

FINDING AID FOR:
The Frank Bell Collection

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Collection Description

Collection #: P007

Collection Title: The Frank Bell Collection

Creator:

Location: This collection is in offsite storage at Uovo on shelves 15 and 21.

Inclusive Dates: 1934

Bulk Dates:

Extent: 4.5 __LF

Restrictions:

Assoc Coll Matl:

Hist/Bio Note: In 1934, Chauncey McCormick commissioned Raymond W. Trowbridge's Chicago-based photography firm to take publicity photos of Vizcaya in anticipation of opening the estate as a museum. Frank Bell was the photographer sent by Trowbridge.

The photographs offer a comprehensive visual record of the interiors, exteriors, grounds, and gardens in the early 1930s. These images, taken after the 1926 hurricane and before significant portions of the estate were sold, provides insight to an important time period of the estate. Paul Chalfin was recalled to the estate by McCormick at this time, and so furnishings are arranged differently than they were during James Deering's residence. __Raymong W. Trowbridge, 1886-1936, was an architect who turned to a career in photography after a debilitating illness in 1923 made architecture work impossible. He founded a photography firm in Chicago and chronicled many of Chicago's important buildings and homes.

Scope: This collection consists of 238 publicity photographs commissioned by Chauncey McCormick and taken by Frank Bell in 1934 while working for Raymond W. Trowbridge's Chicago-based photography firm, and nine photographs taken by Trowbridge. There are several photograph types including: large sepia-toned prints, 5x7 glass-plate negatives, 5x7 film negatives. There are 81 negatives for which there is no print.

In the early 1930s, Chauncey McCormick, James Deering's Chicago-based heir through his wife (Deering's niece, Marion McCormick), likely commissioned Trowbridge's firm to take publicity photographs of Vizcaya in preparation for the opening of the estate as a museum. They provide a comprehensive account of Vizcaya's interiors, exteriors, grounds and gardens.

The photographs document an important time period. Between the 1926 Miami Hurricane and the attempted opening of the museum in 1934, furnishings were rearranged by Paul Chalfin, (Vizcaya's artistic director originally hired by James Deering) to prepare the estate to be put on view for the public and conceal damage caused by the Hurricane. Consequently, furniture arrangements depicted in the photographs in this collection differ from the furniture arrangements that existed during Deering's occupation.

Notes: Prints in a vinyl-bound album were made circa 1974.

Topic:

Geographic:

Personal: Trowbridge, Raymond, W.--1886-1936 --Bell, Frank --McCormick, Chauncey--1884-1954

Corporate:

Arrangement: ___Prints series follow original arrangement. Print subseries were originally housed in individual albums. Sepia-toned prints stamped "Trowbridge" were received by Deering's heirs after commission circa 1934. Prints originally contained in a leather-bound binder, 5x7 glass-plate negatives, and 5x7 film negatives were donated at a later date and incorporated into this collection.

Container List

File Unit:

