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William Douglas Bell collection

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William Douglas Bell collection . -- Digitized 2014 (originally created [ca. 1900]-1951). -- 13 photographs (tiff and jpeg) : b&w and col. , 325.4 GB of textual records (tiff)

Biographical/Sketch/Administrative History

William Douglas Bell was born in St. Thomas, Ont., in 1893, son of James Anthony Bell and Katherine Bell and brother of geologist Walter A. Bell. He enrolled as a student-at-law at Osgoode Hall Law School in 1910. Bell was part of the 2nd Overseas Contingent in November 1914 and served as a lieutenant in the 4th Canadian Machine Gun Corps. He was killed during Battle of Flers-Courcelette on 15 Sept. 1916.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of digital copies of records pertaining to Osgoode Hall Law School student William Douglas Bell's First World War military service and death in Courcelette, France, on 15 Sept. 1916. Included in the collection are photographs of Bell and his family, letters, telegrams, a newspaper clipping, and a framed memorial to Bell.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the collection.

2014030-001 Telegram from Walter A. Bell. -- Digitized 2014 (originally created 26 Sept. 1916). -- 58.8 MB of textual records (tiff)

Scope and Content

Item is a telegram sent from Walter A. Bell, brother of William Bell, to his mother regarding the news of William's death. The telegram reads, "All honour to Billy for the supreme sacrifice. With deepest love. Walter A. Bell".

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

2014030-01P Photograph of the Bell family. -- Digitized 2014 (originally created [ca. 1900]). -- 2 photographs (tiff) : b&w

Scope and Content

File consists of recto and verso digital images of a portrait of the Bell family. Depicted are, standing, top left to right, Arthur Bell, George Bell and Frederick Bell; seated, bottom left to right, William D. Bell, Katherine Bell, James A. Bell and Walter A. Bell. The verso image features a handwritten annotation of the names, birth and death dates of the photograph subjects.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the image.

2014030-002 Telegram to James A. Bell. -- Digitized 2014 (originally created 11 Oct. 1916). -- 59.7 MB of textual records (tiff)

Scope and Content

Item is a telegram sent from London, England, to James A. Bell, father of William Bell, likely from his son Walter A. Bell who also enlisted overseas. The telegram reads, "Learn officially today Billy killed instantly machine gun fire body recovered and buried. Bell".

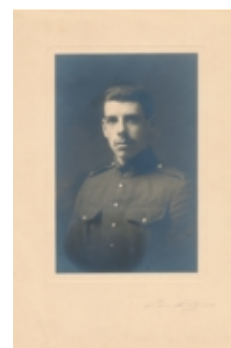
Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

2014030-02P Photograph of William D. Bell. -- Digitized 2014 (originally created [ca. 1915]). -- 1 photograph (tiff) : b&w



Scope and Content

Item is a formal portrait of William D. Bell in military uniform.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the image.

2014030-003 Newspaper clipping. -- Digitized 2014 (originally created 19 Oct. 2016). -- 10.5 MB of textual records (tiff)

Scope and Content

Item is a newspaper clipping entitled "Lt. Bell fell while leading his men: letter received in Toronto details particulars of St. Thomas officer's death".

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

2014030-03P Photographs of framed memorial. -- 2014. -- 10 photographs (jpeg) : col.

Scope and Content

File consists of photographs of a framed memorial to William D. Bell, featuring two photographs of Bell (one in uniform), an inscription, a commemorative medal, and a Canadian Infantry Battalion commemorative scroll.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2014030-004 Letter from the Imperial War Graves Commission. -- Digitized 2014 (originally created 10 July 1930). -- 72.7 MB of textual records (tiff)

Scope and Content

Item is a letter sent to Chester H. Smith regarding his enquiry about the location of William D. Bell's grave.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

2014030-005 Correspondence regarding William D. Bell. -- Digitized 2014 (originally created Jan. 1951). -- 123.7 MB of textual records (tiff)

Scope and Content

File pertains to Chester H. Smith's enquiries about the location of William D. Bell's grave in France. It consists of a letter sent to Chester H. Smith by Colonel Douglas Simpson at the Canadian Embassy in Paris, France, and a letter from Smith to Fred Bell regarding Simpson's letter.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.