Henry T. Bell papers
.25 linear feet, 1 quarter manuscript box
1858-1918, bulk 1895-1916

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**Biographical History**: Henry T. Bell (1863-1918), a life-long resident of Berlin, Maryland, worked in varying capacities including Vice President of First National Bank of Berlin and as a commercial phosphate farmer. He owned several acres in east Berlin and was, along with his wife Lillie (1867-1914), a share-holder in the William B. Tilghman Company. Henry and Lillie Bell had four children, Helen, George, Mina and Everett.

**Scope and Content Note**: The papers of Henry T. Bell document land purchases in Berlin, Maryland and the business relationship conducted between Bell, his wife Lillie and the William B. Tilghman Company from 1858 – 1918 with the bulk of the material dating from 1895-1916. Also included is personal correspondence to Henry and Lillie Bell from their children and other acquaintances as well as personal account information and his last will and testament.

**Arrangement Statement**: Folders are listed by their location in each box; any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entirety of the collection.

**Subject Terms**:

**General Terms**

Arnold Miller Lot  
Berlin, Md.  
Jane Baker Lot  
Land Deeds  
Smith Lot  
Worcester County

**Corporate Names**

Guth Chocolate Company  
William B. Tilghman Company

**Personal Names**

Bell, Henry T.  
Bell, Lillie M.  
Rayne, Frances Bell  
Rayne, Helen Bell  
Rayne, John D.
1. Land Deed, From Littleton Sturgis to Zadok P. Henry, Smith Lot, 1858 January 22
2. Land Deed, From John T. Smith to Henry T. Bell, Smith Lot, 1885 October 30
4. Land Deed, From Caroline Robbins to Lillie Bell, Arnold Miller Lot, 1895 April 1
5. Land Deed, From Alfred Powell to Lillie Bell, Jane Baker Lot, 1896 November 3
6. Land Deed, From William T. Dickerson, Trustee for Daniel Massey to Lillie Bell, 1897 December 20
7. Land Agreements, Between William B. Tilghman Company & Emory, Henry & Ada Bell, et al., 1895-1911
8. Correspondence, From William B. Tilghman Company to Henry T. Bell, 1907-1915
11. List, Companies & Individuals, Type of Goods Purchased, undated
12. Promissory Notes, 1885-1907
13. Correspondence, From Various Family Members to Henry T. Bell, 1904-1916
14. Correspondence, From John W. Staton to Henry T. Bell, 1908 July 9
15. Correspondence, From Guth Chocolate Company to Lillie Bell, 1909 April 24
16. Correspondence, From Board of County School Commissioners to Henry T. Bell, 1909-1912
17. Correspondence, From Henry T. Bell to Helen Bell Rayne, 1916 September 16
18. Petition to Renounce Estate Administrator, 1908 January 15
19. Personal Accounts & Bills, Henry T. Bell, 1912-1913
20. Will & Testament, Henry T. Bell, 1917 April 17
21. Estate Inventory, Henry T. Bell, 1918 April 19
22. Will & Testament Account Distribution, John D. Rayne, 1914 December 1
23. Bill of Obligation, Helen B. Rayne for Frances Rosina Rayne, 1918 February 9
24. Dividend Payout, Helen Bell Rayne, 1918 July 1