

# Guide to the Kenneth McLeod Bissell Papers

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**CREATOR:** Bissell, Kenneth McLeod, 1884-1972

**TITLE:** Kenneth McLeod Bissell papers

**DATES:** 1903-1968

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**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Diary, printed matter, correspondence and notes of Kenneth McLeod Bissell, relating to the Yale College Class of 1907. Of particular note is the diary which is a detailed account in four volumes of Bissell's experiences at Yale (1903-1907) covering academic, social, cultural and athletic life. The diary also includes accounts of summer vacations, among them a trip to Europe in 1906. The printed matter comprises annotated class books, class histories and clippings, largely obituaries of class members (1932-1968).

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## Biographical / Historical

Kenneth McLeod Bissell. Clerical position, Lamont, Corliss & Company (importing agents), New York City, November, 1907-February, 1908; graduate student, Columbia University, 1908; travel, work on ranches and with surveying parties in Mexico, and growing oranges in Riverside, Calif., with five trips to Europe and one to North Africa interspersed, 1908-13; salesman, Holmes-Walton company (real estate), Los Angeles, 1914-1917; graduate student and instructor, French Department, University of Southern California, 1917-18 (M.A. 1919); officer candidate, Officers' Training Camp, Presidio of San Francisco, July-September 1918; instructor in military French, S.A.T.C. Unit, University of Southern California, 1918; assistant professor, 1920; student, Universities of Geneva and Paris, and travel in various countries, 1920-22; professor, University of Southern California, 1922-27; chairman, Department of French, and chief student advisor, 1927-29; trip around the world (Tahiti, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Switzerland, Italy, England, Scotland, Scandinavia, Germany, and France), 1929-31; professor, University of Southern California, 1931-.

Married, October 8, 1913, in London, England, Josephine Lillian Jayne (attended Horace Mann School, New York City), daughter of William and Edith (Heim) Jayne, of New York City.

Appointed *Officier d'Académie* ( *Les Palmes Académiques*) by the French Government. Republican. Interested in welfare organizations which care for crippled, sick, and orphaned children. Member: American Association of University Professors; Philological Association of the Pacific Coast; Modern Language Association of America, Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association of Southern California; Hollywood Lodge, No. 355, A.F. and A.M.; Hollywood Chapter, No. 120, Royal Arch Masons; Hollywood Post, No. 43, American Legion (charter member). Clubs: University (Los Angeles); Sierra (California); Swiss Alpine, Yale (Los Angeles).

(Taken from the *History of the Class of 1907, Yale College, Twenty-five year record.*)

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## Scope and Contents

Diary, printed matter, correspondence and notes of Kenneth McLeod Bissell, relating to the Yale College Class of 1907. Of particular note is the diary which is a detailed account in four volumes of Bissell's experiences at Yale (1903-1907) covering academic, social, cultural and athletic life. The diary also includes accounts of summer vacations, among them a trip to Europe in 1906. The printed matter comprises annotated class books, class histories and clippings, largely obituaries of class members (1932-1968).

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b.1	Annotated and autographed copies of the <i>History of the Class of 1907, Yale College</i> , volumes 1-5, 7-8, 12-13	undated
b.2	Annotated and autographed copies of the <i>History of the Class of 1907, Yale College</i> , volumes 6, 9, 11	undated
b.2	Reunion correspondence and vital statistics of the Class of 1907	1937-1958
b.3	Ms diaries, "Four Years at Yale," 4 volumes	1903-1907
b.3	Obituaries of others	1932-1968

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Geographic Names**

Europe -- Description and travel

### **Genres / Formats**

Diaries

### **Names**

Bissell, Kenneth McLeod, 1884-1972

### **Corporate Bodies**

Yale College (1887- ). Class of 1907

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