

# J. H. Kyner, 89, Dies; Pioneer Railroad Man

**Resident of Bladensburg  
Was Once Nebraska  
Legislator.**

Maj. James Henry Kyner, 89, Union Civil War veteran and pioneer railroad man, died yesterday at Bostwick House, Bladensburg, Md., an historic home which he had occupied 32 years.

A colorful career, including two terms in the Nebraska State Legislature, was enjoyed by Maj. Kyner, who would have been 90 years old next September 28. He had been confined to his bed only three days, though he had not been in good health for a year. Death was caused by a stomach ailment.

Jacob Funk, great-great-grandfather of Maj. Kyner, in 1767 laid out a development of 138 acres in which now lies George Washington University and other structures in the heart of Washington.

Maj. Kyner was born and reared in Lancaster, Ohio. He enlisted in the Forty-sixth Ohio Infantry in 1862. When only 16 he lost a leg and suffered other wounds in the Battle of Shiloh, lying for three days on the battlefield before receiving treatment. Later, he reentered the Army as a member of the Invalid Corps.

## Served in Legislature.

Following the war he attended Ohio University, where he studied law. In 1869 he took Horace Greeley's advice and went West. He settled in Omaha and twice was elected to the Legislature of that State. He was a staunch Republican. Prior to serving in the Legislature he was a school teacher in Nebraska and Illinois.

His pioneer railroad experience came in the construction of the Chicago & North Western and Union Pacific railroads, particularly in the rebuilding of the latter through Nebraska and into Colorado. He also was prominent in many other railroad and mining projects.

Maj. Kyner was twice married. His first wife was Naomi Conrad, of Lancaster, who died in 1892. Of this union there are two sons, Tallmadge Kyner, of Los Angeles, Calif., and James Gordon Kyner, of Denver, Colo. There are also two grandsons, James Henry and David Kyner.

## Wed Again in 1898.

In 1898 he married Hettie Parker, of Edmeston, N. Y., who died in 1930. Miss Suzanne Parker Kyner, who lives at the family home in Bladensburg, was born of this marriage. Maj. Kyner also leaves two sisters, Mrs. J. E. Bartlett and Mrs. N. A. Daniel, both of Omaha, Nebr.

He was a lifelong member of Old Guard Post, G. A. R., of Omaha, and a member of Snyder-Farmer Post, No. 3, American Legion, of Hyattsville. A biography of Maj. Kyner, entitled "End of Track," will be off the press in the spring.

Bostwick House, the Kyner home, was built in 1746 by Christopher Lowndes, rich merchant of Chelsea, England, whose great-grandson, Lloyd Lowndes, became Governor of Maryland. The yard surrounding the home has five terraces. The home was built with ballast and hand-hewn timbers brought from England in the Lowndes ships. Gen. Lafayette, Col. Brice, youthful aid of George Washington, and other prominent figures of the early colonial history of the country enjoyed the hospitality of Bostwick House. Benjamin Stoddert, first Secretary of the Navy, lived at the home.

Services for Maj. Kyner will be conducted by Snyder-Farmer Post, American Legion, at Gasch's funeral home, Hyattsville, Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. The body will be shipped to Omaha for burial.