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Bell Family Collection

Size: 8 boxes, 1 parcel

Contents: Photographs, correspondence, diaries, journals, newspaper cuttings, personal papers relating to the Bell Family and Jimbour House and its occupants

Date range: c1865 to 2001

Notes: Open access
Extra information about photographs supplied by Margaret McArthur-Ouslow.

Box 1
Letters from Margaret Bell (Lady Bell) to her son Colin Bell (Collie) at Jimbour

Box 2
Materials on Jimbour (loose in box)
- Jimbour Silver, 3 May 1912 [expense journal]
- Diary of William Alexander Dorsey Bell [born June 3, 1865]
- Correspondence [Bell], in Memoriam, installation of officers, death notices from 1879 to 1922
- Dr Bradfield’s scheme for watering inland Queensland [reprint from Longreach Leader, 31 Dec 1938]

Box 3
Folder 1
Bell memorial fund and fate of the Bell library

Folder 2
Letters to Mr Colin Bell, 1894 to 1933

Folder 3
Newspaper cuttings on other members of the Bell family

Folder 4
Bell: Letters to and from various members of the Bell family (except Colin)
Folder 5
Correspondence, funeral notices, handbills, etc

Folder 6
Funeral and obituary notices of Joshua T Bell

Folder 7
‘The History of Jimbour and its occupants’ by Sybil Bell

Folder 8
Jimbour House

Box 4
Photographs
The tour of His Excellency the Governor through Northern & Western Queensland 1908
‘To Colin Bell eldest son of J P Bell from Ralph Verney A D C to Governor’ [photographs listed from back to front]

1. Colin Bell and Fogarty bringing the horses out
2. Native Trackers
3. Native Trackers
4. Putting in the horses
5. Starting for the days journey
6. The luggage buggy on the road
7. On the road
8. Harnessing up
9. The bath at Rocklands
10. The Leichhardt River
11. Coming out of the Leichhardt river [in horse drawn carriage]
12. On the road [in horse drawn carriage]
13. Packing up in the morning
14. Colin Bell; died 1934, on trip with Governor, his brother Joshua T Bell was Minister for Lands and The Speaker
15. A midday halt
16. Roughing it
17. The Australian Gum Trees
18. Our Camp
19. A midday meal
20. Colin Bell on the left, His Excellency, Inspector McGrath on the right
21. Boundary fence between Queensland and Northern Territory
22. Gate in Boundary fence between Queensland and Northern Territory
23. A Bore at Rocklands
24. Rocklands
25. Gregory Downs Hotel
26. Burketown bore
27. Burketown water supply
28. Our hotel at Burketown
29. The start from Inverleigh Station
30. Warandingo
31. Floraville Post Office
32. The luggage, Mr Mooney and Mr Smith
33. Main St, Georgetown
34. His Excellency’s Goat escort at Georgetown
35. His Excellency’s Goat Escort at Georgetown
36. Forest Home
37. An Aboriginal
38. Forest Home
39. The native cooks at Forest Home
40. Inspector Malone
41. Irvinebank
42. Constable Dick
43. A change of horses