fb01

Frank Bell Album1,

Item Nbr: 001

Title: Gate to Entrance Loggia

Dates: Circa 1934

Creator: Bell, Frank

Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 002

Title: Bacchus Grouping in Entrance Loggia

Dates: Circa 1934

Creator: Bell, Frank

Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 003

Title: Entrance Loggia North to South

Dates: Circa 1934

Creator: Bell, Frank

Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 004

Title: Directoire Entrance Hall Cloak Room Alcove

Dates: Circa 1934

Creator: Bell, Frank

Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 005

Title: Gentlemen's Cloak Room

Dates: Circa 1934

Creator: Bell, Frank

Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 006

Title: Adam Library Northeast Corner

Dates: Circa 1934

Creator: Bell, Frank

Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 007
Title: Northwest Corner of Adam Library
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 008
Title: Detail of Pelham Children Painting
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 009
Title: Southeast Corner of Reception Room
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 010
Title: Southwest Corner of Reception Room
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 011
Title: Southwest Corner of Reception Room
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 012
Title: Spanish Chests in North Hall
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 013
Title: Detail of Fireplace on West Wall of Renaissance Hall
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 014
Title: Center Window of North Wall in Living Room
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 015
Title: Overall of North Section of Renaissance Hall
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 016
Title: Northeast Corner of Renaissance Hall
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 017
Title: West Wall of Renaissance Hall
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 018
Title: Doorway to East Hall in Renaissance Hall
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 019
Title: Organ Hall
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 020
Title: Organ Hall Gallery
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 021
Title: East Loggia Archway to Courtyard
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 022
Title: South Wall of East Loggia
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 023
Title: Northeast Corner of East Loggia
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 024
Title: Northwestern Corner of Music Room
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 025
Title: Music Room Ceiling
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 026
Title: North Wall of Music Room
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 027
Title: East Wall of Music Room
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 028
Title: Dining Room Sideboard Detail
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 029
Title: Southwest Corner of Dining Room
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 030
Title: South Hall and Serving Pantry Doors
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 031
Title: North Wall of Tea Room showing Basani Gates
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 032
Title: Center of East Wall of Enclosed Loggia
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 033
Title: Enclosed Loggia Fireplace West Wall
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 034
Title: North Area of Enclosed Loggia
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 035
Title: Clients Room
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 036
Title: South West Corner of Client's Room
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 037
Title: East Door to South Arcade in Client's Room
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 038
Title: Northwestern Area of Flower Room
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 039
Title: North Arcade Facing West
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 040
Title: North Arcade Facing East
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 041
Title: South Arcade Facing West
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 042
Title: Courtyard Fountain
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 043
Title: Courtyard Area
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 044
Title: Northeast Courtyard and Gallery
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 045
Title: Southwest Corner of Courtyard and Roof
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

fb02

Frank Bell Album 2,

Item Nbr: 001
Title: Main Staircase
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 002
Title: Main Staircase from Gallery
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 003
Title: Formal Staircase Gates
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 004

