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The Bell of Rounton Grange Archive

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The papers of the Bell family of Rounton Grange date from the mid nineteenth century and show the industrial background of the family who purchased estates at Rounton and Ingleby Arncliffe as well as something of the history of those estates. Isaac Lowthian Bell, 1st bart., joined the ironworks of his father's firm of Losh, Wilson and Bell at Walker, Northumberland in 1836. In 1842 he married Margaret, daughter of Hugh Lee Pattinson a metallurgical chemist, and in 1852 in partnership with his father-in-law established the Washington Chemical Company with premises near Gateshead. At this point he appears to have retired from Losh, Wilson and Bell, writing in a letter of September 1849 to Messrs Losh and Wilson that his acceptance of a partnership with H.L. Pattinson "would necessitate my relinquishing the office I at present hold in your firm". His brothers continued to maintain an interest in the firm and many deeds relating to Losh, Wilson and Bell and the other iron and chemical works in which Isaac's brothers were involved survive in this collection, together with a few records relating to Bell Brothers - the firm established in 1844 by Isaac in partnership with his brothers Thomas and John at Wylam-on-Tyne, and whose Port Clarence works were opened in 1854. Aside from his industrial interests Isaac held the office of High Sheriff of Durham (1884) and sat as M.P. for Hartlepool (1875-1880) although there are few papers here illustrating this side of his career. He was created a baronet in 1885. After Sir Isaac's death in 1904 the baronetcy passed to his son Thomas Hugh. It was Hugh's second wife Florence who was the author of 'At the Works' - a study of working and family life on Teesside at the beginning of this century - and his daughter by his first marriage, Gertrude, who was the noted Arabian scholar and traveller. Unfortunately this collection contains few references to Florence Bell and references to Gertrude Bell consist only of a bundle of correspondence relating to her trust (1895-1900) and a copy of her death certificate giving the cause of death as dial poisoning.

Sir Hugh himself was the director of the Port Clarence Works and succeeded to the chairmanship of the newly created public company of Bell Brothers on the death of his father. He also devoted much time to public life holding office as High Sheriff of Durham (1895), as Mayor of Middlesbrough (1874, 1883, 1911), as an alderman for the North Riding and as Lord Lieutenant for that county. He twice stood for parliament, standing in 1910 for the City of London, despite, or perhaps because of, the small chance of success. On 16 January 1910 he wrote to Sir John Brenner:

"I have had a delightful time contesting the City, all the more agreeable because I am sure it will not lead to the untoward result of my being returned to Parliament"

And later, when the result of the election was known, he wrote to Horace Marshall:

"I am not a bit disappointed. I look upon it as a week's holiday and I have enjoyed every minute of it"

Sir Hugh was succeeded in the title by his son Maurice Hugh Lowthian who died in 1944 unmarried and without issue and was in turn succeeded by his nephew, Hugh Francis.

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TITLE DEEDS

Ingleby Arncliffe

Bell family purchases

Longlands, Breckon Hill and part of Grinkle Carr farms purchased from Brown (4 docs, including abstract of title 1859-1899)	1899-1900
Houses and land purchased from Ellis (2 docs)	1884, 1902
Four messuages and a close of land purchased from Walker (3 docs)	1900-1901

Middlesbrough

Agreement for sale of a plot of land with house, warehouse, stables and outbuildings thereon, situate at the corner of Grange Road and Dunning Street (1 doc)	30 Oct 1906
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Osmotherley

Copy admittances to and surrenders of copyhold land at Osmotherley [Nos. 29-42] (14 docs)	1861-1906
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East Rounton

Bell family purchases

Rounton Grange purchased from Wailes (9 docs)	1783-1866
Two cottages and gardens purchased from the Guardians of the Poor of Stokesley Union (1 doc)	25 Oct 1873
A close of land called Rounton Field purchased from D.S. Atkinson (2 docs)	1879-1882
A messuage or dwelling house and closes of land purchased from Dennis. Deed marked 'Black Horse property' (3 docs)	1870-1892
Castle Hill Farm purchased from Revd M. Humble, incumbent of Aldfield with Studley (2 docs)	1900
Land (O.S. field no. 121) purchased from Horsfall (3 docs)	1910

Other deeds

Abstract of title of Col. W.E. Danby to property in East Rounton and requisitions thereon	1905
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West Rounton

Conveyance of Irby Manor and Stamford Farms from A. and C.H. Wailes to Sir Lowthian Bell (5 docs)	1902-1903
Reconveyance of lands and hereditaments from J.G. Wilson to Sir Lowthian Bell (1 doc)	12 Jun 1903

