

Gift

Robert Eugene Bell Papers

Description

Creator: Robert Eugene Bell, 1926 - 1999

Title: Robert Eugene Bell Papers

Dates: 1940- 1999

Quantity: 49.75 linear feet

Abstract: Correspondence, unpublished manuscripts, short stories, plays, memories, poems, personal journals, photographs, and scrapbooks .

Accession: 02- 09- 386 ; 386- 2002

Biography

Robert Eugene Bell was born in 1926 in Phillips High School in 1944. He served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific during World War II in the Southern States. Bell also worked for the U.S. Army. He won a General Education Development (GED) degree in English.

Bell began working for the University of Florida in 1960 and became the head of the University of Florida Library. While in the University of Florida Library (1962-1992).

In 1960 Bell became the head of the Mark Hanrahan Library. In 1962, and he was

of head of adult services and remained there until 1965 when he returned to New Orleans to take a similar position. In 1966 the Orleans Parish grand jury indicted him on public contract fraud charges (using the power of his office at the library to obtain business for the Banquette Book Shop), and Bell resigned from his position in the New Orleans Public Library. He then completed a master's degree in librarianship at LSU in 1967.

Shortly after graduation, Bell enrolled in the University of California at Berkeley School of Librarianship, where he earned a Ph.D. in 1974. He also worked as assistant professor of librarianship at the University of South Carolina from 1971 until 1973. After earning his Ph.D., Bell was a lecturer at the School of Library and Information Services at Berkeley from 1974 until 1976. He also became reference librarian at the City College of San Francisco at this time. Bell then moved to work at the University of California at Davis library as head of humanities and social science reference. He remained at Davis until his retirement in 19

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University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL.

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Bb alFb :

1. Awards, Diplomas, Certificates
2. Bibliography
3. Education - High School, 1942- 44
4. Education - Birmingham Southern, 1944 -50
5. Education - Harvard University, 1950 -52
6. Education - Louisiana State University, 1967 -68
7. Education - University of California, Berkeley, 1967 -71
8. Education - Miscellaneous
9. Employment - Birmingham Public Library, 1949- 50
10. Employment - Mobile Public Library, 1953
11. Employment - Fort Worth Public Library, 19 54-59
12. Employment - City College, San Francisco, 1971 -75
13. Employment - UC Berkeley, Lecturer, 1973 -75
14. Employment - University of South Carolina, College of Librarianship, 1973 -74
15. Employment - UC Davis, 1974- 79
16. Employment - UC Davis, 1980- 83
17. Employment - UC Davis, 1984- 85
18. Employment - UC Davis, 1986- 87
19. Employment - UC Davis, 1988
20. Employment - UC Davis, 1989
21. Employment - UC Davis, 1990- 91
22. Employment - Banquette Book Shop
23. Employment - Applications
24. Family genealogy
25. Membership - Book Club of California
26. Membership - Grolier Club
27. Membership - Roxburghe Club
28. Military Service
29. Memorial, 1999

30. NEH grant proposal, 1984
 31. News clippings, 1947- 53, 1964 (files 31- 34 photocopied from scrapbooks)
 32. News clippings, 1950 -54
 33. News clippings, 1954- 67
 34. News clippings, 1971- 75
 35. Vitae, 1971, 1973, 1979, 1988
- Engagement Calendars, 1973 -76, 1981 -82, 1994

B#2

Jobs (b) 1940, 1950- 1995; (b) 1995- 1999:

1. Diary 1940
2. October, 1950
3. September, 1951
4. June, 1955
5. October, 1956
6. April, 1958
7. October, 1959
8. February, 1960
9. May, 1962
10. September, 1966
11. September, 1971
12. May, 1972
13. August, 1973
14. January, 1976
15. August, 1977
16. October, 1981
17. January, 1983
18. November, 1984
19. August, 1989
20. October, 1992
21. Summer 1951- August 1953
22. September -December 1953 (with footnotes)
23. July 9, 1995- December 31, 1995
24. January 1, 1996 -March 31, 1996
25. April 1, 1996 -June 30, 1996
26. July 1, 1996 -September 30, 1996
27. October 1, 1996- December 31, 1996
28. January 1, 1997 -March 31, 1997
29. April 1, 1997 -June 30, 1997
30. July 1, 1997- September 30, 1997
31. October 1, 1997- December 31, 1997
32. January 1, 1998 -March 14, 1998
33. March 15, 1998- August 30, 1998
34. September 1, 1998 -December 31, 1998
35. January 1, 1999 -August 26, 1999
36. Second Journey to Greece, 1978 (bound)
37. Seventh trip to Greece, September/ October, 1986 (bound)
38. European Trip (Germany, Italy, Greece, etc.) October 4 - 25, 1976

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1-2. The Butterfly Tree (2 signed cloth copies with jackets), 1959

3-5. The Butterfly Tree , typescript, n.d.

6. "Touch and Run" (short story) in Descant , 1959

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7. "Angels Forsake Us" (a novel), original typescript 5.

23. "Hezekiah Usher, First Bookseller of Boston," 1968
24. "The Book Club in the U.S.," 1968
25. "Hain, Ludwig Friedrich Theodor, Incunabulist -Bibliographer," 1969
26. "The Introduction of Printing into France," 1969
27. "A Preliminary Census of Fifteenth Century Books in the San Francisco Bay Area," 1969
28. "Publishing during the Civil War Years," ca. 1969
29. "The Periodical Press," ca. 1969
30. "Conversation," notes and clippings, 1970s
31. "Eulogy for Barton Moir," June 1979
32. Notes for mythological genealogy (project abandoned, n.d.)
33. "The Diaries of Jane Grabhorn," 1987
- 34- 39. "Alabama Fiction," articles, news clippings (1990s), notes, printout from disk
- 40- 41. Miscellaneous non-fiction, n.d.

