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**Dates:** 1821-2002  
**Creators:** Bell family  
Bell, Ovid H., 1917-1998  
Bell, Ovid K., 1875-1953  
**Collection Size:** 5.2 cubic feet, 5 oversize items, 4 cased images, 1 glass plate negative

**Introduction**  
The papers of a publishing family from Fulton, Missouri, who founded the Ovid Bell Press, contain correspondence, photographs, clippings, business records, family genealogy, and miscellaneous material. The collection largely pertains to Ovid K. Bell and his son, Ovid H. Bell.

**Donor Information**  
The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by John O. Bell on 28 June 2017.

**Box List**

**Box 1**  
Photographs (2 folders)  
“The Barron and Hall Family Histories with Notes on Related Families” by Roy Holmes Hall  
Blueprints  
Report cards, Ovid H. Bell, 1923-1939  
World War II military papers, Ovid H. Bell (2 folders)  
*Cote Sans Dessein: A History* by Ovid Bell, 1930  
Reminiscences, Mrs. T.J. Baskett  
Correspondence  
Ovid Bell and Wallace Bassford, 1901-1913  
Ovid Bell, 1915-1950  
Ovid H. Bell, 1974-1981  
Bell family genealogy  
*Tales of the Kingdom*, compiled and edited by Von Allen and Ovid H. Bell, 1995  
Ovid Bell Press  
*Impressions*, 1990-1996 (newsletter)  
Publications  
Westminster College material  
Yearbook, *Ragout*, 1938 (Central College, Fayette, MO)  
Photographs and negatives (3 envelopes)  
Trip diary to Europe, n.d.
Box 2
Clippings
Funeral materials, Ovid H. Bell, 1998
Ovid Bell Press
  - Building specifications, 1936
  - Construction receipts, etc. 1936-1937 (4 folders)
  - Building accounts
  - Building addition, 1965 (2 folders)
*Mid-America: An Historical Review*, Jan.-July 1930
Negatives and photographs
Specifications, Electrical renovation, Ovid Bell Press
Warehouse addition, 1985
Journalist’s creed
*National Printer Journalist*, 1911
Missouri booklets and pamphlets (4 folders)
*The Inland Printer*, Nov. 1937, Oct. 1943, June 1953

Box 3
Scrapbooks, *Fulton Sun*, 1905-1931 (13)

Box 4
Letters to Mr. and Mrs. Ovid K. Bell on their marriage, 1912 (2 folders)
Notes and research on Callaway County (5 folders)
History of Ovid Bell Press
S.P. Gilbert estate materials
Receipts
Correspondence, 1900s-1930s
Histories by Ovid Bell and Ovid H. Bell
Civil War documents
Military records, Ovid H. Bell
Correspondence, Ovid Bell, 1902-1920
Land records, 1925
Contract, Mosby Company, 1931-1933
Photographs
Kingdom of Callaway Suppers, 1953, 1999-2004
Missouri School for the Deaf, 2002
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Funeral material, Ovid H. Bell, 1998
Sympathy letters for Ovid H. Bell, 1998

Box 5
Sympathy cards for Ovid H. Bell, 1998 (6 folders)
Clippings (2 folders)
Correspondence, John O. Bell
Miscellaneous notes
Programs
Sympathy letters for Ovid Bell, 1953
Bell family genealogy
Correspondence, Ovid H. Bell, 1989-1997
Certificates and awards
*This Large Cloud of Witnesses*, Ovid H. Bell, 1985
Miscellaneous

**Box 6 (half gray)**
- Correspondence to Martha Nichols, 1946
- Miscellaneous correspondence
- Photocopied office jokes and cartoons
- Ledgers, 1916-1934
- Miscellaneous pamphlets

**OVERSIZE**
LOCATION: UO-12
- Diploma, Ovid H. Bell, Fulton High School, Missouri, 1935
- Appointment, Reserve Commissioned Officer, Ovid H. Bell, 1952
- Charter, Freemasons, Fulton Lodge, Callaway County, Missouri, 1862
- Appointment, Clerk of Callaway County Court, Missouri, 1821

LOCATION: UO-14
- Ovid H. Bell Memorial scrapbook, 1998 (loose pages)

**SEPARATED FRAGILE ITEMS**
LOCATION: Unprocessed cased images
- Cased photographs (4)

LOCATION: Unprocessed glass storage
- Glass plate negative, Ovid Bell