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Upton Bell Collection

1917-2023
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Read collection overview

Background on Upton Bell

Upton Bell is the son of Bert Bell, National Football League Commissioner from 1946 to 1959. Growing up inside the early NFL, Upton witnessed his father's leadership: implementing a proactive anti-gambling policy; negotiating a merger with the All-America Football Conference (AAFC); bringing professional football successfully to television; creating the NFL Draft; and initiating the Sudden Death rule, which launched the meteoric rise in the popularity of professional football. Bell's mother, Frances Upton, was a Broadway actress and movie star of the 1920s and 1930s and funded Bert Bell's creation of the Philadelphia Eagles. Bell's grandfather, John C. Bell, helped found the NCAA and served on the Walter Camp Intercollegiate Football Rules Committee which negotiated with President Teddy Roosevelt to save college football.

Upton Bell's career in professional football began in the early 1960s working at the Baltimore Colts training camp and ticket office, advancing to head scout by the late 1960s. Bell served the team through two NFL Championships and two Super Bowls, winning Super Bowl V in 1971. After leaving the Colts, Bell was hired as general manager of the Boston Patriots, encouraging their name change to the New England Patriots. He then bought the Charlotte Hornets, a team in the short-lived World Football League. Soon after the WFL folded, Bell began a broadcasting career in Boston, where for more than 40 years he has been a host and commentator covering the country's top newsmakers. He is a three-time AP Talk Radio Award winner and author of *Present at the Creation: My Life in the NFL and the Rise of America's Game* (University of Nebraska Press, 2017).

Scope of collection

Bell's collection of sport artifacts and memorabilia from his and his father Bert Bell's careers in professional sport includes hundreds of items, with a selection of items, including the Baltimore Colts Super Bowl ring, on permanent exhibit in the Special Collections reading room.

Series descriptions

[Series 1. Documents](#)

1917-2023

9 boxes

Documents related to Upton Bell, Bert Bell, the Bell family and ancestors. Also includes documents, clippings, photographs, and artwork related to the history of football and sports.

[Series 2. Artifacts](#)

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10 boxes

Artifacts and memorabilia related to Upton Bell and his family and includes his career in sports and broadcasting.

[Series 3. Audio-visual](#)

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4 boxes

Audio-visual materials related to Upton Bell and his family and includes his career in sports and broadcasting.

Inventory

Series 1. Documents

1917-2023

Bell, Bert: article "A private man in a public place" by Upton Bell

1983

Box 1: 1

Bell, Bert: article "A private man in a public place" by Upton Bell

1983

Box 14

Matted print of Boston Globe article.

Bell, Bert: biographical material

undated

Box 1: 2

Bell, Bert: book "On Any Given Sunday"

2004-2010

Box 1: 3

Bell, Bert: book "On any given Sunday" party - framed triptych

ca.2010

Box 14

Image of book cover, invitation

Bell, Bert: death

1959-2000

Box 1: 4

Bell, Bert: family - children

undated

Box 1: 5

Bell, Bert: family - Frances Upton

1933-2019

Box 1: 6

Bell, Bert: Haverford School: induction class of 1914

2010 Feb. 20

Box 1: 7

Bell, Bert: magazines

1970-1984

Box 1: 8

Bell, Bert: Narberth PA state historic marker - application

1997

Box 1: 9

Bell, Bert: Narberth PA state historic marker - newspaper clippings

1997

Box 1: 10

Bell, Bert: Narberth PA state historic marker dedication - photos

1997
Box 1: 11
Bell, Bert: NFL commissioner
1947-2016
Box 1: 12
Bell, Bert: NFL draft
ca.1947-2010
Box 1: 13
Bell, Bert: Philadelphia Eagles
ca.1935-2016
Box 1: 16
Bell, Bert: photo montage
undated
Box 9

Gifted by Art Rooney, Jr. (2 copies, 1 framed)

Bell, Bert: Photographs - Base Hospital, Unit 20 Medical Corps members
1918
Box 13

Includes corps members Bert Bell and John B. Kelly during WWI

Bell, Bert: photographs - early football
ca.1915-1925

Box 1: 14
Bell, Bert: Photographs - Portrait
ca.1950
Box 13

Bell, Bert: Photographs - Portrait memorial
ca.1959

Box 13
Bell, Bert: photographs - Pres. Harry S. Truman and Preston Marshall
1949 Sept 15

Box 1: 15
Bell, Bert: Photographs - University of Pennsylvania football team
1922
Box 13

Coach Bert Bell with Head Coach John Heisman, Coach Tom Davies, coaching staff, and several players

Bell, Bert: Pro Football Hall of Fame
1962-1996

Box 1: 17
Bell, Bert: "Steagles" football team
1943

Box 1: 18
Bell, Bert: Univ. of Penn.
ca.1920-2000

Box 1: 19
Bell, Bert: Univ. of Penn. Athletic Hall of Fame
ca.2000

Box 1: 20
Bell, Bert: Univ. of Penn. vs. Harvard game
2016

Box 1: 21
Bell, Bert: World War I
1918

Box 1: 22
Bell, Bert: youth
undated

Box 1: 23
Bert Bell Award (Maxwell Club)
1962-2012

Box 1: 24
Bert Bell Memorial Awards and Conference
ca.1960-2013

Box 1: 25
Bell, Bert, Jr.

