

Alexander Robert Varela

(1880 – 15 Aug 1933)

Varela, Alexander R. On Tuesday, August 15, 1933, at his residence, 551 Connecticut ave. n.w., Alexander R., beloved husband of Mary M. Varela (nee Reh) and father of Mrs. James H. Pugh, Mrs. Vida Varela Dent and Robert Varela. Funeral from Christ Church, 622 G st. s.e. on Friday, August 18, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

The Evening Star, August 16, 1933, p. A9

Nephew of Sousa Dies At Home Here

A.R. Varela, Insurance Representative, Spent Most of His Life in Capital

Alexander Robert Varela, 52, Washington representative of the Travelers Insurance Co., and nephew of John Philip Sousa, died yesterday at his home, 5519 Connecticut avenue. Though born in San Jose, Calif., he spent most of his life in this city.

Mr. Varela started his career here in the banking business with the old Traders National Bank and retired a few years ago as assistant cashier of the Commercial National Bank, after 25 years of service. Since that time Mr. Varela had represented the insurance company.

He was a member of Christ Church, the Board of Trade, Chevy Chase Citizens' Association, charter member of the local chapter of the American Institute of Banking, Lafayette Chapter, R.A.M.; Albert Pike Consistory, M.R.S., No. 1, and Almas Temple of the Shrine.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mary Reh Varela, and his mother, Mrs. Catherine M. Varela; three children, Mrs. James H. Pugh, Mrs. Vida Varela Dent, his son Robert Varela and his brothers, Edmund and Osmund Varela.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

The Washington Post, August 17, 1933, p. 10

Varela Funeral Will Be Held at Christ Church

Nephew of Sousa, Former Bank Official, Was Prominent Mason

Funeral services for Alexander Robert Varela, nephew of the late John Philip Sousa, will be held at Christ Church, Sixth and G streets southeast at 10 a.m. tomorrow. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery. Mr. Varela died Tuesday at his residence, 5519 Connecticut avenue northwest. He was 52 years old.

Mr. Varela retired from the banking business a few years ago, resigning as assistant cashier of the Commercial National Bank after more than 25 years' service. Since then he has been a representative in Washington of the Travelers Insurance Co.

Born in San Jose, Calif., he lived nearly all his life in Washington, being first employed in the old Traders National Bank. He was a member of the Board of Trade, the Chevy Chase Citizens Association and a charter member of the American Institute of Banking. He attended Christ Church. He belonged to the Washington Centennial Lodge, No. 14, Lafayette Chapter, R.A.M.; Albert Pike Consistory, M.R.S., No. 1, and Almas Temple of the Shrine.

Surviving are his widow, Mary Reh Varela; his mother, Mrs. Catherine M. Varela; three children, Mrs. James H. Pugh, Mrs. Vida Varela Dent, and Robert Varela, and two brothers, Edmund A. and Osmund L. Varela, all of this city.