

# **Leonard H. Wells Collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
<b>Creator</b>	Wells, Leonard
<b>Title</b>	Leonard H. Wells Collection
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1922-1936
<b>Extent</b>	1.42 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English

## Biography

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Leonard Wells was the book buyer of Powers Department Store. He began his career at Powers as a buyer for the drug department. He began with new books, but eventually branched out into used, rare and finely bound books. He acted as publisher for a few books with Minnesota themes. He also bought artifacts from the homes of famous literary people. He was the book buyer from 1895 until his death in 1933.

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## Collection Description

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One box. Collection includes photographs and correspondence of Leonard Wells and correspondence of his wife Elizabeth Wells.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Occupation(s)

- Book collectors -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.

### Personal Name(s)

- Wells, Elizabeth

**Subject(s)**

- Book collecting.

## Collection Inventory

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Object</b>
Undated photographic portrait of Leonard Wells	1	1
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Wells' correspondence with authors: Theodore Dreiser, Zona Gale, James Oliver Curwood, Archibald Marshall, Charles L. Morgan, Herbert Quick, Paul Wilstach, John Drinkwater, and Carolyn Wells. 1921-1929	1	1
Miscellaneous correspondence 1923-1933	1	2
Letter from and picture of P.C. Wren	1	3
Correspondence of Elizabeth (Mrs. Leonard) Wells mostly with various booksellers 1932-1935	1	4
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Object</b>
Drawing or engraving of a boy carrying a stack of books from Leonard Wells' office	1	2