

## George Alpha Howe

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**Howe, George Alpha.** On Tuesday, July 14, 1959, George Alpha Howe, formerly of 112 Fourth st. se., beloved husband of the late Bella J. Howe, father of Theodore C. Howe, and Frances S. Nonnemacker, brother of Sarah W. Howe and Marle H. Spur. Funeral from Collins Funeral Home, 3821 14th st. nw., on Friday, July 17, at 8:45 a.m. Requiem mass at St. Peter's Church at 9:30 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

*The Washington Post, July 15, 1959, p. B2*

### **George A. Howe Dead In First National Guard**

George A. Howe, 91, one of the last original members of the D.C. National Guard and of one of its colorful predecessor groups, died yesterday in Prince Georges County Hospital.



**Mr. Howe**

Except for the last two years, Mr. Howe had never missed a reunion of the 76-year-old Corcoran Cadet Corps, a marching and drill society that has become part of the city's history.

As a boy of 15, he helped start the group which, he once admitted, used to "march around town at the drop of a hat." Philanthropist William W. Corcoran inspired the corps' name and donated real rifles to replace the wooden ones it used.

The corps later joined the National guard and Mr. Howe served in Artillery A, the Cavalry and the Naval Militia.

He worked for the District government nearly 52 years, beginning as a messenger for the Commissioner's office in 1881. He spent most of his government career as an inspector for the Department of Weights, Measures and Markets.

A longtime member of St. Peter's Catholic parish, Mr. Howe was a 4th degree members of the Knights of Columbus. He also belonged to the Sons of the Union, the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Oldest Inhabitants Association.

Survivors are a son, Theodore, of College Park, and a daughter, Frances Nonnebacker, of Washington.

A requiem high mass will be offered at 9:30 Friday at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 2d and C sts. Se., with burial in Congressional Cemetery.

*The Evening Star, July `4, 1949, p. B6*

### **George Howe, 91, Dies; In Original D.C. Guards**

George A. Howe, 91, one of the original members of the District National Guard, died yesterday in Prince Georges County Hospital.

Mr. Howe, a retired inspector of the District Department of Weights, Measures and Markets, served three years in the Guard's old artillery, three years in the cavalry and four years in its naval militia. His discharge papers are dated May 9, 1890.

Mr. Howe had attended every reunion of the Corcoran Cadet Corps since it was started 76 years ago, up to two year ago. His work with the District began when he was 13, a messenger in the office of the District Commissioners. Two years later, he helped begin the marching group that was later sponsored by the late William W. Corcoran of the District. The corps then joined the National Guard.

In his more than 51 years' service with the District, Mr. Howe also worked as an inspector with the Health Department. He attended St. Peter's Church and held memberships with the Knights of Columbus, Sons of the Union, Sons of the American Revolution and the Oldest Inhabitants Association. He lived at 112 Fourth street S.E.

Mr. Howe leaves a son, Theodore, of 7328 Baylor avenue, College Park; a daughter, Mrs. Frances Nonnemacker, of 617 Underwood street N.W.; two sisters, Miss Sara W. Howe, of Hyattsville, and Mrs. Frank Spurr, of Montrose road, Rockville; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A high requiem mass will be said at 9:30 a.m. Friday in St. Peter's Church at Second and C streets S.E. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.