undated
Box 1: 26
Bell, Jane
undated
Box 1: 27
Bell, John C.
undated
Box 1: 28
Bell, John C., Jr.
undated
Box 1: 29
Bell, Upton: accident
2015
Box 1: 30
Bell, Upton: Alaska -- photos
undated
Box 22
Bell, Upton: archive
2020
Box 1: 31
Bell, Upton: article + correspondence from Rodger Van Allen
1995
Box 1: 32
Bell, Upton: Baltimore Colts - American Football Conference media guides binder
1970
Box 4
Bell, Upton: Baltimore Colts - articles on Carroll Rosenbloom
ca.1965
Box 1: 33
Bell, Upton: Baltimore Colts - Best game ever played (1958)
1959-2016
Box 1: 34
Bell, Upton: Baltimore Colts - correspondence
undated
Box 1: 35
Bell, Upton: Baltimore Colts - media guide
1970
Box 1: 36
Bell, Upton: Baltimore Colts - National Football Conference media guides binder
1970
Box 4
Bell, Upton: Baltimore Colts - news newspaper clippings
1966-2011
Box 1: 37
Bell, Upton: Baltimore Colts - obituaries
1972-2019
Box 1: 38
Bell, Upton: Baltimore Colts - photographs
ca.1965-1970
Box 1: 39

Photos with Don Shula, Don McCaffery, other Colts members

Bell, Upton: Baltimore Colts - photograph portraits
ca.1967-1970
Box 1: 40
Bell, Upton: Baltimore Colts - Super Bowl III newspaper clippings
2007-2008
Box 1: 41
Bell, Upton: Baltimore Colts - Super Bowl V articles
1971
Box 1: 42
Bell, Upton: banner by Paul Szep
undated
Box 9
Bell, Upton: biographical
undated
Box 1: 43
Bell, Upton: Boston College Carquest Bowl

1994
Box 1: 44
Bell, Upton: Boston Garden - closing and press credential
1988-1995
Box 1: 45
Bell, Upton: Boston Pops Christmas event
1995-1996
Box 1: 46
Bell, Upton: Boston Pops committee
1993-1996
Box 1: 47
Bell, Upton: broadcasting
undated
Box 1: 48
Bell, Upton: broadcasting - Calling All Sports (WBZ radio)
1978-1979
Box 1: 49
Bell, Upton: broadcasting - Calling All Sports (WBZ radio)
1991-1992
Box 1: 50
Bell, Upton: broadcasting - Sports Beat (WSBK TV38)
ca.1990-1996
Box 1: 51
Bell, Upton: broadcasting - Sportsline (WEEI AM radio)
1984
Box 1: 52
Bell, Upton: broadcasting - Sports Weekly (WGBH)
1979-1980
Box 1: 53
Bell, Upton: broadcasting - Upton Bell Show (various stations)
1998-2001
Box 1: 54
Bell, Upton: broadcasting - Upton Bell Show (WCRN)
ca.2009
Box 1: 55
Bell, Upton: broadcasting - Upton Bell Show (WMEX)
ca.1998-2003
Box 1: 56
Bell, Upton: broadcasting - Upton Bell Show (WTAG Worcester)
1992-1998
Box 1: 57
Bell, Upton: broadcasting - WBZ-4TV
1989-1997
Box 1: 58
Bell, Upton: broadcasting - WHDH charity events
ca.1987
Box 1: 59
Bell, Upton: calendars
2018-2024
Box 10
Bell, Upton: caricature illustrations
undated
Box 1: 60
Bell, Upton: caricatures and cartoons
undated
Box 9

"Bob Lobel, Joe Fitzgerald, Bob Ryan, and Upton Bell". "Bring back Bob and Upton". "Uppie". "Hornets" by Eugene Payne.

Bell, Upton: caricatures and cartoons - "On the town with Smoki Bacon and Dick Concannon ... Radio and TV personality Upton Bell"
ca.1985
Box 13
Bell, Upton: certificates of appreciation
undated
Box 1: 61
Bell, Upton: certificates of appreciation
1959-1981

Box 13

Resolution: State of Pennsylvania honors Bert Bell (1959); Resolution: PA House of Representatives honors Bert Bell (1959); Downtown Athletic Club and Heisman Memorial Trophy Committee (1981); Honorary Citizen of Quincy, Mass. (1972)

Bell, Upton: Charlotte Hornets
undated

Box 1: 62

Bell, Upton: Charlotte Hornets - newspaper clippings
1974-1975

Box 1: 63

Bell, Upton: Charlotte Hornets - photographs
ca.1974

Box 1: 66

Bell, Upton: Charlotte Hornets - poster
1975

Box 14

Bell, Upton: Charlotte Hornets - programs
1974

Box 1: 64

Bell, Upton: Charlotte Hornets - programs
1975

Box 1: 65

Bell, Upton: Charlotte Hornets - scrapbook with clippings
1974-1975

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Bell, Upton: Charlotte Hornets - scrapbook with clippings
undated

