

John Ure Perkins

(1875 – 14 Jan 1968)

Perkins, John Ure. Of 2115 Pennsylvania ave. nw. On January 14, 1968. Brother of Charles F. Perkins. Services at Chambers Funeral Home, 517 11th st. se. on Tuesday, January 16 at 1:30 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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John U. Perkins, 92; Served Smithsonian

John U. Perkins, 92, a Washington native who worked at the Smithsonian Institution as messenger and clerk for 47 years, died yesterday of arteriosclerosis at the Embassy Rest Home, 3324 18th st. nw. He lived at 1230 13th st. nw.

Mr. Perkins graduated from the old Central High School, and started at the Smithsonian as a messenger.

He is survived by a brother, Charles F. Perkins, of Washington.

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John Perkins, 92, Clerk 47 Years At Smithsonian

Services were held here yesterday for John Ire Perkins, 92, a clerk with the Smithsonian Institution for 47 years, who died of arteriosclerosis Monday at the Embassy Rest Home, 2324 18th St. N.W.

Mr. Perkins went to work for the Smithsonian on graduation from the old Central High School. He was a native of Washington.

He leaves a brother, Charles F., of 1511 Franklin St. NE.

Burial was in the Congressional Cemetery.

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

PERKINS, JOHN URE

Painter born in Washington, DC, in 1875. He studied locally with R.N. Brooke, as well as with William M. Chase and Charles Hawthorne. His works were primarily oil land and seascapes, which he exhibited with the Society of Washington Artists (1910-1932), the Landscape Club of Washington, the Washington Water Color Club and the Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers Society of Washington, serving as an officer of the latter organization. He also exhibited at the Maryland Institute in Baltimore and at the Greater Washington Independent Exhibition in 1935. He was an employee of the Smithsonian Institution for 47 years, retiring in 1945. He spent his later years in a local nursing home,, where he died in 1968. He is represented in the collection of the Corcoran Gallery of Art, but most of his works are in private collections. REFS: GWIE; MPSGSW; NMAA 1; SIMMONS 2; SWA (1910-1932); WCD (1905).