

Walter B. Campbell

(- 6 May 1928)

Campbell. Walter B., beloved son of Walter N. and Nobial Campbell. Funeral strictly private. Please do not send flowers.

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Park Being Searched For Missing Student Walter B. Campbell Mysteriously Disappears, Leaving Note Which Arouses Fear of Suicide

Rock Creek Park and vicinity are being searched today in an effort to find a trace of Walter B. Campbell, a third-year student at George Washington University, whose parents fear that he has committed suicide. The young man left his home, 1409 Newton street, Sunday, leaving a note which indicated that he had been worrying over his studies and was thinking of ending his life.

Campbell is 19 years old and wore a gray suit and no hat when he disappeared. His mother says he left no word as to where he was going. She thinks, however, that he could not have gone far, since he had no money, so far as she knows. He is described as having gray eyes and brown hair.

Fearful lest he has ended his life, his parents asked the police to aid in the search for him.

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Suicide Of G.W.U. Student Laid To Melancholy Poetry Sister Says Walter B. Campbell Was Constant Reader of Verse Body of Youth Missing for Week Found in Woods by Boy Scouts

To the constant reading of melancholy poetry was ascribed today the suicide of Walter B. Campbell, 19 years old, 1409 Newton street, a third-year student at George Washington University, whose body was found yesterday in Blagden's woods, near Eighteenth and Taylor streets, with a bullet wound in the right temple. He had been dead a week. A revolver was found nearby.

Young Campbell disappeared a week ago and his mother appealed to the police to search for him. Yesterday it was decided he might have gone into the woods, so his brother-in-law, Morris Skinker, 5330 Colorado avenue, solicited the aid of Boy Scout Troop, No. 39, of the Brightwood School, of which his son is a member, and started a systematic search.

The boys had been searching for an hour when George Kremkau, 15 years old, 1353 Otis place, a member of the troop, discovered the body. It was identified by the dead youth's brother, Nell Campbell.

After the body was removed to the morgue Coroner J. Ramsay Nevitt was notified and issued a certificate of suicide.

Mrs. Skinker said today that her brother has been reading Keats and other authors of melancholy verse and had become so engrossed in them that he had caused alarm to his family even before his disappearance. He had attended the local public schools and Central High School and had always been an ardent student, she said.

Campbell is survived by his mother and father, the latter, a Pension Office employe, and his sister and brother. Funeral arrangements were being completed today.