

Mannix Walker

(- 25 Jun 1957)

Walker, Mannix. Of 3107 N st. n.w., on June 28, 1957, nephew of Admiral D. Pratt Mannix and cousin of Miss Ella Stevens. Remains at Chambers' Funeral Home, 3072 M st. n.w., until Tuesday, July 2 at 1:45 p.m. Services at Christ Episcopal Church, 31st and O sts. n.w., at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

The Evening Star, June 29, 1957, p. B12

Mannix Walker Dies; Taught Career Officials



MANNIX WALKER

Mannix Walker, 52, a fifth generation Washingtonian who conducted the Walker School of Foreign Service in Georgetown, died yesterday at Emergency Hospital. Mr. Walker was taken to the hospital yesterday after suffering injuries in a fall down stairs Thursday night at his home at 3107 N street N.W.

A graduate of Harvard, where he completed his course in three years, Mr. Walker was a foreign service officer before organizing his school around 1935. He prepared many successful foreign service officers for their careers, including Philip W. Bonsal, now Ambassador to Bolivia.

Mr. Walker kept in close touch with his graduates, and maintained a worldwide correspondence. He taught all of the many courses demanded by the State Department as preparation for its vigorous examination, and had a high record of the number of students passed by the department.

In addition, Mr. Walker wrote five light, humorous novels. The most successful was "The Lonely Carrot," which was chosen by the book club in 1948. He was also the author of "Everything Rustles," and "Count on Two Days."

At the time of his death, Mr. Walker was collaborating on a book about the foreign service with Ralph Miller, a retired foreign

service officer.

Mr. Walker was the son of Ernest G. Walker, a well-known newspaperman and political writer, who was a Washington correspondent for the Boston Herald and news editor and a political writer for the Washington Post. He died in 1944. His mother, Romaine Mannix Walker, who died last January, was a leader in social circles here.

There are no immediate survivors. A cousin, Miss Ella Stevens, lives at 1921 Kalorama road N.W. Funeral arrangements are not yet completed.

The Washington Post, June 30, 1957, p. B2

Mannix Walker Dies; Diplomats' Teacher

Mannix Walker, 52, a fifth-generation Washingtonian who for 25 years conducted a school for would-be diplomats, died Thursday of a heart ailment in Emergency Hospital.

He often called his Walker School of Foreign Service in Georgetown a cram school and was proud that nearly two-thirds of his 30-student classes passed the rigorous State Department foreign service exams.

Mr. Walker maintained a world-wide correspondence with many of his successful students, including Phillip W. Bonsal, now Ambassador to Bolivia.

A 1927 graduate of Harvard, where he completed his studies in three years, he was a reporter on The Washington Post and a foreign service officer until 1932, when he resigned to handle his father's real estate interests.

His father, Ernest George Walker, former Sunday editor and political writer for The Washington Post, died in 1935. His mother, Romaine Mannix Walker, a Georgetown society leader, died last January.

In 1932 Mr. Walker opened his foreign service school in his home and taught international law, economics, political and commercial geography, international trade, European, Latin American, Far Eastern and American history – all after 1770.

"I don't know a thing before 1770," he once commented.

His whimsical style was a trademark of his class lectures: Massacre he pronounced massakree; most historic persons were "old and tired and their feet hurt"; and made Czar Paul of Russia was "crazy as a skubjub."

Mr. Walker was also the author of five humorous novels – "The Lonely Carrot," "Everything Rustles," "Count on Two Days," "Thinly Veiled," and "Magnolia Widow."

At the time of his death, he was collaborating on a foreign service book with Ralph Miller, a retired foreign service officer.

During World War II, when his school was temporarily closed because the State Department was not admitting foreign service officers, Mr. Walker was a South American expert at the Commerce Department.

A bachelor, he lived at 3107 N st. nw. His survivors are a cousin, Ella Stevens, 1921 Kalorama rd. nw.; an uncle, Adm. D. Pratt Mannix USN (ret.) of Geneva, Switzerland, and another cousin, Daniel P. Mannix IV of Malvern, Pa.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Christ Episcopal Church, 31st and O sts. nw. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.