Jerry Cox Vasconcells was born in Lyons, Kansas on December 3, 1882. He attended East High School in Denver Colorado, followed by Dartmouth College, and finally the University of Denver Law School.

At the onset of World War I, Jerry enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, and was deployed to France in 1917 as a fighter pilot. He was shot down during his first missions flying a SPAD biplane, but through his advanced flying skills, managed to land his plane and rescued by allied soldiers. He took to the air again and over the course of his campaign, became an “Ace” pilot by shooting down six other enemy airplanes and two enemy balloons. During his service, he was awarded the French Croix de Guerre, as well as numerous honors from both France and the United States. He was actually the only American “Ace” pilot of World War I.

Later on, he served as the flight commander of 27th Aero Squadron and then the commander of the 185th Aero Squadron.

He returned home and continued his aviation career by searching as Chairman of the Colorado Aeronautics Association, alongside becoming one of Denver’s prominent bond salesmen. Eventually, health complications related to his flying escapes would overtake him in his Denver home on April 17th, 1950.

Located in Lot 73, Block 3.