Loose photographs also in box
1. View of Jimbour head station from scrub, 1869; In photograph William A D Bell, second son of Sir J P Bell and M M Bell
2. An evening camp (from Governor’s 1908 tour)
3. 75 [?] tonnes of wool between Burke Tower and Camooweal (from Governor’s 1908 tour)
4. Roughing it (from Governor’s 1908 tour)
5. An evening camp (from Governor’s 1908 tour)
6. The log cabin Isisford about 1884
7. With my brother in law Dr Lorrimer Dods taken at [Fenton?] Sunday 3 Feb [?]; 1928 Lorrimer Dods knighted for world child welfare) and C B Peter Bell, United Graziers president
8. [Unknown place]
10. Ayrshire Downs station, Winton, 1898
12. [Tynuna?] Homestead about 1844, McCall, McCowan (centre), [Edmund Jorvett?] 13. Joshua T Bell, eldest son of Sir Joshua Peter Bell, Minister for Lands and The Speaker, n.d.
14. Coach from Jimbour house; now in Cobb & Co Museum in Toowoomba, known as ‘The Yellow Buggy’
15. Jimbour [garden]; garden being created about 1890
16. Jimbour about 1890
17. Jimbour house about 1880
18. No caption [men in stockyards]
19. J P Bell, knighted 1881, died 1881
20. Outside Jimbour house, nd [man with horse and foal]
21. Gambetta [?], taken at Jimbour about 1886
22. Lady Bell and children taken at Lindin 1889; from left O M D Bell (Ossie), C B P Bell (Colin), Maida, W A D Bell (Willie), Lady Bell ( M M Bell) and J T Bell (Joey)
23. Mr & Mrs Colin Bell at Longreach show, nd; Mr & Mrs C B P Bell (Colin & Sibyl) at Longreach show about 1920, best four-in-hand, Westland Station horses
24. Mr & Mrs C B P Bell, at Longreach show, for best pair of buggy horses, about 1920, ‘Westland’ bred horses, ‘Lydia’ and ‘Foam’
25. Colin B P Bell, taken 4 Mar 1898 on wedding trip; married Sybil Needham of Canning Downs
26. Jimbour church and water tower, 12 metres high (first in Queensland)
27. The late Sir Josuah [sic] Peter Bell, n.d.
28. Colin B P Bell, 3rd son of Sir J P Bell, 1889
29. Joshua at the children’s picnic on his first birthday, 3 Feb 1908, Dalby
31. The passing of Joshua Thomas Bell, 11 Mar 1911
32. The passing of Joshua Thomas Bell – the laying to rest, 11 Mar 1911
33. The passing of Joshua Thomas Bell, 11 Mar 1911

Box 5
Folder 1
Photocopies of newspaper cuttings from the *Longreach Leader* and *The Queenslander* on Longreach amateur race meetings, 1925 to 1929

Folder 2
Photocopies of newspaper cuttings detailing English regatta results and Shrewsbury School jubilee, 1887 to 1933

Folder 3
Photocopies of newspaper cuttings of the Bell family and Jimbour house, 1919 to 1994

Folder 4
Photocopy of ‘A historical study for third year history major at the Kelvin Grove College of Teacher Education: the history of Jimbour and its occupants’ by Sybil Bell, 14 Nov 1973
Photocopy of a typescript of a speech made by [Colin Basil] Peter Bell at the centenary of the Jimbour School, 22 Sep 1973

Folder 5
Photocopies of newspaper cutting and flyer for the centenary celebrations at Jimbour and Warwick, nd

Folder 6
Photocopies of articles and photographs of Jimbour, 1959 to 2001
Christmas card depicting Jimbour House, nd

Folder 7
Photocopies of facsimiles of Jimbour land titles

Folder 8
Photocopies of newspaper cuttings of [Colin Basil] Peter Bell, including printed copies of speeches
Photograph of [Colin Basil] Peter Bell’s retirement dinner, 3 copies, nd
New Year card with a photo of Colin Basil Peter Bell, Apr 1976
Photograph of [Colin Basil] Peter Bell, receiving award, nd
Letter to Francis Bell Esq, regarding the estate of Colin Basil Peter Bell deceased, 29 May 1934

Folder 9
Photocopies of newspaper cuttings of Colin Basil Peter Bell (3rd son of JP Bell), Rowand Jameson and Grace Bell

Folder 10
Photocopies of newspaper cuttings of Colin [Basil Peter] Bell and Sybil Bell and their children
Documents relating to the estates of Colin and Sybil Bell
Documents relating to the lease of Race horses, 1937
Wedding photograph of Sibyl Bell (nee Needham), 12 Mar 1989
Photograph of Sybil Bell, nd
Photograph of Colin [Basil Peter] Bell, nd
Group photograph, includes Sybil and Thora, nd

Folder 11
Photocopies of information about St Paul's Church Ipswich

Folder 12
Photocopies of articles on famous Queensland stations

Folder 13
Letter from Robert Maurice Barton, to his mother, 13 Dec 1883

Folder 14
Reproductions of a sketch of JT Bell by Steele Rudd inscribed to Lady Bell

