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### Collection Summary

**Collection Title:** Clair Hayden Bell Papers,

**Date (inclusive):** 1905-1965

**Collection Number:** BANC MSS 72/157 c

**Creator:** Bell, Clair Hayden, 1885-1967

**Extent:** Number of containers: 2 boxes

**Repository:** The Bancroft Library  
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**Physical Location:** For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

**Abstract:** Correspondence relating to his career as professor of German, University of California, Berkeley, and to his attempts to obtain research materials from post-war Germany; reprints of his writings; reviews by him and of his work; photocopy of materials relating to Georg Hager.

**Languages Represented:** Collection materials are in English and German

**Access**

Collection is open for research.

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**Acquisition Information**

Clair Hayden Bell's papers were given to the Library by Mrs. Bell on March 14, 1972.

**Biographical Sketch**

Clair Hayden Bell, professor of German at the University of California at Berkeley, was born in Lafayette, Indiana in 1885. He attended the University of California, graduating in 1908 with a major in philosophy and German. He also acquired his M. L. at Berkeley in 1909 in philosophy, and began his teaching career as a teaching assistant in 1909. From 1910 to 1913, he taught in the Los Angeles High School, with the exception of one year, 1911-1912, which he spent as an exchange teacher at the Real Gymnasium at Frankfurtam-Main, Germany. He returned to the University of California as an instructor in 1913, took time out for military service from 1917 to 1919, and acquired his doctorate in 1921. He continued his professorial career in Berkeley until his retirement in 1955.

Professor Bell's work related in large part to the editing and publishing of medieval German texts of the Minnesänger, particularly the life and works of Georg Hager, and also to the publication of texts for the use of students learning German.

**Scope and Content**

His Papers include correspondence, much of it relating to the acquisition of research materials in post-war Germany, and reflecting the social and economic conditions there; mss of his writings; book reviews by him and about his work; a bibliography of his writings; photocopies of Georg Hager materials; and clippings, mainly relating to or by Bell.

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Box 1

**Correspondence****Outgoing letters****Scope and Content Note****Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically, 1905-1964

**Incoming letters****Scope and Content Note****Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent. A partial list of correspondents follows the key.

Box 2

**Writings by C. H. Bell****Scope and Content Note****Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically by title. For a more complete file of his writings, please consult University Archives.

**Reviews of works by Bell****Bibliography****Photocopy of two versions of the *Comoedie von Crocodil* and related Georg Hager material****Clippings, mainly relating to or by Bell****Miscellaneous personalia, 1918-1963****Material concerning the publication of Bell's *Salman and Morolf*.****Correspondence****Typed manuscript (ribbon and carbon copies)**

**Adams, Bertram Martin, 1879-1953**

Letter, Jan. 29, 1947

**Alexander, R. T.**

Letter, Mar. 9, 1948

**Additional Note**

Written while a member of the Office of Military Government for Germany

**American Council of Learned Societies. Pacific Committee for the Humanities.**

2 letters, 1947, by Hugh G. Dick

**Assmann, Karl, 1890-**

See Dresden, Sächsische Landesbibliothek

**Barthell, Russell W.**

2 letters, 1948

**Additional Note**

Written while administrative assistant to the President, re possibilities for research in Germany. Carbon copies sent to Bell.

**Basel. Universität. Bibliothek**

4 letters, 1946-1947, by Max Burckhardt

**Berlin. Deutsche Staatsbibliothek**

3 letters, 1940-1948

**Bischoff, Johannes**

15 letters, 1946-1948

**Additional Note**

Written while archivist, Erlangen, Germany. Some re life in post-war Germany.

**Bock, Friedrich, 1886-**

See Nuremberg, Stadtbibliothek

**Braun, Walter**

4 letters, 1950-1951

**Additional Note**

Written while archivist, Memmingen, Germany.

**Brechler, Otto**

7 letters, 1947-1948

**Additional Note**

Re post-war Vienna.

**Brewer, Edward Vere, 1887-**

See California. University, Berkeley. Department of German

California. University. President

3 letters, 1940-1955

**Additional Note**

Include letters from Robert Gordon Sproul

**California. University. Press**

4 letters, 1922-1954

**Additional Note**

1922 letter by Oliver M. Washburn

**California. University, Berkeley. Chancellor**

Letter, June 21, 1955, by Clark Kerr

California. University, Berkeley. Dept. of German

Letter, Oct. 31, 1947, by Edward V. Brewer. Copy.

Carl Schurz Memorial Foundation, Inc.

