

John Bryant Torbert

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Torbert, John Bryant. On Sunday, December 1, 1929, at his residence, 3415 Ashley Terrace, Cleveland Park, John Bryant Torbert. Funeral from the above residence on Tuesday, December 3 at 2 p.m. Interment private.

Torbert, John B. Sons of the Revolution. It is with sincere regret that I have to announce to the members of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution in the District of Columbia the demise of our fellow member, John B. Torbert, at his residence in the city of Washington. Funeral services will be held at his late residence, 3415 Ashley Terrace, Tuesday, December 3. Members of the society are invited to attend.

James B. Beck, President.

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Scientist Dies

J.B. Torbert Dies At Residence Here

Scientist Connected With Geological Survey Was Expert on Maps

John Bryant Torbert, 62 years old, for many years engaged in scientific work with the United States Geological Survey and an expert on maps, died at his home, 3415 Ashley terrace, Cleveland Park, yesterday, after an illness of three months.

Mr. Torbert was active here in scientific and patriotic organizations. He was a member of the National Geographic Society, the Geological Society and the Anthropological Society of Washington and in both the Sons of the Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution.

Honored at Exposition

He was actively identified with the eighth international geographical congress in this city in 1904. He was historical cartographer for the Jamestown exposition in 1907. He won a diploma of highest excellence at the Turin exposition in 1911.

During the World War, Mr. Torbert was a member of the District of Columbia Liberty loan committee and served as food administrator for the Cleveland Park section here from 1917 to 1919.

A native of this city, Mr. Torbert was graduated from Central High School, and later was graduated in law from the old Columbian College, now George Washington University.

Funeral Tomorrow

He was married in 1890 to Miss Florence Kalbfus, daughter of Thomas B. Kalbfus, former publisher of the Washington Herald.

He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Miss Florence Torbert and Mrs. Edward H. Mertz of this city.

Funeral services will be conducted at the residence tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. D.H.H.D. Sterrett, rector of All Souls' Memorial Episcopal Church, will officiate. Interment will be private.

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Funeral Services Held For John B. Torbert

Scientist Connected With Geological Survey Died at His Home Here Sunday

Funeral services for John Bryant Torbert, 62 years old, map expert and scientific worker with the United States Geological Survey, who died Sunday at his home, 3415 Ashley Terrace, Cleveland Park, were held at the residence at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. H.H.D. Sterrett, rector of All Souls' Memorial Episcopal Church, officiated. Burial was private.

Mr. Torbert's affiliations with scientific and patriotic organizations included membership in the National Geographic Society, the Geological and Anthropological Society of Washington, the Sons of the Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Florence K. Torbert, and two daughters, Miss Florence Torbert and Mrs. Edward H. Mertz of this city.

McMahan, Virgil E. *The Artists of Washington, DC, 1796-1996*. The Artists of Washington, Washington, DC, 1995.

TORBERT, JOHN BRYANT

Cartographer, draftsman and illustrator born in DC in 1867, and a graduate of Columbia (now George Washington) University. He was an employee of the U.S. Geological Society, the U.S. Post Office Department and the Smithsonian Institution's Bureau of American Ethnology, illustrating scientific works for the latter. He also served as historical cartographer for the Jamestown Exposition of 1907 and received an award at the Turin Exposition of 1911. REFS: CDDB; WCD (1892, 1920); WWNC (1929-30).