Box 8

Bell, Upton: Charlotte Hornets (New York Stars) training camp guide
1974

Box 1: 67

Bell, Upton: Charlotte Hornets - training camp guide
1975

Box 1: 68

Bell, Upton: Charlotte Hornets - World Football League game rules
1974

Box 2: 1

Bell, Upton: China -- photos, postcards and momentos
undated

Box 22

Bell, Upton: correspondence
2000

Box 2: 4

Bell, Upton: correspondence
2000-2022

Box 2: 5

Bell, Upton: correspondence - celebrities
1971

Box 2: 7

Letters from Spiro Agnew, Frank Sinatra, Joe Kennedy, Stephen King

Bell, Upton: correspondence - greeting cards
undated

Box 2: 8

Bell, Upton: correspondence - Pittsburgh Steelers
1969-2010

Box 2: 10

Letter from Chuck Noll (Steelers head coach), note from Dan Rooney (US Ambassador to Ireland)

Bell, Upton: correspondence and postcards with Art Rooney Jr.
ca.1966-2022

Box 2: 6

Bell, Upton: correspondence with Pearce B. Johnson (Providence Steamers Football Club)
ca.2000

Box 2: 9

Bell, Upton: Escoffier dinner
1972

Box 2: 11

Bell, Upton: Harvard lunch with Bill Delahunt
2017

Box 2: 12

Bell, Upton: invitations
undated

Box 2: 14

Bell, Upton: invitations to Maxwell Club dinner
1962

Box 13

Bell, Upton: marriage certificate
2021

Box 2: 13

Bell, Upton: memorabilia
undated

Box 2: 15

Photos with Art Rooney, letter from lawyer, Willie Mays

Bell, Upton: memorabilia signed
undated

Box 2: 16

Photos, autographs from Jack Nicholson, boxers, hockey players

Bell, Upton: National Football League
2020

Box 2: 17

Bell, Upton: New England Patriots - Bell firing - newspaper clippings
1972

Box 6: 1

Bell, Upton: New England Patriots - black out policy letter from Edward Kennedy
1972

Box 2: 19

Bell, Upton: New England Patriots - Coach John Mazur newspaper clippings
1972

Box 6: 2

Bell, Upton: New England Patriots - Coach John Mazur newspaper clippings
1972

Box 6: 3

Bell, Upton: New England Patriots - Coach John Mazur newspaper clippings
1972

Box 6: 4

Bell, Upton: New England Patriots - media guide
1970

Box 2: 28

Bell, Upton: New England Patriots - photograph
undated

Box 2: 30

Photographs of Upton Bell in his role at the Patriots

Bell, Upton: New England Patriots - Rozelle newspaper clippings
1971

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Bell, Upton: New England Patriots correspondence
1971

Box 2: 25

Bell, Upton: New England Patriots correspondence
1972

Box 2: 26

Bell, Upton: New England Patriots correspondence
1973

Box 2: 27

Bell, Upton: New England Patriots newsletter
1971

Box 2: 18

Bell, Upton: New England Patriots newspaper clippings
1971

Box 2: 20

Bell, Upton: New England Patriots newspaper clippings
1972

Box 2: 21

Bell, Upton: New England Patriots newspaper clippings
ca.1973

Box 2: 22

Bell, Upton: New England Patriots newspaper clippings - Miracle at Foxboro
1971-2001

Box 2: 24

Bell, Upton: New England Patriots photographs with Shula, Plunkett, Sullivan, Bucko Kilroy
1971-1972

Box 2: 29

Bell, Upton: newspaper clippings
1978-1995

Box 2: 2

Bell, Upton: newspaper clippings
2000-2024

Box 2: 3

Bell, Upton: newspaper clippings
1972-1995

Box 13

Bell, Upton: oral history transcript "Stealing the Lord's Day"
ca.2010

Box 2: 31

Bell, Upton: photo calendars
2019-2020

Box 2: 33

Bell, Upton: photographs
1975-1999

Box 2: 34

Photos with Bob Lobel, various journalists, at the Eagles Induction Ceremony

Bell, Upton: photographs
ca.2000-2015

Box 2: 35

Photos with friends, at Harvard Stadium

Bell, Upton: Photographs - A Tribute to Gino Cappelletti by Rotary Club of Wellesley (Mass.)
2012

Box 13

Program with photograph of Upton Bell and Cappelletti

Bell, Upton: Photographs - Bell with Bob Lobel, WBZ Radio "Calling All Sports"
1978

Box 13

Bell, Upton: photographs - celebrities
undated

Box 2: 37

Photos with Angie Dickinson, Larry Bird, YoYo Ma, and other celebrities

Bell, Upton: photographs - children and grandchildren
ca.1972-2012

Box 2: 36

Photos with son, grandsons

Bell, Upton: Photographs - China trip
ca.1985

Box 13

Bell, Upton: Photographs - Escoffier Dinner at Harvard Club
1971

Box 13

Bell, Upton: photographs - events

undated
Box 2: 38

Photos with various boxing, tennis, and football personnel/celebrities

Bell, Upton: Photographs - G.M. Bell at Patriots Training Camp at UMass Amherst
1971
Box 13