Rudby

An abstract of the title of Messrs Drinkrow & Kendall to their estates in Cleveland and in the County of York, comprising the manor and rectory of Rudby and the tithes of various townships, amongst which are Hutton and East Rounton, parcel of the said rectory. Recites 1700-1802 (1 doc)	1818
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York

Abstract of title of the Rt. Hon. Florence Jane Helm Dowager Baroness Nunburnholme in certain tithes of property at York	1920
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WILLS, SETTLEMENTS AND MORTGAGES

Will of James Cranston	3 July 1836
Assignment of monies to arise under the wills of Mr George Hall and Mr Thomas Wilson and also a policy of assurance on the life of Mr John Coning as a collateral security for £600 and interest	15 Jan 1848
Settlement on the marriage of Mary Grace Bell and George Routledge	10 May 1858
Papers re marriage settlement of Amy Bell and Major H.S. Cochrane (5 docs)	1865-1889
Memorial of the mortgage of Rounton Grange, fire insurance policies for the house and buildings and reconveyance, Pattinson to Bell	1866-1889
Release by the residuary legatees to the executors under the will of Isabella Johnson deceased	2 Dec 1875
Correspondence and papers relating to the marriage settlement of T. Hugh Bell and Miss F.E.E. Olliffe. Settlement dated 9 Aug 1876 (c.45 docs)	1875-1876
Probate will of Mrs Catherine Bell 1876, account book of her executors and loose papers found therein	1876-1891
Farm and premises at East Rounton purchased from R. Heslop and mortgaged to the Northern Assurance Co. (11 docs)	1871-1882
Mortgage of hereditaments at East Rounton by I.L. Bell to J.S. Kilvington, subsequent assignments and reconveyance (8 docs)	1876-1899
Conveyance and mortgage of 240 Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne (draft deeds, correspondence and papers, c.175 docs)	1889-1899
Mortgage of Rounton Grange, lands and hereditaments by Sir Lowthian Bell to Matthew, John and Charles Liddell, further charge and reconveyance	1889-1899
Copy wills of Sir Lowthian Bell, 1890 and 1904, and correspondence and memoranda relating thereto	1890-1904
Correspondence re the mortgage on Scot's House (3 letters)	Jun 1890
Copy will of John McDonald of Washington	1896
Correspondence and papers re Gertrude Bell's settlement (c.32 docs)	1895-1900
Abstract of letters of administration to the estate of Mr Robinson Ellis deceased	1902
Deed of covenant as additional security for securing payment of £4000 secured on Irby Manor and Stamford Farms at West Rounton: Sir Lowthian Bell to Major W.E. Twynning; and draft assignment of mortgage to the Law Union and Crown Insurance Company	1903, 1906
Correspondence and papers relating to the marriage settlement of Chas. P. Trevelyan and Mary K. Bell. Settlement dated 5 Jan 1904 (c.140 docs)	1903-1904
Copy will of Charles Lowthian Bell	18 Nov 1904
Letters re the marriage settlement of Catherine Bell with Henry Porter (2 docs)	Dec 1904
Memorandum of deposit of title deeds of 15 Cleveland Terrace, Middlesbrough	10 May 1906
Mortgage of the Arncliffe Estate and other hereditaments to the Law Union and Crown Insurance Co. to secure £67,500 and interest (Draft deeds, abstracts of title, correspondence and memoranda, c.680 items) [Boxed separately]	1905-1906
Exchange of property between Sir Hugh Bell and Mrs Punshon and mortgage of the exchanged land by Sir Hugh to the Law, Union & Crown Insurance Co. (Supplemental to above mortgage) (Draft deeds and correspondence, c.130 docs, boxed with above)	1906

WILLS, SETTLEMENTS AND MORTGAGES

Deed of covenant as to reduction of the annual sum contingently payable to Mrs Johnson in respect of Arncliffe Hall under the will of Sir Lowthian Bell	26 May 1906
Correspondence and papers re the marriage settlement of H.W. Richmond and Elsa Bell (c.130 docs)	1907
Mortgage of a sum of money part of a mortgage debt secured on an estate at Great Smeaton: H. Godman esquire to Sir Hugh Bell	1914
Letters of administration of the estate of Hugh Lowthian Bell deceased	1926
Draft and probate will of Lady F.E.E. Bell (3 docs)	1927, 1930
Copy will of Sir Hugh Bell and epitome of the will	1930
Papers in the case Bell v. Richmond re Olliffe settlement (6 docs)	1930-1931
Lists of securities under Mrs H.O. Bell's marriage settlement,	1894-1895

ACCOUNTS

General accounts : I.L. Bell

Cash book (1 volume, black, c.9½ x 6½ inches)	1865-1868
Ledger (1 volume, red, c.9 x 8 inches)	1864-1867

