

BELL, WILLIAM AUGUSTUS, 1882- William Augustus Bell diaries, 1910, 1932

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Bell, William Augustus, 1882-
Title: William Augustus Bell diaries, 1910, 1932
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 888
Extent: .25 linear ft. (1 box)
Abstract: Diaries of Georgia African American educator, William Augustus Bell, from 1910 and 1932.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Appraisal Note

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Processing

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Collection Description**Biographical Note**

William Augustus Bell was born on February 16, 1882 in Elbert County, Georgia, to Luther H.A. and Mary J. (Thompson) Bell. He was educated at Paine College in Augusta, Georgia, and Columbia University in New York City. In 1913, he married Helen Matile Caffey and they had three children. Bell taught at Miles Memorial College in Birmingham, Alabama, from 1908 to 1912 and from 1912 to 1913 served as the college's president. He left the college in 1913 and became dean of his alma mater, Paine College. In addition to being an educator, Bell was a prominent businessman in Atlanta and active, locally and nationally, in the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of two diaries of William Augustus Bell from 1910 and 1932. The 1910 diary was written while he was teaching at Miles Memorial College. The entries discuss daily and social life in Birmingham, his summer at home in Elberton, Georgia, and short trips to Toccoa, Georgia and Charleston and Beaufort, South Carolina. Entries for the 1932 diary begin in March and discuss daily and social life in Atlanta and Bell's travels throughout, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, North Carolina, and Kentucky.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	1910 diary
1	2	1932 diary
