and Sarah Davis Cochran, Mr. Cochran was born here March 5, 1904. [His grandfather]...Lucius E. Cochran, ...settled here in the middle of the 19th century and became a leading business man and industrialist in the valley, associated with steel, banking, the mercantile trade, and numerous other enterprises.

The family enterprises were continued by the son [Chauncey A.]. Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey A. Cochran were killed in a tragic motor accident in 1948.

Mr. Lucius D. Cochran was reared in an atmosphere of culture and activities, which included riding at the large farm on South Avenue, where his father bred fine horses and had a small show and riding ring. In later years he was widely known as a horseman and polo player, riding out of the Mill Creek Riding Club.

Mr. Cochran was educated locally at the Yale School, then attended Choate School and received his degree in mechanical engineering from Yale University in 1927.

He was associated with a number of out-of-town engineering firms, including American Welding in Warren. In 1946 he opened the L. D. Cochran Co., Inc. in Washingtonville, later acquiring the Ohio Lantern Co. of Tiffin and moving it to Washingtonville.

Following the death of his father, Mr. Cochran was named a director of the former G. M. McKelvey Co. and remained associated with it as a director, vice president, and secretary until its merger with Higbee's.

Mr. Cochran was a member of the Youngstown Country Club.

Besides his wife, the former Joan Stigleman, whom he married April 19, 1941, Mr. Cochran leaves a son, Chauncey A.

["Chan"] of Columbus, who is administrative assistant to Ohio Gov. James A. Rhodes; four

daughters, Mrs. Joseph Flauto of Potsdam, N. Y., Mrs. William B. McKelvey III of Los Angeles, Miss Joan at home, and Miss Lucinda of Los Angeles; a sister, Mrs. Alan [Esther Marie] Grant of New York City, and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. at the King Funeral Home North Side Chapel where friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

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