For Sports Illustrated

Bell, Upton: photographs - JoAnne O'Neill
ca.2009-2019
Box 2: 39

Photos with JoAnne O'Neill, family members

Bell, Upton: Photographs - Malvern Prep basketball game
ca.1958
Box 13

#11 Bell with #22 Vince Wolfingston and #15 Paul Westhead

Bell, Upton: Photographs - Malvern Prep track at Penn. Meet of Champions
ca.1957
Box 13

Bell, Upton: Photographs - President G.H.W. Bush interview
1990
Box 13

Bell, Upton: Photographs - President G.H.W. Bush interview with crew
1990
Box 13

Bell, Upton: Photographs - President G.H.W. Bush interview with football
1990
Box 13

Bell, Upton: Photographs - Pro Football Writer's Dinner
1971
Box 13

Upton Bell with Howard Cosell and Curt Gowdy

Bell, Upton: poem "An ode to Upton" by Dick Dray
2002
Box 2: 32

Bell, Upton: Pres. George H. W. Bush interview
1990
Box 2: 42

Bell, Upton: printed matter
undated
Box 2: 43

Bell, Upton: printed matter - "Bird, a basketball legend"
undated
Box 2: 44

Bell, Upton: programs
undated
Box 2: 40

Bell, Upton: programs
undated
Box 2: 41

Bell, Upton: Schooling - La Salle College High School - Bob Herdelin
ca.1958
Box 2: 48

Bell, Upton: Schooling - La Salle College High School basketball
ca.1958
Box 2: 47

Bell, Upton: Schooling - Malvern Preparatory School
1957
Box 2: 46

Bell, Upton: Schooling - Waldron Academy Sports
ca.1955

Box 2: 45
Bell, Upton: scrapbook - newspaper clippings
ca.1965-1972

Box 3
Bell, Upton: scrapbook - newspaper clippings
1959-1975

Box 3
Bell, Upton: scrapbook - newspaper clippings
ca.1965-1973

Box 3
Bell, Upton: scrapbook - photos and newspaper clippings
ca.1973-2000

Box 3
Bell, Upton: scrapbook - photos and newspaper clippings
ca.1973-2015

Box 3
Bell, Upton: scrapbook - photos and newspaper clippings
ca.1980-2010

Box 3
Bell, Upton: speaking engagements
undated

Box 2: 49
Bell, Upton: Szep, Paul
undated

Box 2: 50
Bell, Upton: tickets
undated

Box 2: 51
Bell, Upton: Writings - "Any given Sunday" (article)
2000 Sept.

Box 2: 52
Bell, Upton: Writings - "How Bert Bell married the showgirl, ignored the virgin, and ran the NFL"
undated

Box 2: 54
Bell, Upton: Writings - "Night the carburetors died"
undated

Box 2: 58
Bell, Upton: Writings - "Protecting the shield"
undated

Box 2: 61
Bell, Upton: Writings - "Settling the score"
2001 Dec.

Box 2: 63
Bell, Upton: Writings - "The man who made the game" with co-author David Chanoff
undated

Box 2: 57
Bell, Upton: Writings - "The road back" (Boston Magazine)
2016 Nov.

Box 2: 62
Bell, Upton: Writings - "Voice Over"
1998 Aug.

Box 2: 64
Bell, Upton: Writings - Boston Social Scene (magazine)
1989 Apr.-1989 Aug.

Box 2: 53
Bell, Upton: Writings - fragments and proposals
ca.1985-2020

Box 2: 55
Bell, Upton: Writings - guest columns
ca.1990-1999

Box 2: 56
Bell, Upton: Writings - Present at the creation - book release
2017-2019

Box 2: 60
Bell, Upton: Writings - Present at the creation - pre-production
ca.2013-2017

Box 2: 59
Book: Eagles Encyclopedia

2005
Box

Signed by Upton Bell

Book: The Pats: an illustrated history of the New England Patriots
2018
Box

Signed by Glenn Stout

Boston Red Sox: Boston Evening Globe section
1918
Box 8

World Series Championship win

Catalog: Charles M. Conlon baseball portfolio
2011

Box 2: 65

Cleveland Browns: Paul E. Brown contract
1945-1958

Box 2: 66

Crowell, Wilmer: death
1945

Box 2: 69

Genealogy

undated

Box 2: 70

Illustration by Paul Szep

undated

Box 9

Illustration: New England Patriots mascot

undated

Box 14

Framed, copper-embossed relief

Illustration: "I tried to beat them for seventy bucks...How about you?" by Paul Szep
undated

Box 14

numbered proof

Illustration: "Philadelphia Eagles story coloring book"

undated

Box 14

original illustration plus paste-up

Illustration: "The boys night out" by Paul Szep

undated

Box 14

Artist proof of caricature of two men dining

Illustration: caricature of Upton Bell by Hayes

1983

Box 14

Image of Upton Bell reading Sports Illustrated at a microphone.

