

A MUSICAL LEGACY

Shabby old man leaves collection worth millions

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WALTER N. H. Harding was a shabbily dressed old man who wandered around his West Side neighborhood, often sitting alone on a bench in Columbus Park.

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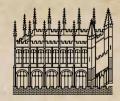
patched security guards from his job redund the Kane Service to watch the worked as a chur-

THE NEW YORK TIMES, JAIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1973

Organist Dies at 90 in Home Filled With Rare Sheet Music

CHICAGO, Dec. 13 (UPI)—A from England at the age of 4 former ragtime piano player and had a "lifelong attachment and movie-house organist of the to Britain, acquaintances said,

of a 90-year-old retired musi- 1650 to 1850 and is primarily de- were as casual as his house- acquired rigular materials lat cian who bought rare books voted to music. "for pennies" was found Thurs- Dr. Donald W. Krummel, pro- who knew him



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