*General accounts : Hugh Bell

Ledgers

Ledger No. 1	1906-1911
Ledger No. 2	1907-1911
Ledger No. 3 : Capital accounts	1912-1931
Ledger No. 4 : Income and expenditure account	1912-1924
Ledger No. 5 : Income and expenditure account (Green leather backed volumes, 16 x 10½ inches)	1925-1931

Cash books

Cash book No. 1 (Green leather bound volume, 15½ x 11 inches)	1906-1908
Cash book No. 2	1908-1912
Cash book No. 3	1913-1917
Cash book No. 4	1918-1922
Cash book No. 5	1923-1928
Cash book No. 6 (dark green/black leather bound volumes, 17 x 15 inches)	1928-1937

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*General accounts : Hugh Bell

Journal and report books

No. 1	1906-1911
No. 2	1912-1919
No. 3	1920-1925
No. 4	1926-1930

(dark green/black leather bound volumes, 15½ x 10½ inches)

General accounts : Maurice L. Bell

Cash books

*Cash book - rough copy [Slim bound volume, 12 ¾ x 8 inches]	1915-1919
*Cash book	1933-1938
*Cash book (Leather spined volumes, hard covered, 10½ x 15 inches)	1939-1944

Account books

*Account book	1916-1922
*Account book	1922-1926
*Account book	1927-1935
*Account book (Hard backed volumes, red leather spined, c.14 x 12 inches)	1935-1943

General accounts

*Two volumes marked 'general account' (Black, leather spined volumes, 14½ x 17 inches)	1937-1943 1943-1944
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Bank statements

Bank statements for M.L. Bell's account with the National Provincial Bank Ltd. (Red, loose leaf folder, 9½ x 7½ inches)	1937-1943
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General accounts : Mrs F.H. Bell

Bank statements for Mrs F.H. Bell's account with the National Provincial Bank Ltd. (Red, loose leaf folder, 9½ x 7½ inches)	1939-1945
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Estate accounts

Rounton and Arncliffe estates

Rounton farms bank account book (1 volume, c.4 x 6 inches)	1891-1895
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Estate accounts

Rounton and Arncliffe estates

*Estate and farm cash books	
Volume marked No. 1	1910-1913
Volume marked No. 2	1914-1929
Volume marked No. 2 [sic]	1929-1944
(dark green/black volumes, 15½ x 11 inches)	
Rounton and Arncliffe estate accounts	1913-1914
(2 booklets, 1 hardcovered, c.8 x 13 inches)	
Arncliffe estate accounts	1915-1948
(36 foolscap sized booklets and loose papers)	
*Arncliffe estate cash book	1919-1932
(Hard covered volume with brown leather spine, 9 x 13 inches)	
*Farm stocks account book	1919-1928
(1 volume, hard backed, leather spine, 9 x 13 inches)	
*Sales journal	
(1 volume, black, hard backed, leather spine, 9 x 13 inches)	
*Arncliffe estate : stores issued	1940-1943
(1 volume, 13 x 12 inches)	
Quarterly accounts	1954-1956
(2 paper covered booklets and income and expenditure sheets)	

Arncliffe Saw Mills

Balance sheet	Mar 1929
*Ledger	1943-1948
(1 volume, hard backed, leather spine, 13 x 9 inches)	

Wages books

Rounton and Arncliffe estates wages book for the year ending 31 Mar 1941	1941
(Limp backed booklet 8 x 13 inches)	

Household accounts

Lady Bell's account with H. Grierson, butcher, Hutton Rudby	
(1 volume, c.6 x 4 inches)	1929-1931
Lady Bell's account with J.T. Leng, fish, game and poultry dealer, Middlesbrough	
(1 volume, c.6 x 4 inches)	1930-1931

Rentals

Rounton : counterfoil rent receipts	Jun 1944
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Valuations

Description and valuation of the Arncliffe, Rounton and Hollins estates by Noel Villiers, Wooler (12 docs)	9 Sep 1905
Returns on land values made under the Finance (1909-1910) Act, for East Rounton, Ingleby Arncliffe, Osmotherley, Whorlton, East Harlsey and Broadwell (c.135 docs)	1910

ESTATE

Rounton and Arncliffe estates

Leases

Lease of a farm at East Rounton for 21 years : William Danby esquire to I.L. Bell esquire 20 Aug 1883

Arncliffe Hall

Receipts and vouchers for restoration work undertaken at Arncliffe Hall following the fire and time and material sheets for work carried out by William Anelay, builder (c.160 docs) 1912-1913

Mount Grace

Account book for the pageant of Mount Grace (1 volume) 1926-1927
Inventory of furniture and linen at Mount Grace Priory 22 May 1945
Book of permits giving leave to view the priory ruins c.1932

Rounton Grange

Correspondence regarding the possible use of Rounton Grange as a P.O.W. hostel (c.140 docs) 1943-1948

Sloane Street

Correspondence and papers re alterations and extensions to 95 Sloane Street. With 2 plans (65 docs) 1899-1900

Tithe

Extracts from the tithe apportionments for Osmotherley and Swainby n.d.

