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His Works Were in the White House
John Clarke, Noted Sculptor Dies

EAST GLACIER — John L. Clarke, sculptor, died Friday after a long illness, the spending most of his life carving sculptures of the mountains to the haunting sounds of a grizzly lodge. He could neither hear nor speak.

His eloquence flowed from his hands to the wood and stone with which he worked. His models, hewn and clipped from the materials of his native state, numbered in the thousands. They graced the museum of the backsliders in New York and Warren Harding's White House.

He was born in Highwood in 1881 of an Indian mother and an Indian-father. His grandfather graduated from West Point with Gen. William Sherman.

At the age of two years, he was stricken with scarlet fever, an illness that left him deaf, he never learned to talk. In 1904 he was stricken with the influenza epidemic, had a second illness that left him deaf, he never learned to talk. In 1904 he was stricken with the influenza epidemic, had a second illness that left him deaf, he never learned to talk.

His parents and him to attend first at Boulder and later in Devil's Lake, N.D. and Miles. In his teens he moved to East Glacier, where he lived the rest of his life. He died Friday in a Cat Bank hospital.

Surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Joyce Turvey, Merced, Calif. Services will be held Sunday in the East Glacier Community Hall, with burial to follow in Clark Cemetery.

JOHN L. CLARKE