Folder 15
Copy book of Joshua Peter Bell, 20 Oct 1934

Folder 16
Correspondence and reports regarding government ownership of QANTAS, 1947
Box 6

Folder 1
6 portraits of Bell family members:
- CBP Bell, Dec 1888
- Joshua Thomas Bell, 1880
- Lady Bell, nd
- Oswald DM Bell [?], 1880
- “Warraba” [?], 1880

Folder 2
Photocopy of letter from John Alexander Bell to Joshua Peter Bell regarding the death of their sister Mary Isabella Moffat (nee Bell) in Paris, 1866

Folder 3
Newspaper cuttings of the marriage of Thora Bell (daughter of Colin Bell, granddaughter of JP Bell) to Arthur Taylor, engagement notice, death notice for Arthur Taylor.

Folder 4
Estate of MGA Bell, son of Marmaduke Bell, 1954 [These documents have sustained water and mould damage]

Folder 5a
Very frail letters, Bell family correspondence, 27 letters, 1897 to 1923

Folder 5b
[access copies of items in Folder 5a]

Folder 6
Unveiling of the Bell Memorial in Dalby, Dalby Herald, 4 Mar 1914

Folder 7
Letters to Colin Bell from men who had worked at Westland, during their World War I service, 13 letters, 1915 to 1918
Photocopies maps and newspaper cuttings related to World War I battle sites

Folder 8
Jimbour coach newspaper cutting and information from the Cobb & Co museum regarding the Jimbour coach
1 photograph, nd

Folder 9
Challacombes of Jimbour and Suttor family information. [These are reproductions of photocopies and typed letters, which received severe water damage]

Folder 10a
Correspondence to Colin Bell regarding Joey’s death, 28 letters, 1910 to 1911
Correspondence to Colin Bell regarding Joey’s death, 12 telegrams, 1911

Folder 10b
Photocopies of correspondence to Colin Bell regarding Joey’s death (Folder 10a). Please access these photocopies due to the fragility of the original documents.

Folder 11
“Peeps into Dalby’s Glorious Racing Past: 1859-1959”, booklet
Newspaper cutting on Queensland Thoroughbreds from The Queenslander, 6 Feb 1936

Folder 12
Copies of Letters Patent

Folder 13
Copies of documents and advertisements about inventions and patents of CBP Bell

Folder 14
Information about the Armstrong family, including correspondence, 2 letters, 1983 to 1983

Folder 15
Fragile newspaper cuttings related to J T Bell’s politics and career

Box 7
Folder 1
Copies of Letters provided by Anita O’Connor, John Alexanders’ great -great-granddaughter, Sligo, Ireland
Folder 2a
Fragile newspaper cuttings of C B P Bell, son of Colin Bell, 3rd son of JP Bell, grandson of JP Bell.

Folder 2b
Photocopies of newspaper cuttings of CBP Bell, son of Colin Bell, 3rd son of JP Bell, grandson of JP Bell [Folder 2a] Please access these photocopies due to the fragility of the original documents.

Folder 3
Photocopies of notes regarding the transit of Venus

Folder 4
Photograph of Mrs Thomas Bell, mother of Joshua Peter Bell
Miniature 1907 calendar
Silk printing of In memoriam Sir Joshua Peter Bell, 1882

Folder 5
1 letter and newspapers cuttings regarding the nationalisation of banks and government crises

Folder 6
Copies of outgoing correspondence from Marmaduke AT Bell
- To his Uncle Marmaduke, 23 May 1896
- To his Uncle Marmaduke, 23 May 1896 (duplicate)
- To his Uncle Marmaduke, 28 Aug 1896
- To his Uncle Marmaduke, 10 Sept 1896
- To his brother in law Percy Kelly, 9 Jul 1899
- To his mother F.G. Bell, 16 Oct 1905

Folder 7
Other letters to Colin Bell (on death of Brother Joey, legal battle, Ossie Bell, brother), 38 letters, 1881 to 1933
Order of Service for commemoration of the life of The Hon. Joshua Thomas Bell, 19 Mar 1911
Address to his Excellency Major-General Sir Herbert Charles Chermside, 19 May 1903