Correspondence

Estate papers and correspondence (45 docs) 1899-1946

Vouchers (12)

1946-1948

Taxation

Papers relating to the taxes paid by employees on the estates (30 docs) 1944-1949

TRUSTEE AND EXECUTORSHIP

H.W.F. Bolckow

I.L.Bell's correspondence and papers as executor of H.W.F. Bolckow (16 docs) 1872-1878

Thomas Bell

Papers re Thomas Bell's trusts (c.30 docs) 1878-1881

John Bell

Papers re the estate of John Bell and the lease of Rushpool Hall (c.20 docs) 1878-1896

Charles Ernest Bell

Correspondence and vouchers regarding C.E. Bell's debts, the trust established for repayment thereof and assignment of his assets to I.L. Bell following his bankruptcy in 1894 (c.130 docs) 1879-1906
Account book of the trustees (1 volume) 1881-1897

TRUSTEE AND EXECUTORSHIP

Joshua Henry Bell

Papers re his financial settlement (c.100)

1880-1883

John Lowthian Bell

Papers re advance and assignment of income (c.120)

1881-1894

Mrs M.E. Bell

Bank book of the account held by Hugh Bell at the National Provincial Bank on behalf of Mrs M.E. Bell [?Mary Eliza Bell, wife of John Lowthian Bell]

1895-1897

John Charles Bell

Papers re the estate of J.C. Bell deceased (10 docs)

c.1893

Druller/Kirby trust - Hugh Bell trustee

Correspondence (6 letters)

1895-1906

Godman trust

Correspondence (3 letters)

1900

Isaac Lowthian Bell

*Account book of the estate of Sir L. Bell deceased

1904-1906

*Cash books of the executors of Sir L. Bell deceased (2 volumes)

1904-1916 & 1916-1941

*Journal and report book and ledger of the estate of I.L. Bell [Both volumes locked and unreadable]

c.1904

B.H. Brough

Declaration of trust by Hugh Bell and others of a sum of money held in trust for the widow and children of Bennett Hooper Brough, formerly secretary of the Iron and Steel Institute

7 Jun 1909

Bell Trust

*Account book of the Bell Trust settled by Sir Hugh Bell. With loose papers re the trust found therein

1919-1940

Hubert Dorington and Sir John Dorington deceased : M.H.L. Bell, executor

Correspondence, papers, vouchers, account books (c.410 docs, 8 notebooks)

1934-1936

Revd Hugh Lowthian Bell

*Cash book of the executors (1 volume)

1936-1944

Maurice H.L. Bell

Papers of his executors (5 docs)

1944

FAMILY AND PERSONAL

Isaac Lowthian Bell, 1st. bart.

Release and indemnity from William Losh and Matthew Anderson on payment of principal monies secured on two policies of assurance on the life of Mrs Player in the North British Insurance Co.	5 Dec 1859
Commissions as ensign and captain in the 13th Durham Rifle Volunteers (2 docs)	1860,1861
Papers re I.L. Bell's life assurance (7 docs)	1866-1896
Correspondence and papers (c.300 docs)	1869,1875-1884
Commission as a Deputy Lieutenant of the county of Durham	5 Oct 1871
Letters relating to I.L. Bell's position as High Sheriff of Durham (c.47 docs)	
Appointment of I.L. Bell to the baronetcy by letters patent [boxed separately]	21 Jul 1885
Letters of congratulation written to I.L. Bell on the grant of the baronetcy (c.150 letters)	Jul 1885
Papers regarding Sir L. Bell's gift to his children (14 docs)	1904

Thomas Hugh Bell, 2nd bart.

Commission of T.H. Bell as ensign in the 13th Durham Rifle Volunteers	26 Jan 1861
Correspondence (c.350 docs)	1886-1931
Letters and papers re H.L. Pattinson's will and arrangements made for the children and grandchildren of Sir Lowthian Bell (c.85 docs)	1888-1889
Award of the honorary freedom of the borough of Middlesbrough to Alderman Hugh Bell (Decorated scroll, separately boxed)	2 Nov 1894
Appointment of Hugh Bell as Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Durham	1895
Papers and correspondence re Hugh Bell's office as High Sheriff of Durham (c.100 docs)	1895
Commission of Hugh Bell as custos rotulorum of the North Riding by letters patent of Edward VII [Boxed separately]	4 May 1906
Commission of Hugh Bell as Lord Lieutenant of the North Riding by letters patent of Edward VII [Boxed separately]	4 May 1906
Correspondence re Hugh Bell's parliamentary candidature (c.230 docs)	1910
Correspondence and papers re the fund for the Yorkshire Regiment prisoners of war (c.500 docs)	1917-1918
Award of the CB to Hugh Bell [Boxed separately]	3 Jun 1918
Letters of congratulation to Hugh Bell on bestowal of the CB (c.50 docs)	Jun 1918
Appointment by Sir Hugh Bell of Maurice L. Bell as his attorney	26 Jan 1920