Illustration: color lithograph: Memorial Stadium, Baltimore, MD by Paul DeRemigis, Jr.
ca.1990

Box 13

Illustration: football players by Robert Riger (5 prints)

1960

Box 9

Illustration: New England Patriots - Upton Bell and players by Phil Bissell

ca.1971

Box 14

Illustration: New England Patriots GM and players by Phil Bissell
ca.1971
Box 14

Oversized paste-up illustration, possibly for newspaper

Illustration: New England Patriots GM Bell and others by Phil Bissell
ca.1972
Box 13
Illustration: Philadelphia Eagles parade by Dan Duffy
2018
Box 14

"2018 Championship Parade" word art illustration

Illustrations: football calendars by artist Steve Sabol
2010-2013

Box 13

Memorial services

2003-2016

Box 2: 71

Miller, Johnny: Massachusetts Broadcasters Hall of Fame induction

2019

Box 2: 72

Newspaper clippings: Boston Globe section - "Schaefer Stadium - Home of the New England Patriots"

1971

Box 8

Newspaper clippings: Boston Globe? - "Even in a time of crisis the Bells are unflappable"

1972

Box 8

Newspaper clippings: football

ca.1960-1980

Box 2: 67

Newspaper clippings: football

ca.2000-2022

Box 2: 68

Newspaper clippings: New York Times, Sports Sunday section - "The N.F.L. at 100"

2019 Dec. 23

Box 8

Newspaper clippings: oversize

1975-2019

Box 9

O'Neill, JoAnne Hurst: employment inquiries

1969

Box 2: 73

O'Neill, JoAnne Hurst: Frank Gifford and New York Giants

1962-2019

Box 2: 74

O'Neill, JoAnne Hurst: Miami Dolphins employment

1969-2002

Box 2: 75

O'Neill, JoAnne Hurst: New England Patriots and Boston employment

1971-1999

Box 2: 76

Philadelphia Eagles: book and article by Will Bunch

ca.2010

Box 2: 77

Photo album: wedding of David Shula, son of Don Shula and wife Dorothy

1982

Box 11

Photos, matted: Football Hall of Fame

ca.1990

Box 14

exhibits of Philadelphia Eagles, Bert Bell, Baltimore Colts

Poster: Boston Garden

1993

Box tub

Poster: Tournament of Roses football game (photocopies)
1917
Box 9

Bert Bell played in this game.

Rooney: Art Jr.: postcards
ca.2015-2023
Box 10

ca. 100 postcards sent to Upton Bell

Scrapbook: newspaper clippings
1959-1973
Box 8
Upton, Frances: actress
1929-1933
Box 2: 79
Upton, Frances: biographical material
undated
Box 2: 78
Upton, Frank
undated
Box 2: 80
Upton, William Cleary
undated
Box 2: 81
Watercolor: Venice canals
undated
Box 14

Signed by artist on backing: "To Upton - This scene is where I 1st saw you (but under the boat!)"

Series 2. Artifacts
1917-2023
Apron: Celebrity Waiters Luncheon (signed)
undated
Box 11
Ashtray: Baltimore Orioles World Series Victory
1970
Box 12
Badge: Upton Bell - John F. Kennedy Library Foundation
undated
Box 11
Badge: Upton Bell -- member, 1994 Presidents at Pops Committee
1994
Box 11
Badge: Upton Bell - Radio & TV Sports Personality (2)
undated
Box 11
Bag with business cards, Boston College football ticket, film negatives, cuff links, political pins

Box 11
Baltimore Colts: clock
ca.1969
Box 11
Baltimore Colts: coach's polo shirt
ca.1970
Box 5
Baltimore Colts: coffee mug
ca.1968
Box tub
Baltimore Colts: lapel pin
ca.1968
On display

Shaped like a helmet.

Baltimore Colts: lapel pin

ca.1969
On display

Shaped like a bucking colt.

Baltimore Colts: N.F.L. Champions watch
1968
Box On display

Awarded to Upton Bell

Baltimore Colts: presentation box
1971
On display

Wood box given for the World Championship ring

Baltimore Colts: stop watch
ca.1968
Box 7

Used by Upton Bell as Head Scout.

Baltimore Colts: Super Bowl tie clip and cuff link
ca.1969
Box 11
Baltimore Colts: T-shirt
ca.2020
Box 5

Reebok brand blue T-shirt.

Baltimore Colts: wallet and insurance card
ca.1970
Box 5

Vinyl wallet owned by Upton Bell and Union Labor Life Insurance Co. card.

Baseball bat: Boston Red Sox American League champions limited edition
1946
Box 14

Given to Bert Bell. Known as the Louisville Slugger World Series Black Bat with facsimile signatures of all players in gold on an ebonized bat.

Baseball bat: NY Yankees World Series champions limited edition
1949
Box 14

Given to Bert Bell. Known as the Louisville Slugger World Series Black Bat with facsimile signatures of all players in gold on an ebonized bat.

Baseball: signed by Robin Roberts
after 1976
Box 4
Basketball
undated
Box tub

Signed by Paul Szep and friends

Bell, Bert: belt buckle
ca.1959
On display

Worn by Bert Bell on the day he died.

Bell, Bert: centennial commemorative T-shirt
1995
Box 5

2 shirts

Bell, Bert: money clip
ca.1959
On display

Worn by Bert Bell on the day he died.

