

Charles W. Kruger

(- 18 Nov 1902)

Kruger. On Tuesday, November 18, 1902 at 2:15 a.m. at his residence, 1108 I street southeast, Charles William Kruger, aged 39 years and 8 months. Funeral Thursday November 20 at 2 o'clock p.m. Friends and relatives invited to attend (Philadelphia and New York papers please copy).

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Death of Charles W. Kruger

Member of Marine Band and for a Time With Sousa

At a few minutes past 2 o'clock Tuesday morning, November 18, Charles W. Kruger, one of the best known members of the Marine Band, died of hemorrhage of the lungs resulting from diabetes. Born in Hamburg, Germany, he came to this country when a mere child. In March of the year 1880 he was enlisted as an apprentice in the band of the United States Marine Corps, remaining with it until 1893 when he followed the fortunes of John Philip Sousa and joined the new organization under Mr. Sousa's leadership.

While with the Sousa Band Mr. Kruger, as librarian and saxophone soloist, made many friends throughout the country and proved to be a most efficient member of that famous organization. In 1899 he returned to this city and again enlisted in the Marine Band. For several months his health had been very poor, and during the last stages of the disease he was unable to leave his room, and, for the most part, was confined to his bed. It was characteristic of his bright courage and indomitable will that at no time did he fail to maintain a cheerful disposition and brave front.

A musician of more than ordinary talents, and a man of excellent personal qualities his loss will be felt among those of the profession to which he belonged and by all who knew him.

Mr. Kruger leaves a wife and four children together with an only brother, Louis M. Kruger, also a member of the Marine Band.

The funeral will take place at Congressional cemetery tomorrow at 2 o'clock p.m., with full military honors.