

George St. Clair Maxwell

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Maxwell, Dr. George S., M.D. On Thursday, February 2, 1933, at his residence, 61 Rhode Island ave. n.e., Dr. George S. Maxwell, M.D., beloved husband of Ella Cecil Maxwell and father of Jay Robert, George S. and Wilor M. Maxwell. Funeral from the W.W. Chambers Co. funeral home, 1400 Chapin st. n.w., on Saturday, February 4, at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.

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Dr. Maxwell Dies, Noted Inventor

Perfects Bombing Range Finder for Planes and Other Devices

Dr. George St. Clair Maxwell, inventor of a bombing range finder for airplanes and perfecter of automatic machinery for loading shells and other arsenal equipment, died yesterday at his residence, the Highway Apartments, 61 Rhode Island avenue northeast, following a long illness.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m., at W.W. Chambers' funeral home. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

A native of Louisville, where his father was a prominent physician, Dr. Maxwell followed his father's wishes and studied medicine, practicing in the Kentucky city for about eight years. Later he abandoned that profession for the study of electrical engineering, and after graduating from Massachusetts Institute of Technology was employed by the Bell Telephone Co. as a testing engineer.

He entered business for himself afterward, and became connected with a company engaged in the manufacture of special automatic machinery, much of which was designed by him.

He came to Washington about 20 years ago, and had been in the engineering profession here until the World War.

To his credit are listed some 30 devices used in the development of the automobile, and in all more than 100 of his inventions have been patented. During the war he was in the Ordnance Bureau, War department, and it was there that he developed the war machines for which he is known, including, besides the range finder and shell loading machine, the Maxwell Chemical Warfare Motar, which has replaced the Stokes Mortar as standard Army equipment.

Dr. Maxwell is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ella Cecil Maxwell, and three sons and a daughter.