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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.
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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.

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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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