FAMILY AND PERSONAL

Maurice H.L. Bell, 3rd bart

Letters from school and school reports (c.150 docs)	1881-1889
General correspondence (c.60 docs)	1889-1916
Commissions in the armed services and certificates of mention in despatches (7 docs)	1891-1921
Correspondence re Maurice Bell's life insurance (c.130 letters)	1914
Appointment by Maurice Bell of his father Sir Hugh as his attorney	10 Nov 1914
Bond entered into with John George Wilson, appointed by Maurice Bell to be his undersheriff of the county of Durham	1921

Florence Bell (m. Hugh Bell 1876, d.1930)

Correspondence (8 letters)	1879-1924
Letter from Thomas Holmes, secretary of the Howard Association, enclosing a pamphlet on their work (2 docs)	14 Jun 1910
Letter and papers re publication of 'The Singing Circle' by Longmans, Green & Co. (4 docs)	1911-1912
Bank books of Florence Bell in account with the National Provincial Bank Ltd. (2 volumes)	1925-1929

Revd Hugh L. Bell

Appointment of Sir Hugh Bell as his attorney	7 Feb 1918
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Mrs Florence Elsa Richmond

Appointment of Sir Hugh Bell as her attorney	1 Apr 1924
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Hugh Francis Bell

Appointment of Frances Helena Bell as his attorney	22 Feb 1945
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Mary Katherine Trevelyan (nee Bell)

Letter from Richmond Ritchie, Southmead, addressed to Molly	n.d.
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Lowthian Family

Papers and correspondence regarding the Lowthian family and the Carlton House estate, Newbiggin, Cumberland (c.75 docs)	1829-1885
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Olliffe Family

Correspondence and papers re Olliffe estate in France (c.20 docs)	1886-1898
General correspondence re mortgages, property at the Isle of Dogs etc. (c.90 docs)	1882-1888
Copy agreement between His Highness Charles Brooke Rajah of Sarawak and Thomas Shaw Safe, E.D. Thornburgh Cropper, Thomas Francis Olliffe and Foster Connor for concession for exploring and working the Selantik coalfields in Sarawak	21 Mar 1884
Papers re the Rio Verde Railway and the Canadian Cable Co. (c.10 docs)	1886-1887
Papers re the Orinoco Railway Company (c.100 docs)	1886-1888

INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS

Iron and Chemical Works

Losh, Wilson & Bell

Lease of a close in Walker and part of the shore of the Tyne with liberty to build a quay and other erections	25 Oct 1837
Partnership agreement	1 Jan 1838
License to assign leasehold premises	30 Jul 1842
Partnership agreement	26 Mar 1846
*Partnership deed	2 Sep 1850
*Conveyance of the real and personal estate of Thomas Bell deceased by the trustees of his will upon the retirement of I.L. Bell one of the said trustees from the said trusts to William Chater in trust to reconvey the trust premises to the continuing trustees and to a new trustee	16 Jan 1851
Lease of ground at Walker with liberty to build houses and manufactories thereon	15 Jun 1853
Draft assignment of ground in Walker	12 May 1854
*Partnership deed	19 Jul 1855
Abstract of title to premises near Walker Quay belonging to Charles Rayne	1855
*Mortgage of two pieces of ground at Walker to Margaret and Ann Russell	19 May 1858
Lease of cottages and premises at Walker : John Thomas to Losh & Bell (2 copies)	3 Dec 1859
Lease of iron works and ground at Walker with liberty to build thereon	7 Mar 1860
Agreement as to ground common to Losh, Wilson & Bell and the Walker Alkali Co.	23 Sep 1863
*Appointment of a new trustee under the will of Thomas Wilson esquire	30 Dec 1864
Lease of ground in the lordship of Walker with liberty to build house and factories thereon	11 Apr 1866
Agreement with the Walker Alkali Co. as to schools at Walker	1 Feb 1867
Agreement with the Walker Alkali Co. as to ground roads etc. at Walker	1 May 1867
Bond and assignation in security in favour of the Scottish Provident Institution	9 Dec 1867
*Mortgage of leasehold property at Walker to the Scottish Provident Institution	11 Dec 1867
*Assignment of mortgage debt by Margaret and Ann Russell to the Scottish Provident Institution	19 May 1868
Licence to assign premises at Walker to Bells, Goodman & Co. Ltd.	30 Nov 1868
Copy probate will of John Thomas. Probate dated	20 Oct 1870
Licence to assign premises at Walker	14 Mar 1872
Licences to assign premises at Walker (2)	5 May 1873
Assignment of shares in the firms of Losh, Wilson & Bell and Bells, Goodman & Co. from Messrs Jas. C. Anderson, John Anderson, and Henry Bell to Thomas Bell esquire (3 docs)	6 May 1873
Assignment of shares in the firms of Losh, Wilson & Bell and Bells, Goodman & Co. from	

