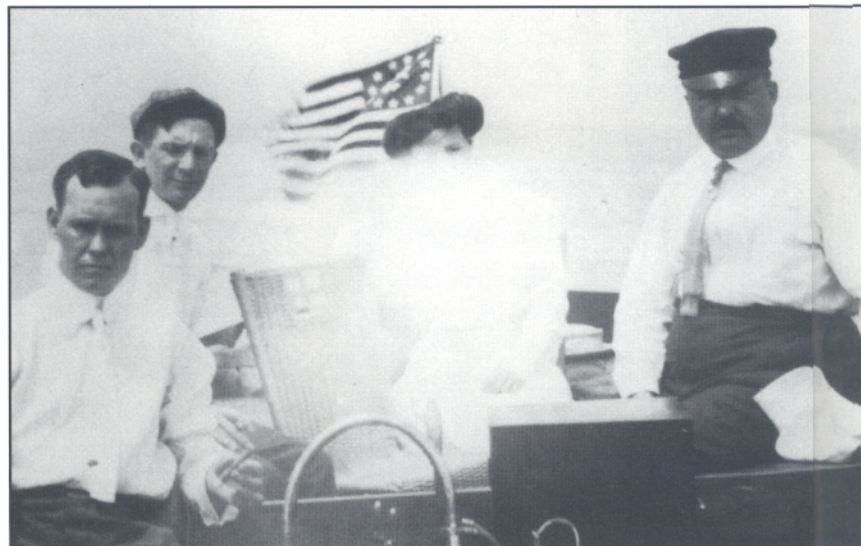


# A look back to the earlier years through the Brink family photo album

Around the turn of the century, horses were a preoccupation of mustached Arthur Percival (A.P.) Brink (1855-1916), son of Perry Brink and a yearly vacationer in Europe where he purchased Belgian horses for the Brink's Chicago City Express Company. In 1900, the company operated 85 wagons.



Percival Arthur (P.A.) Brink (1878-1970), the grandson of the founder, is shown in 1895 as a teen-aged member of a cavalry unit of the Illinois national guard. He also served later in the California guard. But a childhood accident with a cap gun left him without vision in one eye—and a glass replacement—ending his aspirations for a regular military career.



P.A., left, and his father, A.P., right, boating with two others, unidentified, at the family's summer residence at Crystal Lake in Michigan.



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A.P. Brink, before the mustache, was about 40 when this photo was taken somewhere around 1894. He stood 5-foot-8. Fifteen years after this portrait was taken, records show he weighed a portly 175 pounds.



In 1900, A.P.'s residence stood at the corner of Sheridan Road and Melrose Street in Chicago, an area off Lake Michigan occupied today by high-rise apartments.



A.P.'s wife, the former Nina Maria Meader (1857-1948), wearing formal garb popular in the Chicago society of the 1890s, was distantly related to U.S. President Teddy Roosevelt. Her mother, Sarah Ann Ruger, was Roosevelt's second cousin once-removed.