

William Worthington Russell

(3 Dec 1859 – 11 Mar 1944)

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Minister W.W. Russell, who is now on his way to Venezuela to succeed Mr. Herbert W. Bowen as the envoy of the United States to that country, is accompanied by his bride, to whom he was married shortly before leaving Bogota, Columbia, to which country he was formerly accredited. Mr. Russell was formerly charge d'affaires at Venezuela and at Panama, and from the latter place was promoted to the ministership at Bogota. Here he met the lady who is now his wife. She is the daughter of the president of the English railroad which runs from Cartgena to Bogota, and is a vivacious and handsome English girl.

Russell. On Saturday, March 11, 1944, at his home, 2900 Conn. ave. n.w., William Worthington Russell, beloved husband of Grace C. Russell. Remains resting at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase funeral home of Wm. Reuben Pumphrey. Funeral services at St. Alban's Church, Wednesday, March 15, at 2 p.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

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W.W. Russell Dies; Retired Diplomat

William Worthington Russell, 84, retired diplomat and native of Washington, died Saturday night at his home, 2900 Connecticut avenue N.W.

Born December 3, 1859, Mr. Russell was the son of the late Maj. W.W. Russell, once paymaster of the Marine Corps, and Virginia Fletcher Russell of Alexandria, Va.

He attended the old Rockville (Md.) Academy and the Naval Academy, graduating in 1881. Later he studied engineering and was in the railroad business before entering the diplomatic service.

In 1895 he was appointed secretary of the American legation at Caracas, Venezuela, service until 1904. Mr. Russell was then appointed secretary of the legation and charge d'affaires ad interim at Panama. The same year he was appointed, Minister to Columbia, later serving in the same capacity in Venezuela, the Dominican Republic and Siam, now Thailand.

Decorated by the French government with the Legion of Honor in 1907 for handling French interests in Venezuela, Mr. Russell also was honored by the Venezuelan government. He retired in 1927.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Grace C. Russell; two sons, Lt. William W. Russell, III, and Kidstone C. Russell, both in the Army, and a daughter, Virginia A. Russell.

Funeral arrangements are being made by the William Reuben Pumphrey funeral home, 7557 Wisconsin avenue, Bethesda, Md.