

## Charles Mercer Clear

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**Clear.** On Friday, April 14, 1922, at Groton, Mass., Charles Mercer, son of the late Robert L. and Rose A. Clear. Funeral from W.R. Speare Co.'s funeral parlors, on Monday, April 17, at 10 a.m.

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### **Former Capital Man, Noted In Music, Dead**

#### **Charles Mercer Clear Educated in Public Schools Here and Saw Service in War**



CHARLES MERCER CLEAR.

Charles Mercer Clear, well known in music and dramatic circles both in this country and abroad, died at Groton, Mass., Friday from disease contracted in Europe while rendering service in connection with the American forces. Funeral services were held this morning at W.R. Speare's undertaking parlors and burial was in Congressional cemetery.

Mr. Clear was born in Washington in November, 1881, educated in the public schools here and was very active in the classes of 1898 to 1901 of Central High School. He was acquainted with many Washingtonians who were his schoolmates and associates.

He later became identified with musical and dramatic activities in New York and London and has composed a number of successful musical scores.

Mr. Clear went to Europe early in the war and directed one of the entertainment divisions for the American forces in the defensive area. He returned to the United States after the armistice, but later, at the request of the international committee of the Y.M.C.A., returned to France and Germany for the purpose of organizing an entertainment division for the army of occupation. He remained with the American forces at Coblenz until January of this year, when, after a short stay in Italy, he returned to his home on account of failing health.

He continued to grow weaker and later went to Groton, Mass., in the hope that the change would benefit him.

Mr. Clear is survived by one sister, Miss J.H. Clear of New York; a brother, Thomas L. Clear, treasurer of the United States Shipping Board, and many other relatives.