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Descriptive Summary

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Date (inclusive): 1880-1925
Collection number: 308
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Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library Special Collections.
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Abstract: Alexander Graham Bell (1847-1922) was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. He was granted patents in 1874 on a multiple telegraph, invented the telephone (1875) and the photophone (1880). The collection consists of works by and about Alexander Graham Bell. Includes pamphlets, reprints, proceedings, portraits and genealogical information compiled by Bell and others.
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Biography
Bell was born on March 3, 1847 in Edinburgh, Scotland; attended Edinburgh University; became assistant in London to his father, who originated phonetic visible speech system for teaching the deaf; his father moved the family to Canada in 1870; from 1873-77 Bell served as a professor of vocal physiology at Boston University; he was granted patents in 1874 on a multiple telegraph for sending two or more messages simultaneously over the same wire; invented telephone, 1875; in 1880 he patented the photophone; his laboratory in Braddock Bay, Nova Scotia turned out hydrofoil speedboats and aerial locomotion by way of kites; Bell served Clarke School for the Deaf at Northampton, Massachusetts for 51 years as teacher, researcher and president of the board; founding member of the National Geographic Society in 1888, and president, 1898-1903; he died in Braddock Bay, August 2, 1922.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of works by and about Alexander Graham Bell. Includes pamphlets, reprints, proceedings, portrait of Bell, Bell's letter to the Attorney General and one letter to Bell. Contains a first draft typescript of Catherine Mackenzie's book, Alexander Graham Bell (1928). Publications document Bell's experiments and interests in a variety of fields, including sheep breeding, eugenics, binaural audition, vocal physiology, aerial locomotion, and the telephone. Also includes genealogical information compiled by Bell and others.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
2. Letters.
3. Catherine Mackenzie manuscript on Alexander Graham Bell.
4. Material regarding Bell's experiments and inventions.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
Bell, Alexander Graham, 1847-1922--Archives.
Bell family.
Inventors--United States--Archival resources.

Other Index Terms Related to this Collection
Mackenzie, Catherine Dunlop--Alexander Graham Bell.

Folder 5
   Physical Description: Pamphlet

Folder 4
   Scope and Content Note
   Tetrahedral Principle in Kite Structure.

Folder 4
3. Alexander Graham Bell, Discovery And Invention.
   Physical Description: Pamphlet
   Scope and Content Note
| Folder 4 | 4. From the records of Alexander Graham Bell, Sex-Determination in Sheep.  
Physical Description: Pamphlet  
Physical Description: 2 copies.  
Scope and Content Note  
Reprinted from the *Journal of Heredity*. vol.5 no.2, Washington D.C. February 1914. |
| Folder 4 | 5. Alexander Graham Bell, Utility of Action And Gesture.  
Scope and Content Note  
| Folder 6 | 6. Photograph: Dr. Bell.  
Folder 4 | 7. Alexander Graham Bell, Who Shall Inherit Long Life?  
Physical Description: Pamphlet  
Scope and Content Note  
Washington, D.C., Gibson Brothers, Printers & Bookbinders. 1897.  
Physical Description: Pamphlet |
Physical Description: Pamphlet  
Scope and Content Note  
| Folder 5 | 10. Readings in Line Writing.  
Physical Description: Autographed by Alexander Graham Bell. |
| Folder 6 | 11. Photograph by Bell of man looking at Sheep. October 2, 1909.  
Scope and Content Note  
Births, Marriages & Deaths of persons of the name of Bell; from the records of St. Andrews, Scotland. Compiled by Alexander Graham Bell. |
Scope and Content Note  
| Folder 4 | 15. Alexander Graham Bell, *Upon the Electrical Experiments to Determine the Location of the Bullet In the Body of the Late President Garfield, And upon A Successful Form of Induction Balance for the Painless Detection of Metallic Masses in the Human Body*. 1882.  
Scope and Content Note  
With the Author's Compliments. Washington, D.C. Gibson Brothers, Printers. |
Folder 4

17. Alexander Graham Bell, *Prizes for the Inventor Some of the Problems Awaiting Solution.*

Physical Description: Pamphlet

Folder 5

18. Nutting, William Washburn, *The 'HD-4' A 70-Miler With Remarkable Possibilities Developed At Dr. Graham Bell's laboratories on the Bras D'or Lakes. 1921.*

Physical Description: Pamphlet

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Folder 5


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Showing the Origin of the Multi-Nippled Sheep of Beinn Bhreagh, And Giving All the Descendants Down to 1903. Compliments of Alexander Graham Bell. Washington D.C.

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Note

Dr. Bell's Copy.

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Formerly President of the National Geographic Society (Dr. Bell). Reprinted from the *National Geographic Magazine*, January 1907. Press of Judd & Detweiler, Incorporated.

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Folder 3

31. Photo duplicated manuscripts relating to Bell's parents. Written for the *Beinn Bhreagh Recorder* 1912, 1914.

Folder 6

32. Mounted photograph of Alexander Graham Bell.

Folder 6

33. Portrait of Dr. Bell receiving an academic degree; Edinburgh.

Folder 2

34. *Alexander Graham Bell,* by Catherine Mackenzie.

Physical Description: 2 folders.

Scope and Content Note


Folder 1