

Antonio Augustus Sousa

(25 Mar 1868 – 8 May 1918)

Sousa. On Wednesday, May 8, 1918 at Rocky Ford, Colorado, Antonio Sousa. Funeral Tuesday, May 14 at 2:30 p.m. from Zurhorst's funeral parlor, 301 East Capitol street.

Paul E. Bierley, **John Philip Sousa, American Phenomenon**, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1973, p. 244

Tony, the ninth child, was born on March 25, 1868, in Washington, and is also listed in various references as Anthony and Antony. He was active in several fields. At one time he was a letter carrier and post office clerk. A talented writer, he contributed to the sports columns of Washington papers, wrote verse, and collaborated with Edward Lewelly on an opera. He was an avid sportsman and was particularly fond of wrestling, baseball, and cricket. While working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, he contracted tuberculosis and was sent to Colorado to recuperate. But on May 8, 1918, he died there, at Rocky Ford. His body was returned to Washington for burial in the Antonio Sousa plot in Congressional Cemetery.