Bell, Bert: University of Pennsylvania football charm
1916
On display

Inscribed to Bert Bell

Bell, Bert: University of Pennsylvania silver trophy
1919
On display

Awarded to Bert Bell for drop kicking

Belt
ca.1974
Box 15
Boston Patriots: coach's polo shirt
ca.1972
Box 5
Boston Red Sox: World Series pin set
undated
Box 7

Set includes championship trophy, "Fall Classic", WS AL Champions"

Button: Sportsbeat TV38 WSBK Boston
ca.1990
Box 7

Charlotte Hornets: coach's polo shirt
ca.1974
Box 5

Charlotte Hornets: football helmet
ca.1974
On display

Game worn with pads and chin strap.

Charlotte Hornets: football helmet
ca.1974
Box tub

Game worn; missing chin strap.

Charlotte Hornets: football
ca.1974
Box 4

Stamped "World Football League".

Charlotte Hornets: football
ca.1975
On display

Autographed by team members.

Charlotte Hornets: jersey
ca.1974
Box 15

Yellow, (no. 63)

Charlotte Hornets: jersey
ca.1974
On display

Black, home, game-worn jersey (no. 47).

Charlotte Hornets: jersey
ca.1974
Box

White, road, game-worn jersey (no. 38).

Charlotte Hornets: memorabilia, Charlotte City Club coat check, Kings Mountain centennial coin, cigar
1974

Box 11
Charlotte Hornets: pennant
ca.1973
Box 15
Charlotte Hornets: plaque
ca.1973
Box 9

City of Charlotte welcoming the team to the city.

Charlotte Hornets: Shorts
ca.1974
Box 15
Charlotte Hornets: T-Shirt
ca.1974
Box 15
Charlotte Hornets: T-Shirt
ca.1974
Box 15
Charlotte Hornets: T-Shirt (2)
ca.1974
Box 15
Charlotte Hornets: windbreaker (2)
ca.1974
Box 15
Chicago Bears World Championship football charms
1946
On display

Two gold charms: one inscribed to Bert Bell and the other inscribed to Upton Bell

Clock: Sportsbeat (WSBK Boston)
ca.1985
Box 4
Clock: Taj Mahal building
undated
Box 12
Clothing: "It's a Hawk...It's a Tank...It's a Schwarzkopfman" T-Shirt
undated
Box 15
Clothing: Bert Bell 100 Year Anniversary T-Shirt
undated
Box 15
Clothing: Bert Bell Day T-Shirt
undated
Box 15
Clothing: Great Wall of China Sweatshirt
undated
Box 15
clothing: Indianapolis polo shirt
undated
Box 15
Clothing: Muhammad Ali training shorts
undated
Box 15
Coin: Babe Ruth Shrine
undated
Box 7
Crock: To Upton Bell from The Damn Yankees
1977
Box 12

Cuff link: NFL Championship
1964
Box 7

Baltimore Colts vs Cleveland Browns

Cuff links: Nixon-Agnew inauguration
1969
Box 7
Hall of Fame Bowl: lapel pin
ca.1990
Box 7

Played in Tampa Bay.

Hat: "McGrew Crew"
undated
Box 12
Jewelry: Malvern Preparatory School Class Ring
1956
Box 11

Jewelry: Youth, Tie Pins, Religious Pins
undated
Box 11

Jigsaw puzzle: Jim Plunkett
1971
Box 10

Lanyard and Sunglasses: Nantucket Film Festival
1997
Box 11

Lanyard: Boston Athletic Association, 101st Boston Marathon Press Pass
2001
Box 11

Lanyard: Massachusetts Handicap Media Pass, Suffolk Downs
1996
Box 11

Lanyard: Media Pass for Sail Boston
2010
Box 11

Lanyard: Oldies Concert VIP Lanyard (Upton Bell) with The Beach Boys
undated
Box 11

Lanyard: press pass to World Middleweight Championship
1981
Box 11

Lanyard: Quebec Summer Festival Press Pass Upton Bell
1995
Box 11

Lanyard: Upton Bell / Boston Globe Personal Finance Conference
undated
Box 11

Malvern Prep: letterman's sweater
ca.1956
Box 15

Malvern Prep: track and field letter with pin
ca.1956
Box 15

Maxwell Awards: commemorative T-shirt
1990
Box 5

53rd annual award

Medal: Arthur Fiedler Boston Pops
1978
Box 11

Medal: Bert Bell Hall of Fame Immortals by Franklin Mint
1972
Box 7

Solid bronze, first edition proof set.

Medal: Bob Woolf Sports Festival
1996

Box 11

Medal: Indoor Games, National Guard New York 10th Infantry
1920

On display

Second place medal for 60 yard novice dash given to Bert Bell.

Medal: University of Pennsylvania 60th Relay Race Carnival
1954

Box 7

Awarded to Bert Bell as race marshal.

