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## **Finding Aid for the Alphonzo Edward Bell Papers, 1900-1947**

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### **Note**

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#### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Alphonzo Edward Bell Papers,

**Date (inclusive):** 1900-1947

**Collection number:** 917

**Creator:** Bell, Alphonzo Edward, 1875-1947

**Extent:** 1 box (0.5 linear ft.)1 oversize box

**Repository:** University of California, Los Angeles. Library Special Collections.

Los Angeles, California 90095-1575

**Abstract:** Alphonzo Bell (1875-1947) was born in Los Angeles, California. He was a farmer, land developer and subdivider near Santa Fe Springs. He developed the residential subdivision, Bel Air, in West Los Angeles and owned substantial developments of crude oil in the Santa Maria Valley. The collection consists of letters, ephemera, and photographs relating to his career and life.

**Physical location:** Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact the UCLA Library Special Collections Reference Desk for paging information.

**Language:** English.

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**Biography**

Bell was born on September 29, 1875 in Los Angeles, California; graduated from Occidental College Academy, 1891; BA, Occidental College, 1895; student, San Francisco Theological Seminary, 1895-97; became farmer, land developer and subdivider near Santa Fe Springs; oil wells were developed on some of his land; organized Alphonzo E. Bell Corporation, 1922, and developed the residential subdivision, Bel Air, in West Los Angeles; owned substantial developments of crude oil in the Santa Maria Valley; member of Occidental College board of trustees; died on December 27, 1947.

**Scope and Content**

Collection consists of letters, ephemera, and photographs relating to the career and life of Alphonzo Bell, and the development of Bel Air, Los Angeles, California.

**Indexing Terms**

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

Bell, Alphonzo Edward, 1875-1947--Archives.

Real estate developers--California--Los Angeles--Archival resources.

Bel Air (Los Angeles, Calif.).

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