

## Walter Nugent Campbell

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**Campbell, Walter N.** On Saturday, March 9, 1963, Walter N. Campbell of 1613 Longfellow street n.w., father of Mrs. M.B. Skinner and Dr. Neil P. Campbell. He is also survived by 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren. Services at the S.H. Hines Co. Funeral Home, 2901 14th street n.w. on Tuesday, March 12 at 1 p.m. (parking facilities). Interment private.

*The Washington Post, March 11, 1963, p. B4*

### **Walter Campbell, 102, Musician Under Sousa**

Walter N. Campbell, 102, who played the clarinet for John Philip Sousa and thought him "too conceited," died Saturday at his home 1613 Longfellow st. n.w. after a two-weeks' illness.

Mr. Campbell came to Washington to play for Sousa after a youth spent rambling the United States as a musician. Born in Canada he later ran away from his home in North Branch, Mich., while in his teens.

By 1892, fed up with Sousa, he had ended his musical career, won a cum laude law degree from George Washington University and gone to work for the Government.

His first Government job was in the Pension Office during the administration of President Benjamin Harrison.

Later, he went to the Interior Department and ended his career there in 1930 as an associate attorney.

He was among the first to pass civil service exams taking them when Theodore Roosevelt was Civil Service Commissioner.

During his retirement he devoted his time to water color painting and to the study of languages. He studied French, German Spanish, Italian, Dutch and Russian.

Mr. Campbell leaves a son, Neil, of the home address, and daughter, Mrs. M.B. Skinker, 1615 Kennedy pl. n.w.

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### **W.N. Campbell Dies; Played in Sousa Band**

Walter N. Campbell who played in the United States Marine Band when John Philip Sousa was its conductor, died Saturday at his home after an illness of two weeks. He was 102.

He came to Washington after tours of the United States as a musician. He has maintained that Sousa was "too much of a showman" and "too conceited."

A native of Canada, Mr. Campbell spent his childhood in North Branch, Mich.

By 1892 he had ended his career as a musician. Mr. Campbell had earned a cum laude law degree at night from George Washington University and began working for the Federal Government.

He was among the first to pass Civil Service examinations taking them when Theodore Roosevelt was the Civil Service Commissioner.

Mr. Campbell's first job was in the Pension Office. He later went to the Interior Department, retiring from there in 1930 as an associate attorney.

But he had continued music as a hobby, playing the piano until an injury to his hand forced him to stop. He was also a water color

painter and linguist, studying French, German, Spanish, Italian, Dutch and Russian.

Mr. Campbell leaves a son, Dr. Neil Campbell of 1613 Longfellow street N.W., the home address, and a daughter, Mrs. M.B. Skinker of

1615 Kennedy place N.W.

Services will be at 1 p.m. tomorrow at the Hines Funeral Home, 2901 Fourteenth street N.W. Burial will be private. R 6 S 86