Money: Costa Rican bills and coins
undated

Box 11

Mug: Boston Breakers

undated

Box 12

Mug: N.Y. Giants

undated

Box 12

Mug: New England Patriots

undated

Box 12

Mug: William Cleary

undated

Box 12

National Football League: coin

undated

Box 7

Annual Meeting in Honolulu member's coin

New England Patriots: plaque

undated

OS shelf

New England Patriots: tie clip

undated

Box 7

New England Patriots: tie tack

undated

Box 7

Ornaments: Boston Garden

1995-1998

Box 7

Christmas ornament and commemorative gift for the last game at the old Boston Garden arena

Painting: Portrait of Bert Bell

undated

On display

Painting: Portrait of Bert Bell by Paul Szep

undated

On display

Philadelphia Eagles: banner

undated

Box 5

Wool banner with design of helmets through the years

Philadelphia Eagles: document case

undated

Box 9

Pin: FDNY Squad 18

ca.2002

Box 11

Gifted to Upton Bell after 9/11

Plaque: Blue Hills of A.Z.A., "Sportsman of the Year"
1973

Box tub

Plaque: Brith Shalom National Sports Award
20127

Box tub

Presented to Bert Bell. 2 pieces

Plaque: Montclair Men's Club
1972

Box tub

Plaque: New England Sports Lodge
1986

Box tub

Pop Warner Hall of Fame trophy
1980

Box tub

Presented to Upton Bell in memory of Bert Bell

Pro Football Hall of Fame: commemorative T-shirt
ca.2000

Box 5

Ryder Cup: computer bag
1999

Box tub

Ryder Cup: lanyard media passes
1999

Box 11

Sculpture: Bert Bell by Gail Folwell
2015

Box

"Quarterback snap" in bronze, 10x12x13 in. Full-size sculpture is titled "The NFL Draft, 1936" and installed at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

Sculpture: Chuck Bednarik by Brian Hanlon
2011

On display

32.5 cm tall; resin replica of life-size sculpture at Franklin Field, University of Pennsylvania

Sculpture: commemorative Bert Bell
undated

Box 11

Sign: Upton Lane
2006 Sept. 21

Box 14

Soap: Don Shula's Hotel and Golf Club
undated

Box 7

For the opening of the hotel

Super Bowl V championship ring
1971

On display

Awarded to Upton Bell as Head Scout of the Baltimore Colts

Super Bowl VI: key chain
1972

Box 7

Super Bowl XXI: auxiliary press pass
1987

Box 7

Super Bowl XXXI: player listings and assorted artifacts
1997
Box 11
Super Bowl XXXI: tote bag
1997
Box 15
Ticket: Burroughs Wharf
undated
Box 11
Tie: boxing match of Marvin Hagler vs. Sugar Ray Leonard
1987
Box 5
Tote bag: Car Quest Bowl
undated
Box 12
Trading card: Milt Schmidt
undated
Box 7

Autographed "Legends of Hockey" card.

Trophy: "A good sport"
1992
Box tub

Presented to Upton Bell.

Trophy: Amvets Sports Pilgrim Award
1979
Box tub

Presented to Upton Bell.

Wine set: WEEI Sports Radio 1st Annual Whiney Awards
2003
Box 11
WMEX: miniature billboard
ca.1990
Box 7

"Upton Bell weekdays at 4 p.m."

Series 3. Audio-visual
1917-2023
Cassette: MLK "I Have A Dream" Speech
undated
Box 21
Cassette: Penn vs. Brown
undated
Box 21
Cassette: Upton Bell Show WTAG
undated
Box 21
Cassette: Upton Bell Talk
1996 Mar.
Box 21
Cassette: Upton Bell with Don King
undated
Box 18
Cassettes: Upton Bell Show
undated
Box 21
CD: Boston Celtics Havlicek Stole the Ball
2004
Box 21
CD: Frances Upton Bell Info
2007 Feb.
Box 17
CD: The Russ Francis Show
2007 Jan. 20

Box 21

CD: Upton 1 - 5

2008 July 16

Box 18

CD: Upton Bell head shot Photos from Boston Magazine

undated

Box 17

CD: Upton Bell Promo 10/25

undated

Box 21

CD: Upton Bell, Jingle, Promo, Commercial

undated

Box 21

DVD: "Philadelphia Eagles: The Complete Story"

2004

Box 21

NFL Productions

DVD: "Whoopie" 1930

undated

Box 16

DVD: 1970s Baltimore Colts Super Bowl

undated

Box 16

DVD: Boston's Greatest Sports Stories: Beyond the Headlines

undated

Box 21

DVD: Interview with George H. W. Bush

undated

Box 18

DVD: Lance William Game of Shadows/Upton #2

undated

Box 18

DVD: NFL Films - Bert Bell Draft Video

undated

Box 16

DVD: NFL Films - Johnson, Bell Interviews

2012

Box 16

DVD: NFL Films, Upton Bell Interview

undated

Box 17

DVD: On Any Given Sunday, A Life of Bert Bell (2 Copies)

undated

Box 16

DVD: Star Spangled Sundays Episode 1

undated

Box 16

DVD: Star Spangled Sundays Episode 2

undated

Box 16

DVD: The Literati Scene with Smoki & Dick, Interviewee Upton Bell

2017 Nov. 1

Box 18

DVD: Upton Bell "Be My Guest!"