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42. On the

18. Helen Clayton, 1992, 1996- 97
19. John Henry Gregory Clyde, 1994- 97
20. Carole Cohen, 1992 -96
21. Carole Cohen, 1997 -98
22. Edith and Harold Cohen, 1964 -72
23. Edith and Harold Cohen, 1966
24. Edith and Harold Cohen, 1973 -92
25. Harold Cohen, 1992 -93
26. Harold Cohen, 1994 -95
27. Harold Cohen, 1996 -97
28. Edna Conn, 1995 -98
29. Daniel Curzon, 1992 -93
30. Andrew Dacovich, 1993- 98
31. Frank Daugherty, 1999- 2000
32. Clarice and Lawrence Davis, 1993 -99
33. Ann Deagon (includes poem), 1972 -93
34. Morris Dees, 1992- 97
35. Jimmy DeGirolamo, 1994- 97
36. Richard Dillon, 1971- 72, 1991 -92
37. Winifred Duncan, 1950s
48. Malcolm Sonny Evans, 1994 -99
39. Ruth Falkner, 1995 -99
40. Fannie Flagg, 1994- 99
41. Ellinor and Mandi Gottesmann, 1994 -97
42. French Greene and Faye Rollins, 1972 -94
43. Wayne Greenhaw, 1994 -96
44. Sheila Bancroft Hackworth, 1998 -97
45. Mark Hanrahan, 1994 -97
46. Bert Hitchcock, 1994
47. Gene Houston, 1976
48. Ken Jackson, 1991 -94
49. Ken Jackson, 1995 -99
50. James William "Bill" Johnson, 1994 -95
51. Bill Johnson, 1996- 98
52. Dr. Bertram W. Korn, 1960- 62
53. Nelle Harper Lee, 1991 -99
54. Oscar Lewis, 1960- 76
55. Theo Manning, 1993 -95
56. Theo Manning, 1993 -95
57. Frank and Maybelline Minor, 1995- 99
58. Theron Montgomery, 1997
59. Patty Morales, 1994 -97
60. Doris Mozley, 1995
61. Ann Nall, 1992 -95
62. Soula Philippatou, 1990- 93
63. Elspeth Pope, 1992 -99
64. Merle Reagle, 1992 -95
65. Betty Sue Roberts, 1993 -99
66. Frances and Rosa Lee Romano, 1991 -95
67. Frank Self, 1960s
- 68- 73. Frank Self, 1975 -1982
- 74- 81. Frank Self, 1984 -1994

82. Frank Self, May 1994 "His Last Correspondance on Earth"
83. Nadine Self and John Gregory Self, 1994- 95

BIB

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Box 1 :

Photo Albums - Family, Friends
Loose photos and postcards (box)
Scrapbooks (photocopied, see Box 1, News clippings)
Illustrations

Box 2

Box 2 :

3 Photo Albums - Greece, England, Italy
Scrapbook - Banquette Book Shop (3 - ring binder)
Index Cards - Banquette Book Shop (2 gray boxes)
3 Yearbooks - Birmingham Southern, 1948- 50
Alumni Directory - Birmingham Southern, 1986
Alumni Directory, Theta Chi - Birmingham Southern, 1996 -97
Memory Book, Class of 1950 - Birmingham Southern, 1995
Sketch Book
Stamp Album - Cats
Guest Book - Banquette Bookshop, ? - 1976

Box 3

Box 3 :

Seven Three - Ring Binders with Photographs

Box 4

Box 4 :

Computer Discs 1 -69 (most documents have been printed)
CD Rom Backup
Software CD Rom
Cassette Tape - "Sodom Me Insane" by The Incompetents

Box 5

Box 5 :

11x14 - Presentation Portfolio "A Signature from the Ephemera of Adrian Wilson"

5x11 - Autographed publicity print of "The Man with the Hoe" by Edwin Markham, dated 1935

11x14 - Sepia tone publicity photo of Edwin Markham, autographed and dated 1935

8x10 - Grace Harper Press Booklet - Red and Black print announcing "A Common-Place Book with Something for Everybody" edited by Sherwood Grover and James D. Hammond

8x10 - One page numbered 9 and 10 from "Turnabout - I am Become Death the Destroyer of Worlds," with quote by Robert Oppenheimer and reference to Martin Elginbrodde

3 2 x 5 - Greeting Card to Miss Boylow from Carol Savada, marked Tokyo Japan

5x8 - Greeting Booklet modeled on 15th century Basel Missal, 1927

5x8 - Presentation Booklet, The Collector's Guild, Ltd.

11x14 - Grunewald - "Happy Couple"

11x14 - Grunewald - "What's Cooking"

5x7 - back dated 1976, pen and ink - Cat on Log

8x10 - Asian signature, 1929, pen and ink - Cat

11x14 - Asian symbol, pastels - Tabby Cat

8x10 - C. Dubert, two pencil drawings of women

8x10 - [Soinefond], watercolor - man on horse with sombrero

8x10 - Terush i, watercolor - Asian soldier seated

15x8 - matted 3x6 color panorama - "View of Savannah from the River"

15x14 - color panorama - "Puente de la India en el Paseo de Israel"

11x14 - matted 5x7 color "Jester and Cour Tesean?"

8x14 - pen and ink - "Narcissus and Hyacinthus"

11x14 - Fairy Tale Posters depicting Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs(animated)

11x14 - print entitled "Marie Prevost (Universal Star)"

10x4 - print entitled "Sierra Juniper," 1916 (cut from a greeting card)

Four Magazine Fold -outs of various and irregular sizes

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