Iron and Chemical Works

Losh, Wilson & Bell

Agreement as to the shares in his estate of the sons and daughters of the late Thomas Bell esquire	1 Aug 1873
Licence to assign premises at Walker	28 Oct 1875
Receipts by the new trustees of the will of the late Thos. Bell and others of the moneys payable under articles of agreement of 1 Aug 1873	30 Oct 1876
Abstracts of title to land at Walker (3)	1877
Abstract of the will of Thomas Bell of Newcastle, 1844	1877
Abstract of title to the shares held by Thomas Wilson deceased in the firm of Losh, Wilson & Bell	1877
Abstract of the will of William Losh esquire	1858
Additional abstract of title to leasehold ground at Walker in mortgage to the Scottish Provident Institution	1877
Additional abstracts of title to land at Walker (2 docs)	1877
Draft mortgages of leasehold land at Walker (2 docs)	1877
Mortgage of leasehold land and cottages at Walker	5 May 1877
Schedule of deeds and writings relating to leasehold premises at Walker belonging to Thomas Bell and in mortgage to Andrew Beveridge esquire	5 May 1877
Assignment of machinery and other effects standing in or upon the Walker Iron Works : Bell to Messrs. Hodgkin & Co.	1879
Sale particulars of the Walker Engine Works and Walker Foundry to be sold by auction at the Queens Head Hotel, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle (5 copies)	27 Sep 1880
Draft surrenders of leases (5)	6 Aug 1884
Deed as to rents under surrendered leases of property at Walker	6 Aug 1884

Walker Alkali Company

*Lease of ground at Walker with liberty to build thereon	19 Sep 1855
*Deed of co-partnership	30 Dec 1858
Lease of alkali works and ground at Walker with liberty to build thereon (2 copies)	7 Mar 1860
*Counterpart lease of a cement manufactory, buildings and premises at Walker	31 Dec 1862
Request and authority as to Walker leaseholds and changes in arrangements thereunder	25 Jul 1867
Memorandum re the following lease	6 Dec 1870
Lease of ground at Walker with liberty to build thereon (2 copies)	7 Dec 1870
Lease of ground at Walker with liberty to build thereon	6 Dec 1871
Abstract of title	1860-1873

Balance sheet 10 Feb 1874

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Walker Alkali Company

Conditional contract for sale of the Walker Alkali works 28 Jul 1874

Thomas Bell's undertaking to indemnify the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Newcastle against issuing a new lease of a piece of ground at Walker Sep 1874

Draft deed of assignment and release of the Alkali works, part being assigned to John Lomas & Co. and the remainder to Thomas Bell 1875

Licences to assign premises at Walker (3) 6 Jul 1877

Assignment and release of the alkali works, part being assigned to John Lomas & Co. and the remainder to Thomas Bell [See plans] 6 Jul 1877

Notice of dissolution of the partnership published in the London Gazette 19 Feb 1878

Washington Chemical Co.

Draft deed of partnership. Endorsed 'Never proceeded with' 185-

I.L. Bell's 'Memorandum of my relations with the Washington Chemical Co. Submitted to David Dale and Jos. Richardson' (18 page, MS doc) 1885

Booklet of sketches and notes (Paper booklet, 8 x 13 inches) n.d.

Bell's Goodman & Co./Bell's Lightfoot & Co.

Copy assignment of leasehold premises at Walker: Bell and others to Goodman 1868

Deed of dissolution : Bells, Goodman & Co. 29 Oct 1875

Agreement as to purchase of Goodman's share by Lightfoot 29 Oct 1875

Deed of co-partnership of the firm of Bell, Lightfoot & Co. 29 Oct 1875

Notice of dissolution of the partnership of Bells, Lightfoot & Co. published in the London Gazette 14 Dec 1883

Bell, Ridley & Bell

Deed of co-partnership of the Walker Malleable Iron Co. 1 Apr 1875

Bell Brothers

Account book : I.L. Bell in account with Bell Brothers (1 volume) 1868-1874

Notice referring to the deed of transfer of debentures of Bell Brothers Ltd. in favour of the Northern Assurance Co. 11 Dec 1876

