

# Guide to the Russell Process Company Records

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1213

**CREATOR:** Russell Process Company

**TITLE:** Russell Process company records

**DATES:** 1881-1901

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.75 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, legal and financial records of the Russell Process Company, a New York based company in the business of licensing patents for metallurgy, especially for extracting metals from ore. Many of the papers originated in the office of the secretary-treasurer, Talcott H. Russell, attorney in New Haven.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Dr. T.H. Russell, 1966.

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## Biographical / Historical

TALCOTT HUNTINGTON RUSSELL, B.A. 1869 Born March 14, 1847, in New Haven, Conn.; Died October 19, 1917, in Westport, Conn. Talcott Huntington Russell was born in New Haven, Conn., March 14, 1847. He was the son of General William Huntington Russell and Mary Elizabeth (Hubbard) Russell. His father, a graduate of the College in 1833 and of the School of Medicine in 1838, was the founder of the well-known Collegiate and Commercial Institute in New Haven. He was the son of Matthew Talcott Russell (B.A. 1779) and Mary (Huntington) Russell and a grandson of Rev. Enoch Huntington (B.A. 1759), who was for twenty-eight years a Fellow of Yale College, from 1788 to 1793 being secretary of the Corporation. Noadiah Russell, one of the founders of the College, was an ancestor. Mrs. Russell was the daughter of Thomas Hubbard (Honorary M.D. 1818), at one time professor of surgery at Yale.

He received his preparatory training at his father's school and at the Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass. After graduation from Yale he studied for one year in the Yale School of Law, and then entered the Columbia Law School, from which he received the degree of LL.B. in 1872. He was admitted to the bar of Connecticut in that year, and afterwards practiced in New Haven, retiring in 1914. He was at one time a member of the New Haven Board of Councilmen, being for one year its president. In 1878 he was appointed receiver of the American Mutual Life Insurance Company. In 1884 he became secretary of the Independent Republican Organization. From 1892 until 1900 he was instructor on municipal corporations in the Yale School of Law. He was for a number of years treasurer of the Conference on Uniform State Laws, of which body he was one of the first members, and chairman of the Committee on Commercial Law. In 1911 he was retained by the legislative committee on a system of compensation for industrial injuries, to prepare a draft of a bill which formed the framework of much of the legislation finally adopted. He was named as first member of the commission created to investigate the general subject of state insurance for workmen. In 1913, when Connecticut adopted the workmen's compensation system, he was made chairman of the board and commissioner for the third Congressional district. On account of ill health, he was forced to resign after a year and a half of service.

Mr. Russell died in Westport, Conn., October 19, 1917, after an illness of four years. Interment was in the Grove Street Cemetery in New Haven.

He was married December 10, 1889, in New Haven, to Geraldine Whittemore, daughter of Captain William W. Low, U. S. N. and Evelina (Peck) Low. She survives him with their two sons, Philip Gray Russell (B.A. 1913) and William Low Russell, a member of the Class of 1920. He was a brother of Thomas Hubbard Russell, '72S., Philip Gray Russell, '76, and Edward Hubbard Russell, '78S. From the *Yale University Obituary Record*.

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EDWARD HUBBARD RUSSELL, PH.B. 1878

Born December 27, 1855, in New Haven, Conn. Died November 21, 1928, in New Haven, Conn.

Father, William Huntington Russell (B.A. 1833, M.D. 1838); founder and head of General Russell's Collegiate and Commercial Institute in New Haven; Major General of Connecticut Militia Russell Process Company Records (MS 1213) - 2 1862-1870; son of Matthew Talcott Russell (B.A. 1779), tutor at Yale, and Mary (Huntington) Russell; grandson of Moadiah Russell (B.A. 1750) and of Enoch Huntington (B.A. 1709); great-great-grandson of Noadiah Russell, one of the founders of Yale; descendent of William Russell, who came from Hertfordshire, England, and settled in New Haven in 1638 or 1639. Mother, Mary Elizabeth (Hubbard) Russell; daughter of Thomas Hubbard (honorary M.D. 1818), professor of surgery and obstetrics in Yale School of Medicine, and Elizabeth (Gray) Hubbard, and sister of Thomas G. Hubbard (B.A. 1822); descendant of John Hubbard, who came from England to Boston in 1670 and in 1686 was a settler and founder of Pomfret, Conn. Relatives include: James Pierpont, one of the founders of Yale (great-great-great-grandfather); Daniel Russell (B.A. 1724) (great-great-great-uncle); William Russell (B.A. 1745), Nathaniel Huntington (B.A. 1747); and Joseph Huntington (B.A. 1762) (great-great-uncles); Enoch Huntington (B.A. 1785), Joseph Russell (B.A. 1793), and Samuel G. Huntington (B.A. 1800) (great-uncles); and Samuel Huntington (B.A. 1743), Giles Russell (B.A. 1751), Eliphalet Huntington (B.A. 1759), Nathaniel Huntington (B.A. 1772), William A. Russell (B.A. 1776), Samuel Huntington (honorary M.A. 1779), signer of the Declaration of Independence, Samuel Huntington (B.A. 1785), and Enoch Huntington (B.A. 1821) (cousins). General Russell's Collegiate and Commercial Institute. Entered Yale with College Class of 1878 and became a member of Kappa Sigma Epsilon; joined Class of 1878 S. the next year; dynamic engineering course; member Sigma Delta Chi.

Did graduate work in metallurgy in Sheffield Scientific School 1878-1879; was then a mining engineer in the West for between fifteen and twenty years; connected with Ontario Mining Company in Park City, Utah, for a time and with other similar concerns in the United States and Mexico; during this period developed several patents (granted in 1880, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, and 1889) for separating metals from ores and metallurgical products, for leaching ores, for purifying hyposulphites, and for purifying soda ash; in 1895 gave up mining and lived abroad until May, 1928, when he returned to New Haven; spent most of the time in London and devoted himself to the study of sociology and work among the poorer classes; member Center Church (Congregational), New Haven. Unmarried.

Death, due to arteriosclerosis, occurred at the Parkhurst Sanitarium, New Haven. Bured in Grove Street Cemetery, New Haven. Survived by five nephews: Dr. Thomas H. Russell, '06 S., William Huntington Russell, '12, Philip G. Russell, '13, Edward S. Russell, ex- '16 S., and William L. Russell, '20. He was a brother of the later Talcott H. Russell, '69, Dr. Thomas H. Russell, '72 S.,

Philip G. Russell, '76, and Robert G. Russell, ex -'84.

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## Scope and Contents

The Russell Process Company was in the business of licensing patents for metallurgy, especially for extracting metals from ore. Its office was in New York City, but much of the business was done out of the office of the secretary-treasurer, Talcott H. Russell, attorney of New Haven, Connecticut (1847-1917; Y. 1869). His brother Edward H. Russell (1855-1928; Y. 1878 S.) was general manager. C.A. Stetefeldt was president.

The collection consists of correspondence and legal and financial papers, all related to the company. The papers have been arranged in one chronological series.

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b. 1, f. 1 - 12      1881, 1884-1888 Sep

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b. 2, f. 13 - 25      1888 Oct-1891 Jun

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b. 3, f. 26 - 37      1891 Jul-1893

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b. 4, f. 38 - 52      1894-1901, n.d.

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Business  
Businessmen  
Metallurgy  
Mines and mineral resources  
Ore-dressing

### **Genres / Formats**

Patents

### **Names**

Russell, Talcott Huntington, 1847-1917

### **Corporate Body**

Russell Process Company