

Herbert Campbell

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Baby Left By Mother For Adoption, Dies, Parent Sought

Given up by his mother before he was a month old, an unidentified baby boy lies dead today at 911 E street southeast, while the police are searching for the sixteen-year-old girl who brought the infant to this address to be adopted by Mrs. Clarence Campbell. The baby died at 4 o'clock this morning from a sudden illness. Mrs. Campbell called an ambulance from Casualty Hospital, but the child died before physicians arrived.

By an advertisement published in a Washington newspaper late in December the young mother sought to provide a home for the child before its birth. Mrs. Campbell answered the advertisement, and four weeks later a girl, who said she was Miss Elsie Ball, sixteen years old, brought the infant to Mrs. Campbell. She gave no address, but said her home was many miles from Washington. Nothing has been seen of the mother since that time, according to Mrs. Campbell's statement to the police today.

Coroner Nevitt was notified and issued a certificate of death from pneumonia. The police are trying to locate the mother.

"I answered an advertisement in the paper which said that a mother wanted to have her child adopted" said Mrs. Campbell. "Several weeks later a girl came to my home, with this child. She was pretty, well dressed and wore heavy wraps. She left without telling me anything about the baby's birth or giving her address. I have not heard from her since.

"Both my husband and I loved the child and we did everything we could to provide for it. To all appearances it was in good health. Last night it took sick suddenly and died about 4 o'clock this morning."

The baby had never been named, Mrs. Campbell declared, and she intended to name it after her husband. It was born January 1 of this year.