

Bell Family papers

Accession number OM80-76

Date 1874-1940

Author / Creator

[Bell family](#)

Abstract Papers of the Bell family of Coochin Coochin Station

Scope and content The collection contains the personal documents of Gertrude Augusta Bell and ration books belonging to her daughters from their time in England during 1918, as well as letters addressed to James Thomas Marsh Bell from Vincent Hyde between 1875 to 1918. Also included are letters of appreciation to Gertrude Augusta Bell received on the publication of "Under the Brigalows" in 1921, and sympathy letters received by the Bell family on the death of Gertrude Augusta Bell in 1946. The collection includes a Bell family history, written by Enid Bell. The papers further contain a Memorandum of Agreement for the cattle sold at Coochin, a biography of Gertrude Bell written by Enid Bell, and the family history of the Blaxlands, Nortons and Walkers, also written by Enid Bell.

System of arrangement Arranged into 10 series

Description 2 boxes

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Series 1: Permits (1911-1916)

Series number 1

Series title Permits

Date 1911-1916

Scope and content

This series consists of three permits issued to Gertrude Bell while in the Middle East, England and Scotland; allowing her to visit Egyptian monuments; identity documents issued by the Police during her stay in London; and a permit allowing travel within a military zone. 1. A permit issued to Gertrude Bell in 1911 allowing her to access certain Egyptian monuments, by Service des Antiquites de l'Egypte. 2. Permit book issued to Gertrude Bell on the 5 September 1916 allowing her to travel within the "special military area," to Inverness Fortress on the 28 September 1916 3. A certificate issued to Gertrude Bell under the National Registration Act of 1915. [Items 1-3]

Description

Description 3 permits

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Series 2: Ration books (5 Oct 1918)

Series number 2

Series title Ration books

Date 5 Oct 1918

Scope and content

Three ration books issued by the Ministry of Food, Food Office of Westminster to Gertrude Bell, Enid Bell and Mary Bell. During the First World War, Gertrude Bell and her daughters resided in England for several years, during which time her sons Bertram and Victor served with the Royal Air Force. [Item 4]

Description

Description 3 ration books

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Series 3: Correspondence (1875-1973)

Series number 3

Series title Correspondence

Date 1875-1973

Scope and content

Three folders of letters which discuss various matters pertaining to running a pastoral station, such as agricultural machinery, problems with flies, droughts, etc. [Item 5]

Author / Creator

Bell, G. A. (Gertrude Augusta), 1855-1946

Description

Description 3 folders

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Series 4: Correspondence (1862-1936)

Series number 4

Series title Correspondence

Date 1862-1936

Scope and content

Letters mainly addressed to Mrs Gertrude Augusta Bell of Coochin Coochin station, from a variety of correspondents including her daughter Una and her nephew Peter. A few other letters are addressed to her daughters. [Item 6]

Author / Creator

Bell, Una Elizabeth, 1885-1959

Description

Description 2 folders

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Series 5: Correspondence (1946)

Series number 5

Series title Correspondence

Date 1946

Scope and content

Letters of condolence on the occasion of Gertrude Augusta Bell's death in 1946. The letters are addressed to Gertrude's daughters Enid, Una and Aileen at Coochin Coochin Station. [Item 7]

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Series 6: Correspondence (2 January 1964)

Series number 6

Series title Correspondence

Date 2 January 1964

Scope and content

A letter written to Enid Bell from by W. J. Morrison of the International Bookshop, inquiring if she would be interested in having her book "Legends of the Coochin Coochin" republished. The letter provides a list of publishing houses which Morrison believes may be interested in publishing the book. [Item 8]

Description

Description 1 letter (2 sheets)

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Series 7: Manuscripts (1950-1970)

Series number 7

Series title Manuscripts

Date 1950-1970

Scope and content

Accounts relating to the history of Coochin Coochin Station and the Bell Family.

- An account of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's visit to Coochin
- Photocopy of the above
- History tracing the fortunes of the owners of Jimbour from 1840 to 1953
- Part of Enid Bell's compilation of the history of Coochin Coochin Station
- Report on a lecture by Enid Bell on the history of her home, Coochin Coochin Station

[Items 9-12]

Description

Description 4 folders

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Items in this series:

Manuscript (1958-1970)

Unit ID OM80-76/11

Date 1958-1970

Scope and content

An account of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's (The Queen Mother) visit to Coochin Coochin

Station in 1958, following the death of her husband.

Description

Description 2 sheets

Manuscript (1953-1970)

Unit ID OM80-76/12

Date 1953-1970

Scope and content

A history tracing the fortunes of the owners of Jimbour from 1840 to 1953. Jimbour was first in possession of Richard Todd Scougall in 1840. The Bell and Sons partnership took over the management of the property in 1847. This Bell family was of no relation to the Bells of Coochin Coochin. In 1953 the Russell family became the managers of the Jimbour estate.

Description

Description 28 sheets

Manuscript (1950-1965)

Unit ID OM80-76/9

Date 1950-1965

Scope and content

Part of Enid Bell's compilation of the history of Coochin Coochin Station. The essay explains the origin of the name Coochin Coochin, given to the area by the Ugarapul people.

Author / Creator

Bell, Enid Gertrude, 1889-1965

Description

Description 17 sheets

Manuscript

Unit ID OM80-76/17

Scope and content

A report on a lecture delivered by Enid Bell at Newstead House on Tuesday 16 Aug [undated], about the history of her home, Coochin Coochin Station at Boonah.

Author / Creator

Bell, Enid Gertrude, 1889-1965

Description

Description 0

Series 8: Station records, papers (1904-1910)

Series number 8

Series title Station records, papers

Date 1904-1910

Scope and content

Contracts, 1904-1915: Contracts, with accompanying correspondence, for the cattle sold at the Coochin Coochin Station Certificates, 1905: Certificate of registration of dairy for the Coochin Coochin estate at Boonah under the Dairy Produce Act of 1904 Financial records, 1909-1910: Financial records for the sale of cattle from 1909 to 1910 Specifications, Undated: Specifications for fences at Coochin Coochin estate Permits, 1905: Permit allowing Ernest Bell to transport his cattle to the Brisbane Showgrounds. [Items 13-16, 18-19]

Description

Description 5 folders

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Series 9: Diaries (1862)

Series number 9

Series title Diaries

Date 1862

Scope and content

Diary entries written by James Norton, father of Gertrude Bell, describing his work at Elswick Homestead, near Parramatta, NSW. [Item 20]

Author / Creator

Norton, James, 1795-1862

Description

Description 1 diary (7 pages)

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Series 10: Publications (1912-1956)

Series number 10

Series title Publications

Date 1912-1956

Scope and content

Pamphlet issued in connection with the sale of Coochin Stud Herefords, at Boonah Show Grounds on Friday 24th October 1924. 'John and Gregory Blaxland, by J.K.S. Houison. A paper read before the Royal Australian Historical Society, 29 Oct 1935. 'Bell's Line of Road: The North Grose Route' by H.A. MacLeod Morgan, printed in 1956. [Items 21, 23, 24]

Description

Description 3 booklets

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