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## Inventory of the Eleanor Bissell Papers, 1738-1958

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San Marino, California

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Eleanor Bissell Papers,

**Date (inclusive):** 1738-1958

**Creator:** Bissell, Eleanor

**Extent:** ca. 160 pieces

**Repository:** The Huntington Library

San Marino, California 91108

**Language:** English

### Provenance

The material was acquired from the estate of Eleanor Bissell through the Courtesy of the Pasadena Art Museum, August 2, 1963.

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### Biography

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Eleanor Bissell was born c.1870 in Winsor, Connecticut, the daughter of Thomas H. Bissell, banker and land owner. About 1924 she moved to Pasadena where she was active in prominent, social groups until her death c.1962.

Eleanor's one volume guest book (1933-1958), a letter addressed to George Miller, and three colored slides of her rose garden are the only pieces representative of her Pasadena period. An autograph album (c.1862-1865) and a diary (1893-1895) in which she records some of her Smith College days are the only other pieces related to Eleanor.

#### **Scope and Content**

All of the other items in the collection pertain to relatives. There are 45 letters addressed to Miss Bissell's grandparents and great grandfather, Timothy Mills during the period 1783-1848. Usually the letters are written by other Connecticut residents. The c.103 pieces relating to the Connecticut family business include about 41 quit-claim deeds, 25 promissory notes, 13 receipts, and 7 bills of sale etc. during 1738-1836. There is also one account book (1797), five genealogical items, and 18 family photographs (c.1860-1925).

#### **Arrangement**

The material is arranged according to the outline indicated in the above description. Although uncatalogued, the papers are available. There is a Summary report.