Memorandum as to debentures in Bell Brothers Ltd. issued to the Northern Assurance Co. 1879

Letter from Thomas Bell to Bell Brothers notifying them of his authorisation to Mr. Hodge to hold two corporation leases of Walker Blast Furnaces by way of security for guarantee of £20,000 (5 drafts) 7 Feb 1879

Schedule of deeds and documents sent to T. Hugh Bell on completion of the lease of the Walker premises to Bell Bros. Ltd., and of the assignment and settlement relating to Thomas Bell's affairs c.1884

Letters re shares in Bell Brothers (6) 1895,1904

Correspondence and papers relating to the sale of Bell family ordinary shares in Bell Bros. to		
Dorman Long & Co. (c.150 docs)		1901-1902
INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS		
Dorman Long & Co.		
Draft agreement between Messrs. Dorman Long & Co. and Sir Hugh Bell and another		1905
Tredgar Iron & Coal Co.		
Declaration of trust and covenant of indemnity in respect of the Tredgar Iron Works: IL Bell and others to the Tredgar Iron & Coal Co. (Ltd.)		16 Mar 1875
Anglo-Italian Chemical & Mineral Co. Ltd.		
Agreement for loan of #21,000 from the Anglo Italian Chemical & Mineral Co. Ltd. to the Rt. Hon. Viscount Morpeth and others		14 Feb 1902
Memorandum by Hugh Bell that he is acting as trustee for IL Bell		19 Mar 1902
Copy of the mortgage registered in Italy		1902
North Eastern Railway		
Purchase agreement : Losh, Wilson & Bell and the North Eastern Railway Co. Land for the Byker, Walker and Percy main branch railway		14 Aug 1875
Draft appointment of arbitrators between Bells, Goodman & Co. and the N.E. Railway		1875
Agreement to sell: IL Bell to the N.E. Railway Endorsed : '... land at Washington'		10 Nov 1876
Copy assignment of leasehold land and messuages in Walker: Thomas Bell the elder to the N.E. Railway		12 Jul 1877
Notice of deposit of N.E. Railway consols for safe keeping at the National Provincial Bank by Hugh Bell		4 May 1905
Cubitt Town Estate Co.		
Papers re the Cubitt Town Estate Co.: M.H.L. Bell and H.F. Bell directors		1936-1948
Correspondence and papers		
I.L.Bell's letters and papers largely re Losh, Wilson & Bell and the Washington Chemical Co. (c.60)		1841-1859
Miscellaneous correspondence and papers (c.15)		1864-1896

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Patents

Specifications under patents to I.L. Bell for	
Improvements in manufacture of sulphuric acid	9 Sep 1853
Improvements in manufacture of iron	17 May 1858
Improvements in manufacture of sulphate of magnesia	10 Dec 1859
Letters patent of Victoria granted to I.L. Bell for an invention for "improvements in the manufacture of iron and steel" [Boxed separately]	11 Apr 1877
Copy specification of I.L. Bell for improvements in the manufacture of iron and steel [Boxed with above]	11 Apr 1877
Agreement between I.L. Bell and Alfred Krupp of Essen, Prussia, proprietor of the firm of Fried Krupp that patents issued to either of them in the United States for the dephosphorizing of pig iron shall be their common property	29 May 1880
Copy letter from I.L. Bell to A.L. Holley relating to the above	21 Jun 1880

Bill Point, Walker

Copy lease of ground at Bill Point to Thomas Bell with liberty to build thereon	1 Dec 1875
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Stocks and shares

Circular from Birmingham Corporation to investors in Birmingham Corporation Annuities regarding the payment of half yearly dividends direct to banks	Jan 1949
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Port Clarence Schools

Letters from M. Thos. Bourke to the Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle largely concerning the education received by Catholic children at the Port Clarence School (2 letters)	Jan & Feb 1872
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Walker Schools

Letters re Walker schools (4)	1877-1879
Plan of Walker Iron & Alkali Works schools	
Paper : 25½ x 21 inches	
Scale : 8 feet to 1 inch	1863

Plans

Plan showing Mr. Danson's house and ground nearby	
Tracing paper : 10½ x 5 inches]	
Scale : 40 feet to 1 inch	10 Dec 1866
Plan of the River Tyne improvement plan at Bill Point	
Tracing paper : 38 x 16½ inches	
Scale : 20 feet to 1 inch	
Plan of the Walker alkali works showing division of land between John Lomas & Co. and Thomas Bell	
Paper : 18 x 15 inches	
Scale : 400 feet to 3 inches	n.d. [1877]
Plan showing the riverside branch of the NER	
Tracing paper : 17 x 20 inches	
No scale given	15 Dec 1881
Plan showing part of ironworks	
Tracing paper: 14½ x 14 inches	

Scale : 10 chains to 1 inch

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Plan showing [?] part of ironworks
Tracing paper: 14 x 9 inches
Scale : 10 chains to 1 inch n.d.

