

Alexander Hamilton Bell (Sr.) (18 Feb 1867 - 21 Feb 1939)

Bell, Alexander H. On Tuesday, February 21, 1939 at Sibley Memorial Hospital, Alexander H. Bell, beloved husband of Susie Purcell Bell. Remains at his late residence 3400 Garfield street n.w. Funeral services at St. Alban's Church, Wisconsin and Massachusetts avenue n.w. on Thursday, February 23 at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

The Evening Star, February 21, 1939, p. A2

Alexander H. Bell, Lawyer, Dies at 72

Alexander H. Bell, 72, of 3400 Garfield street N.W., for more than 50 years a practicing lawyer here, died today in Sibley Hospital after a long illness.

Although ailing for some time, Mr. Bell had continued in active law practice and had made trips to his office until recently.

Graduated from the old Columbia University now George Washington University, in 1888, Mr. Bell had practiced law here since. He had told, proudly, how as an office boy, clerk and lawyer, respectively, he had been around the courts of the District for considerably over 50 years.

He was a member of the District and American Bar Associations, the Maryland Historical Society and the Washington Lodge of Elks. Although a native of Detroit he had lived in the District since he was a young boy.

Because of his wife's descent from some of the first families to settle in Southern Maryland, Mr. Bell became interested in genealogy. A publication by him, "A Daughter of Maryland Was the Mother of Texas," was featured at the Texas Centennial Exposition. Recently he had almost completed a book which was to have been entitled "Reminiscences of the Bench and Bar From Fifty Years Ago."

Surviving are his widow, Susie Purcell Bell; a son, Alexander H. Bell, jr., a special assistant to the Attorney General, and a grandson, Alexander H. Bell, 3d.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. Alban's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Dr. Charles T. Warner, rector, a longtime friend of Mr. Bell, will officiate. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

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Alexander H. Bell Funeral Rites Held

Funeral services for Alexander H. Bell, 72, of 3400 Garfield street N.W., for many years a practicing lawyer here, who died Tuesday in Sibley Hospital, were held today in St. Alban's Episcopal Church. The Rev. Dr. Charles T. Warner, rector, a long-time friend of Mr. Bell, officiated. Burial was in Congressional Cemetery.

Officers and directors of the Bar Association and the funeral were Sefton Darr, president; James C. Wilkes, Bernard G. Ostmann, Wilbur L. Gray, Francis W. Hill, jr.; John J. Carmody, Robert L. Cogswell, David A. Hart, Charles V. Imlay, E. Barrett Prettyman and Joseph T. Sherier.

Mr. Bell had practiced law here since graduating in 1888 from the old Columbian University, now George Washington University. He was a member of the District and American Bar Associations, the Maryland Historical Society and the Washington Lodge of Elks.

The Washington Post, February 22, 1939, p. 6

Alexander H. Bell Funeral Today; Veteran Lawyer

Services for Alexander H. Bell, 72, former president of the District Bar Association, who died yesterday, will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. at St. Alban's Church, with the Rev. Charles T. Warner officiating. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Bell is survived by his wife, Mrs. Susie Purcell Bell, a son, Alexander H. Bell, jr., and a grandson, Alexander H. Bell 3d.

Who's Who, 193?

Lawyer. Born Detroit, Michigan. Son of Samuel H. and Sada N. Bell. Educated Detroit and DC Public Schools, Columbian (Now Geo. Washington University) Law School. Married Susie Purcell. One son, Alexander H. Jr. and one grandson, Alexander H., 3rd. Admitted to bar, June 24, 1889. Member American Bar Association, DC Bar Association, President 1911; Lawyers' Club, Vice President 1911; Maryland Historical Society, National Genealogical Society. Was Chief Burgess, Harleton, PA, 3 years. Office Investment Building. Home 3400 Garfield Street.