

# **Bell Hall Dedication**

The Bell Hall Dedication collection is a processed, open collection of official papers, letters and photos of the dedication ceremony of J. Franklin Bell Hall on 14 January 1959. The building honors Major General J. Franklin Bell famed Indian fighter, Army Chief of Staff, and father of the modern Army school system.

In 1903 James Franklin Bell assisted Secretary of War Elihu Root in developing the overall plan for the reorganization of the Army's educational system. General Bell was then designated Commandant of the Infantry and Cavalry school, the Signal School, and the Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. As Commandant from 1903 to 1906, he implemented the reorganization plans and became known as the founder of the modern method of instruction in the U.S. Army.

The collection is found in two boxes.

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Folder 10: Booklet - "Fort Leavenworth helped build the past the USACGSC keeps pace with the future" (w/maps)

Folder 11: Congressional Record – 20 Jan 59 (includes comments about Bell Hall dedication)

Folder 12: Reel-to-reel tape – Dedication of Bell Hall with remarks by Mr. William M. Brucker and MG McGarr on 14 January 1959.

Folder 13: Letter of instruction – Dedication of Harold K. Johnson addition to Bell Hall. The dedication program of the Harold K. Johnson addition on 25 September 1985.

**Box 2**

Folder 1: Reel-to-reel tape – Ground breaking ceremony on "Arsenal Hill" (site of Bell Hall) with remarks by MG McGarr on 5 November 1956.

Folder 2: Justification for academic building w/photos

Folder 3: Photographs

Folder 5: Dedication ceremony James Franklin Bell Hall, 14 January 1959 - special edition "gift book" w/ photos