Folder 8
Photograph of Colin [Peter Basil] Bell, nd
Group photograph including CPB Bell, nd

**Folder 9**
Letters from Jinne Maxwell, nurse of Colin, Joey, Willie, Ossie and Maida, to Colin Bell, 4 letters, 1893 to 1919

**Folder 10**
Joey Bell, includes mementos of Parliamentary dinners and memoriam cards; information about Shrewsbury School Regatta, 1884

**Folder 11**
Joey Bell letters to his brother Colin Bell and Catherine Bell [Joey’s wife], 14 letters, 1889 to 1919

**Folder 12**
Letter to Uncle Alick, from Joshua T Bell, 21 Feb 1880

**Folder 13**
Information of the Great Wall of Jimbour

**Folder 14**
Letter from Joshua T Bell to Collie [CBP Bell], 25 Jan 1907

**Folder 15**
Newspaper cuttings about Jimbour, Dalby, and the Bell family

**Folder 16**
Handwritten report to council including a valuation, nd [this item has sustained water damage]

**Folder 17**
Papers related to QANTAS, 1929 to 1947 [these items have sustained severe water damage]

**Folder 18**
Notes on meeting held by Councillor W. Peters at Usher’s Corner, Eagle St, Longreach, 3 Dec, 1920 [this item has sustained damage]

Folder 19
University Union Society flyer, showing Mr CPB Bell standing for election to the committee, 1888

Folder 20
Danae, handwritten index in Italian, nd

Folder 21
Correspondence relating to memorials for Sybil Frances Bell, 14 Nov 1947
The death of Donald Thistlethwayte, 20 Sep 1933,
Funeral Order of Service, nd
Unidentified photo of gentlemen in sporting attire, nd
Handwritten copy of lyrics to “Mandalay”, nd

Folder 22
Water damaged letter and torn up accounts, nd

Folder 23
Boondooma Station – Historical Background, typescript 7pp, nd

Folder 24
Newspaper cuttings
Includes photocopy of Obituary of Joshua Peter Bell, 21 Dec 1881; Financial pages from The Sydney Morning Herald 17 Jul 1914; Reproduction of The Moreton Bay Courier 20 Jun 1846 produced by The Courier Mail 29 Jun 1981.
The PFA Quarterly magazine, Sep 1920
Newspaper cutting Birthday dinner for Mr Randolph Churchill, nd
Newspaper cutting on Australian Racing from The Country Gentleman’s newspaper, 4 Feb 1888.
Loose newspaper cuttings on boat races, England, nd

Box 8
Folder 1
‘Recollections of Thomas Davis’ collected by Steele Rudd, typescript 34p
‘Recollections of Thomas Davis’ collected by Steele Rudd, typescript with handwritten corrections, 32p
‘Recollections of Thomas Davis’ collected by Steele Rudd, typescript, 32p

Folder 2
Richard Welford by ED Harris, 3 typed copies of a letter from ED Harris to JT Bell, 12 Sep 1908

Folder 3
Notes of the recollections of James Fernival, handwritten 8p, nd
includes newspaper cutting

Folder 4
Recollections of the Darling Downs by FRA Richards, 3 typed copies of a letter from FRA Richards to JT Bell, with cover note, 2 Nov 1909

Folder 5
Codrington Crawshay, 2 copies of ‘Codrington Crawshay’, typescript, 3p, nd
1 loose page

Folder 6
Notes from Alexander Johnston, 1 typed copy, 3 p; 2 typed copies 4p, nd

Folder 7
‘Reminiscences of a Pioneer in New South Wales' by Edmund Morey, typescript, 116p, nd

Parcel 1
Map of Westland
2 facsimiles of map of Westland
Cross section of Dam in Westlands
4 numbered prints of Gould’s birds: Australian Roller text and coloured print, Varied Graucalis text and coloured print.

The Field, 1 Apr 1926
The Australian Pastoralist, 10 Mar 1924