

## **Helen Sousa Abert** **(1887 – 14 Oct 1975)**

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**Abert, Helen Sousa.** On Tuesday, October 14, 1975, Helen Sousa Abert, mother of Jane Priscilla Abert, daughter of the late John Phillip and Jane Van M. Sousa. Services will be held at Christ Episcopal Church of Capital Hill, 620 G Street, s.e. on Friday, October 17, at 11:00 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

**Bierley, Paul E. John Philip Sousa: American Phenomenon, FL: Warner Bros. Publications, 2001, p. 246**  
Helen, the third and youngest of John Philip Sousa's children was born at 204 Sixth Street, S.E., Washington, D.C., on January 21, 1887. Her family moved to New York 1892, and she received her education there. She married Hamilton Abert, a New York stockbroker, in 1912, and was active in society. She authored a few magazine articles about her father and also wrote lyrics for two of his songs ("I Love Jim" and "When the Boys Come Sailing Home1") and one of his marches ("On the Campus"). After the death of her mother, she managed the family's business matters (John Philip Sousa, Incorporated). She and Mr. Abert were divorced before his death. Helen died in a Fairfield (New York) nursing home on October 14, 1975, and is buried in the John Philip Sousa plot in Congressional Cemetery.