undated

Box 21

DVD: Upton Bell 1-26-18 Master Copy

2018 Jan. 26

Box 18

DVD: Upton Bell at Wellesley Rotary

undated

Box 17

DVD: Upton Bell Show -- master copy

2018 Jan. 26

Box 21

DVD: Upton Bell Video Address Master Copy

undated

Box 18
DVD: Upton Bell Website
undated
Box 18
DVD: Upton Bell, Family Legacy (4 Copies)
undated
Box 21
DVD: Upton Bell: A Family's History
undated
Box 17
DVD: Upton Bell: A Family's History, Dr. Robert Kramer In Memoriam
undated
Box 17
DVD: Upton WCRN
undated
Box 18
Floppy disk: Bert Bell Story
undated
Box 21
Photograph Slides
undated
Box 21
Record album (45): Miscellaneous
undated
Box 19
Record album: "Ruth Etting - Queen of the torch singers"
1987
Box 9

Etting was Frances Upton's roommate

U-matic videocassette: Celtics vs Bucks
1984 Mar. 9
Box 20
U-matic videocassette: M.L. Carry Upton Bell Show
1983 June 20
Box 20
U-matic videocassette: Warriors vs Celtics
1984 Jan. 11
Box 20
U-matic videocassette: William Morris Agency, Upton Bell
undated
Box 20
VHS: "The NFL's Greatest Games"
undated
Box 16

1958 Championship

VHS: "Upton Bell" tapes 1 and 2
1989
Box 21

Indian Neck Entertainment. 60 minutes each.

VHS: A Discussion of Current Events with Howard Passman and Upton Bell
2001 Nov. 1
Box 21
VHS: Friends of Marlboro Library, Guest Upton Bell
undated
Box 17
VHS: George Bush: From the Playing Fields to the Presidency
undated
Box 19
VHS: George Bush: From the Playing Fields to the Presidency (3 Copies)
undated
Box 19
VHS: HBO - Upton Bell
2001

Box 18
VHS: HBO Documentary "The Game of Their Lives"
undated
Box 16

2 Copies

VHS: Indian Neck Entertainment Upton Bell
1989 Mar. 3
Box 17
VHS: Koch video
undated
Box 16
VHS: Lost Treasures of NFL Films
undated
Box 16

Show XV The World Football League

VHS: Lost Treasures of NFL Films
undated
Box 21
VHS: Lost Treasures of the NFL Show #20
undated
Box 18
VHS: NECN
2005 Jan. 14
Box 21
VHS: New England Cable News Red Sox - New Owners
undated
Box 18
VHS: NFL Channel - Bert Bell
undated
Box 21

Re-release of 1954 footage.

VHS: NFL Film Presents Farewell to Foxboro
undated
Box 21
VHS: NFL Film Presents Pro Football's Greatest Reunion
undated
Box 21
VHS: NFL Films Bert Bell Dedication
undated
Box 16
VHS: NFL Films Bert Bell Dedication - Film Transfer (2 Copies)
undated
Box 16
VHS: NFL Films Bert Bell Segment
undated
Box 16
VHS: NFL Films Presents 97 #19
undated
Box 16
VHS: NFL Films Presents Farewell to Foxboro
undated
Box 16
VHS: NFL Gameday Sports Final
2003 Jan. 12
Box 21
VHS: Night Work (1930)
undated
Box 18
VHS: Night Work (1930)
undated
Box 21
VHS: Sports Explosion McDonough and Bell
1986 Sept. 20

Box 20
VHS: Sportsbeat Live
1990 Dec. 28
Box 20
VHS: Sportsbeat Special - Boston Garden
1994 Dec. 31
Box 18
VHS: Two Way Interactive Network
1990 Nov.
Box 17
VHS: Unlabeled
undated
Box 18
VHS: Unlabeled (2)
undated
Box 21
VHS: Upton
undated
Box 18
VHS: Upton Bell
undated
Box 18
VHS: Upton Bell
undated
Box 20
VHS: Upton Bell "The Bottom Line"
undated
Box 17
VHS: Upton Bell (2 Stories)
undated
Box 17
VHS: Upton Bell and George Bush, The Upton Bell Show (TV)
undated
Box 19
VHS: Upton Bell Live at the El Morocco
1995 Sept. 29
Box 18
VHS: Upton Bell on NECN
? July 25
Box 21
VHS: Upton Bell on NECN
2004 Oct. 10
Box 17
VHS: Upton Bell on NECN
2004 Oct. 27
Box 17
VHS: Upton Bell on NECN
undated
Box 17
VHS: Upton Bell on NECN
2003 Oct.
Box 17
VHS: Upton Bell Sportstalk
1985 Dec. 11
Box 17
VHS: Upton Bell WBZ TV
1989-1990
Box 18
VHS: Upton Bell Year in Review
2002 Dec. 30
Box 17
VHS: Upton Bell, George Bush Interview
undated
Box 19
VHS: Upton Rehearsal
1985 Jan. 7
Box 21
VHS: Upton/George H. W. Bush Raw #1

undated
Box 19
VHS: Upton/George H. W. Bush Raw #2
undated
Box 19
VHS: Volunteers for Israel
undated
Box 21
VHS: Walpole Community Television, Preview Upton Bell
undated
Box 17
VHS: Will and Upton PKGS
undated
Box 17
VHS: Your Legacy on Video Upton Bell
undated
Box 21

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