LEGAL

Bell v. Bowman (3 docs) 1874

Lightfoot v. Bell : papers in a case in chancery regarding the enforcement of the indenture of 1 Aug 1873 re the partnership of Losh, Wilson, Bell & Co. and will of Thomas Bell (c.80 docs) 1873-1877

Love & Ferrens v. Bell & Salvin : papers in a case regarding the subsidence of Park House, near Durham, owing to mine workings
With plans of Park House c.1880

Coe v. Olliffe : a case involving the Pontypridd and Rhonda Valley Tramway (c.40 docs) 1886-1888

Allen v. Bell : appeal by C.E. Bell co-respondent in the divorce suit filed by William Edgar Allen for dissolution of his marriage with Maud Charlotte Sarah Allen (2 docs) 1894

PARISH

Faculty for the erection in East Rounton church of a memorial tablet, in remembrance of the officers of the 4th Battalion Alexandra Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment who died in the 1914-18 war 16 Mar 1920

Faculty for the erection of a tablet in East Rounton church in memory of Sir Hugh Bell 19 Apr 1938

GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY

Papers and notes regarding family history and birth, death and marriage certificates of members of the Bell family (c.30 docs) 1844-1944

MISCELLANEOUS

Volume of accounts of ?a sea trader, marked on the fly leaf 'Dantzig Anno 1693. Memoriall or waste book George Mallabarr'. Dated at Dantzig 1693 to Oct 1714, at London Nov 1714-Jun 1715 and at Newcastle July 1715-May 1735
(Parchment covered volume, 14½ x 9 inches) 1693-1735

Typescript copy of the resolutions of a meeting held in Stockton, regarding the raising of £2,500 by a subscription in the nature of a tontine for purchasing ground and erecting an inn on the turnpike road from Thirsk to Yarm, near its junction with the road to Stokesley. With list of subscribers. Meeting held 1 Feb 1804

'The Corporation Annual or Recollections of the First Reformed Town Council of the Borough of Newcastle upon Tyne by a late councillor'
(Printed booklet, c.5½ x 8½ inches)

'The Problem of the London Home Workers'
(Printed pamphlet, 5½ x 8½ inches)

Printed letter informing of the death of Lionel Jordan, private in the 4th battalion Yorkshire regiment 3 Sep 1915

Papers regarding Frank Gibson's discharge from active service (5) Dec 1917

PHOTOGRAPHS

Various family photographs, largely unidentified (14) 19th & 20th cents

Photographs showing various stages in the construction of Sydney Harbour Bridge (7 photographs) c.1920

MAPS AND PLANS

Plan of Hollins Farm. Marked "copy 15 May 1843 Scarth and others to Wm. Danby"
Waxed linen : 9½ x 10 inches
Scale : 6 inches : 1 mile

- (R) Plan marked 'Copyholds in the parish of Osmotherley belonging to Douglas Brown esq.'
Linen backed : 38 x 22 inches
No scale given

1859

Plan of the Arncliffe estate. Marked 'Tracing of plan on deed of 9 May 1859. Douglas Brown to Long and others. Mortgage'
Waxed linen : c.33 x 36 inches
No scale given

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Plan of the Arncliffe estate. Marked 'Plan A in deed 6 May 1859'
Waxed linen : c.32 x 35 inches
No scale given

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Plan of Irby Manor and Stamford Farms. Marked 'Copy plan endorsed on indenture of 18 June 1866'
Waxed linen : c.10 x 17 inches
Scale : 10 chains : 1¼ inches

Plan showing High Siddle, Breckon Hill and Long Lands farms.
Marked 'Copy plan on deed of 31 Dec 1875. Copy of plan B'
Waxed linen : c.23 x 15 inches
No scale given

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O.S. sheet XLI.16 showing Ingleby Arncliffe
Scale : 25 inches : 1 mile

Plan of the Arncliffe and Rounton estates marked on O.S. 6" quarter sheet

1895

Plan showing land given to Chester le Street R.D.C. by Sir Lowthian Bell, bart., for the purpose of widening Station Lane, Washington
Waxed linen : c.30 x 57 inches
No scale given

Nov 1897

O.S. sheet 42 showing Ingleby Arncliffe, Northallerton etc.
Scale : 6 inches : 1 mile

Plan showing Irby Manor and Stamford Farms
Waxed linen : c.34 x 34 inches
No scale given

n.d.

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- (R) Plan of part of the Arncliffe estate founded on the ordnance map
Linen backed : 22 x 19½ inches
Scale : 12 inches : 1 mile