Title: Northwest Corner of Pantaloon Bedroom

Dates: Circa 1934

Creator: Bell, Frank

Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 005

Title: South Wall of Pantaloon Bedroom

Dates: Circa 1934

Creator: Bell, Frank

Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 006

Title: Southwest Corner of Manin Bedroom

Dates: Circa 1934

Creator: Bell, Frank

Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 007

Title: South Wall of Manin Bedroom

Dates: Circa 1934

Creator: Bell, Frank

Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 008

Title: Southeast Corner of Manin

Dates: Circa 1934

Creator: Bell, Frank

Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 009

Title: Northwest Corner of Manin Bedroom

Dates: Circa 1934

Creator: Bell, Frank

Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 010

Title: Northeast Corner of Lady Hamilton Bedroom

Dates: Circa 1934

Creator: Bell, Frank

Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 011
Title: Southeast Corner of Lady Hamilton Bedroom
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 012
Title: Northwest Corner of Belgioioso Bedroom
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 013
Title: Northwest Corner of Belgioioso Bedroom
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 014
Title: East Wall of Cathay Bedroom
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 015
Title: Northwest Corner of Cathay Bedroom
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 016
Title: Southwest Corner of Deering Sitting Room
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 017
Title: South Wall of Deering Sitting Room
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 018
Title: North Wall of Deering Sitting Room
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 019
Title: West Wall of Deering Sitting Room
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 020
Title: Northwest Corner of Deering Sitting Room
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 021
Title: South Wall of Deering Sitting Room
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 022
Title: North Wall of Dressing Room
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 023
Title: Northeast Corner of Deering Bedroom
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 024
Title: Northwest Corner of Deering Bedroom
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 025
Title: Southwest Area of Espagnolette Bedroom
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 026
Title: Northeast Area of Espagnolette Bedroom
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 027
Title: Caravel Bedroom
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 028
Title: Southwest Corner of Caravel Bedroom
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 029
Title: Galleon Salon
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 030
Title: Southwest Corner of Galleon Salon
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 031
Title: Southeast Corner of Galleon Salon
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 032
Title: West End of South Tower Hallway
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 033
Title: South Wall of Goyesca
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 034
Title: Southeast Corner of Giudecca
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 035
Title: South Gallery Breakfast Room Entrance
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 036
Title: Detail of Breakfast Room Gates
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 037
Title: Breakfast Room Northeast Area
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 038
Title: Southeast Corner of the Breakfast Room
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 039
Title: South Wall of Breakfast Room
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 040
Title: Breakfast Room Fireplace and West Wall
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 041
Title: Northeast Gallery showing Elevator Doorway
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 042
Title: North Gallery Facing East
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 043
Title: East Gallery Facing North
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 044
Title: East Gallery Facing North
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 045
Title: Top of Spiral Staircase looking down
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 001
Title: West Gate House
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 002
Title: West Gate House Archway
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 003
Title: Garage
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 004
Title: Garage Doorway
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 005
Title: Stables
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 006
Title: Dairy
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 007
Title: Stable Left, Poultry House Right
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 008
Title: Farm Area Gate House
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 009
Title: Superintendent's House North Side Looking West
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 010
Title: Superintendent's House North Side Looking East
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 011
Title: Two Story Servants' Quarters
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 012
Title: East Gate House
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 013
Title: Main Gateway Looking West
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 014
Title: Front Drive From Forecourt to Plaza
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 015
Title: Plaza Fountain
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 016
Title: Plaza and Fountain
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 017
Title: Ponce De Leon in South Side of Plaza
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 018
Title: Bevilaqua Gate in South Forecourt
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 019
Title: Bevilaqua Gate
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 020
Title: Forecourt and West Façade
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 021
Title: Forecourt Pool and West Façade
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 022
Title: West Entrance To House
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 023
Title: North Façade
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 024
Title: North Façade Entrance
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 025
Title: North Façade from North Garden
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 026
Title: North Façade From North East
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 027
Title: Swimming Pool Grotto From South East Corner
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 028
Title: East Façade From Boat Landing
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 029
Title: East Façade From Barge
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 030
Title: Seawall And Boat Landing
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 031
Title: Seawall And Tea House
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 032
Title: East Façade From Tea House
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 033
Title: Bay Vista At Sunrise
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 034
Title: Basin And Barge From South
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 035
Title: Barge And Bay Vista
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 036
Title: On The Barge Looking North
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 037
Title: South Façade
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 038
Title: East Gazebos And South Façade
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 039
Title: North West Gazebo And South Terrace
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 040
Title: Cross Axis East To West
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 041
Title: Garden Panorama North To South
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 042
Title: Garden From South Terrace
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 043
Title: Central Axis From South Terrace
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 044
Title: Central Axis From Water Stairway To House
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 045
Title: East Axis From South To House
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 046
Title: West Parterres To The House
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 047
Title: West Allee To The House
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 048
Title: East Allee To The House
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 049
Title: West Garden Terrace To House
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 050
Title: Raised Pool, Grottos And Water Stairway
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 051
Title: East Steps To Mound
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 052
Title: Gloria In Secret Garden Wall
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 053
Title: Bust On South East Mound Wall
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 054
Title: Bust And Steps To The Mound
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 055
Title: Casino In North Façade
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 056
Title: Casino Pavilion
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 057
Title: Casino North Door And Ceiling
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 058
Title: Venetian Water Landing And Casino
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 059
Title: Venetian Water Landing And Casino
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 060
Title: Ganymede In West Allee
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 061
Title: Bassano Du Sutrie Fountain
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 062
Title: Peacock Walk Garden Gates
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 063
Title: Peacock Walk South Side Of Bridge
Dates: Circa 1934
Creator: Bell, Frank
Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 064

Title: West Peacock Walk To Fountain

Dates: Circa 1934

Creator: Bell, Frank

Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 065

Title: East Peacock Walk To Fountain

Dates: Circa 1934

Creator: Bell, Frank

Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 066

Title: Poseidon Near Boathouse But Bull Dozed 6/58

Dates: Circa 1934

Creator: Bell, Frank

Phys Desc:

Item Nbr: 067

Title: Canal Hammock Near Ravine

Dates: Circa 1934

Creator: Bell, Frank

Phys Desc:
