

Missouri State Archives

Finding Aid 5.38

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

WILSON BELL, 1945-1947

Abstract: Records (1940-1946) of Secretary of State Wilson Bell (1897-1947).

Extent: 8 folders

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Wilson Bell was born on May 24, 1897 in Potosi, Missouri. He attended the University of Missouri, Columbia. He enlisted in the Army on August 15, 1918 and served in the United States Army. He served as the treasurer of Washington County, and was active in the Democratic Party. Wilson Bell edited and published *The Independent-Journal*. In 1940 he was elected to the State Treasurer's Office. He was elected as Secretary of State in 1944. Wilson Bell died while serving his only term as Secretary of State on May 20, 1947. He was succeeded in office by Edgar C. Nelson

Wilson Bell married Margaret Mary Settle in 1918. The couple had two daughters. Margaret Bell died on February 20, 1971.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Bibliography

Official Manual of the State of Missouri (Jefferson City, MO: Office of Secretary of State, legislative years, 1945-1946), pp. 31.

Related Material

RG3.41 Governor Phillip Matthew Donnelly, 1945-1949
RG000.005 Secretary of State, State Documents

SERIES

The records of Secretary Bell are broken down into the below series which for ease of use, are listed in this document in alphabetical order:

Correspondence, 1946

Personnel Records, 1940-1945

CORRESPONDENCE, 1946

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

Correspondence.

Container List

LOCATION	BOX	FOLDER	CONTENTS	Date
	1	6	Correspondence from Senator P.M. Marr	November 12, 1946

PERSONNEL RECORDS, 1940-1945

Extent: 7 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Scope and Content

Personnel records and correspondence relating to staffing the Secretary of State's office. Includes files of State Treasurer's Office employees from Wilson Bell's time as the State Treasurer.

Container List

LOCATION	BOX	FOLDER	CONTENTS	Date
	1	7	Esther Downs Bishop	1944
	1	8	T. D. Shriver	1944
	1	9	Hulda Taylor	1945
	1	10	Hugh Williams	1945
	1	11	Margaret Wall	1941
	1	12	Walter Wallace	1940-1941
	1	13	Lillian Williams	1941