**Letter, Nov. 14, 1946, by Howard Elkinton  
Coenen, Frederic Edward  
See Studies in the Germanic Languages and Literatures  
Cooper, William Alpha, 1868-  
Letter, June 1, 1928  
Dick, Hugh Gilchrist, 1909-  
See American Council of Learned Societies. Pacific Committee for the Humanities.  
Dresden. Sächsische Landesbibliothek  
Letter, May 26, 1948, by Karl Assmann  
Frick, Heinrich, 1893-  
See Marburg, Germany. Universität  
Gayley, Charles Mills, 1858-1932  
Note, 1922?  
Germany. Minister der geistlichen und Unterrichts-Angelegenheiten  
Letter, May 17, 1913  
Göttingen. Niedersächsische Staats- und Universitäts-Bibliothek  
Letter, Feb. 2, 1950, by E. Will  
Götze, Alfred [August Woldemar], 1876-1946  
Postcard, Oct. 31, 1936  
Gürsching Heinrich  
11 letters, 1947-1952  
Additional Note  
Written while archivist in Nuremberg. One letter is incomplete. Copies of his reviews of  
Bell's *Georg Hager* also included.**

**Hagboldt, Peter Harmann, 1886-  
2 letters, 1940**

**Hager, Ernst  
Letter, Oct. 9, 1940**

**Additional Note  
Re Hager family genealogy**

**Hannemann, Kurt  
4 letters, 1948**

**Harrassowitz, Hans  
Letter, Mar. 13, 1947**

**Hinz, Stella M.  
2 letters, 1937**

**John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation  
Letter, Mar. 13, 1947, by Henry Allen Moe**

**Kartzke, Georg  
2 letters, 1947-1948**

**Keil, Günther, 1890-  
Letter, June 30, 1947**

**Kerr, Clark, 1911-  
See California. University, Berkeley. Chancellor**

**Koester, Leonard, 1904-  
2 letters, 1947**

**Lokke, Carl Ludwig, 1897-  
3 letters, 1944-1954**

**Marburg, Germany. Universität  
2 letters, 1948**

**Additional Note  
Letter of Feb. 2 by Heinrich Frick; letter, Feb. 12, is a copy, with translation.**

- Martin, Thomas Powderly, 1887-**  
See U.S. Library of Congress  
Mediaeval Academy of America  
4 letters, 1946, by Charles R. D. Miller  
**Miller, Charles R. D.**  
See Mediaeval Academy of America  
**Moe, Henry Allen, 1894-**  
See John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation  
**Morgan, Bayard Quincy, 1883-**  
3 letters, 1947-1948  
**Morley, Sylvanus Griswold, 1878-**  
Letter, May 24, 1951  
**Müller, Georg**  
Letter, Nov. 3, 1948  
**Nagel, Bert**  
Letter, July 28, 1952  
**Noble, George Bernard, 1892-**  
See U.S. Dept. of State  
**Noyes, George Rapall, 1873-1952**  
2 letters, 1947-1951  
**Nuremberg, Germany. Landeskirchliches Archiv**  
2 letters, 1947, by Dr. Siman  
**Nuremberg, Germany. Germanisches Nationalmuseum**  
Letter, Sept. 21, 1948, by Dr. Rothenfelder  
**Nuremberg, Germany. Staatsarchiv**  
4 letters, 1948, by Fridolin Solleder  
**Nuremberg, Germany. Stadtsbibliothek**  
2 letters, 1947, by Friedrich Bock  
**Reinsch, Frank Herman, 1885-**  
Letter, May 12, 1928  
**Ruf, Paul**  
3 letters, 1947-1949  
Additional Note  
1947 letter is a copy, with translation. Archivist, Munich Staatsbibliothek.
- Schilling, Hugo Karl, 1861-1931**  
Letter, Dec. 15, 1921  
**Selmer, Carl, 1896-**  
2 letters, 1947-1948  
Additional Note  
1948 letter written on behalf of the Modern Language Association.
- Senn, Alfred, 1899-**  
Letter, Mar. 14, 1947  
**Solleder, Fridolin, 1886-**  
See Nuremberg, Germany. Staatsarchiv  
**Spaulding, Ernest Wilder, 1899-**  
See U.S. Dept. of State  
**Sproul, Robert Gordon, 1891-1975**  
See California. University. President.  
**Starck, Taylor, 1889-**  
2 letters, 1945-1947  
**Steiner, John P.**

**6 letters, 1948**

**Additional Note**

Written from the Office of Military Government in Germany, re microfilming of manuscripts from various depositories.

**Strübing, Eduard**

**20 letters, 1940-1949**

**Additional Note**

Librarian in Weimar. Comments on post-war Germany.

**Studies in the Germanic Languages and Literatures**

**Letter, Mar. 31, 1964, by F. E. Coenen**

**Stuttgarter Verlagskontor GMB H**

**5 letters, 1964, by Hermann Maier**

**Taylor, Archer, 1890-**

**Letter, n.d.**

**U.S. Dept. of State**

**5 letters, 1940-1947, by E. Wilder Spaulding and G. Bernard Noble**

**U. S. Library of Congress**

**Letter, Oct. 9, 1940, by Thomas P. Martin**

**Vail, Curtis Churchill Doughty, 1903-**

**Letter, Mar. 24, 1947**

**Wahrhaftig, Matt**

**Letter, [1947]**

**Walter, Max, 1857-1935**

**Letter, July 27, 1912**

**Additional Note**

Letter of recommendation for Bell's teaching work at the Frankfurt Musterschule. Two copies, one in longhand, the other typed, both signed.

**Walz, John Albrecht, 1871-**

**Letter, May 9, 1947**

**Washburn, Oliver Miles**

**See California. University. Press**

**Werner, Friedrich**

**9 letters, 1947-1948**

**Additional Note**

Re post-war Germany.

**Wolff, Ludwig, 1892-**

**2 letters, 1949-1952**