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## **Bell Family Photograph Albums of Travel in the American West photCL 212**

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**Contributing Institution:** The Huntington Library Photo Archives

**Title:** Bell family photograph albums of travel in the American West

**Identifier/Call Number:** photCL 212

**Physical Description:** 5.67 Linear Feet (4 boxes)

**Date (inclusive):** 1908-1924

**Abstract:** A group of family photograph albums dated 1908 to 1924, depicting automobile trips throughout the American West to national and state parks.

**Language of Material:** Materials are in English.

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**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Gift of Raymond M. Bell, 1976.

**Scope and Contents**

A collection of 10 family photograph albums, 1908-1924, chiefly of trips to tourist sites and national parks in the Western United States, depicting travel by car, mountain camping, natural scenery, and hiking. Little is known about the Bell family, but most of the snapshots have captions identifying locations and dates. One album says photographs by J. O. Downing, and there is a postcard album with postcards sent from all over the country, approximately 1910s. Album contents: Vol. 1. Sierra Club trip, Glacier National Park, 1924 -- Vol. 2. My 1923 Outing: Southern Nevada - Southern Utah - Northern Arizona (with two-page narrative describing an 1,850-mile automobile trip) -- Vol. 3. Construction of Granite Reef Dam, 1908, on the Salt River, Arizona, with workers' encampment and residences. Some snapshots of Native Americans; town of Roosevelt; Roosevelt Power Canal; Tonto Basin -- Vol. 4. Mount Rainier trip, August 1921 -- Vol. 5. Red Rock Canyon (Mojave Desert, Nevada), 1919 -- Vol. 6. Sequoia Park, July 1918 -- Vol. 7. High Sierra, Sierra Nevada Mountains, 1919 -- Vol. 8. Camp High Sierra, 1923 -- Vol. 9. Scenery and people at a log cabin, horseback riding, around Pinecrest, Tuolumne County, California, 1910s? -- Vol. 10. Souvenir postcards sent from various places in the United States, 1910s?.

**Processing Information**

Volume numbers were assigned by Huntington Library staff circa late-20th century. In 2021, Suzanne Oatey created a finding aid.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Automobile travel -- West (U.S.) -- 20th century

Camping

Dams -- Arizona

Hiking -- California

Outdoor recreation

Glacier National Park (Mont.)

Granite Reef Dam (Ariz.)

Mount Rainier National Park (Wash.)

Sierra Nevada (Calif. and Nev.)

West (U.S.) -- Description and travel

Photographs

Photograph albums

Postcards

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Box 1  
Box 2  
Box 3  
Box 4

**Volumes 1-2 1923-1924**  
**Volumes 3-6 1908-1921**  
**Volumes 7-8 1919-1923**  
**Volumes 9-10 1910s?**