

1: Overview of Bronze Bell Hand Casting Process - Making the dies

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Bell metal Bells for the intention of producing functional sound are usually made by casting bell metal, an alloy of bronze. Much experimentation with composition has existed throughout history; the bells of Henry II had nearly twice as much copper as tin, while much earlier Assyrian bronze bells had ten times the amount of copper to tin. By alloying, a harder and more rigid metal is created but also one with more elasticity than the use of one alone. The forces holding the tin and copper together cause vibrations rather than cracks when the bell is struck which creates a resonant tone. Verdigris forms a protective patina on the surface of the bell which coats it against further oxidation. Burning timber fell into the casting pit, and the decision was whether to let it burn and risk melting the bell or pour water on it and risk causing it cracking from cooling it too quickly. The latter risk was chosen and, as feared, because of the low melting point of the bronze and uneven cooling, the bell was damaged. This practice was fairly commonplace, as the metal materials were very costly. Steel was tried during the busy church-building period of mid-nineteenth England, for its economy over bronze, but was found not to be durable and manufacture ceased in the s. The practice was believed to improve the tone of the bell. This however is probably erroneous as there are no authentic analyses of bell metal, ancient or modern, which show that gold or silver has ever been used as a component part of the alloy. If used to any great extent, the addition would injure the tone not improve it. The bell pattern is then cut out in two wooden templates called "strickle boards". One matches the dimensions of the outer bell called the case or cope; the other matches that of the inner bell called the core. The boards are used to create the inner and outer moulds of the final bell. It is then covered first with sand or loam sometimes mixed with straw and horse manure. This is given a profile corresponding to the outside shape of the finished bell and dried with gentle heat. The false bell is then covered with molten wax and figures and inscriptions, also made of wax, applied on top by hand. The false bell is painted over with three coats of fireproof clay and then enclosed by a steel mantle overcasing. The empty space between the false bell and the mantle is filled in with cement and left to harden before the mantle is lifted off. The false bell is chipped away from the inner core to leave the wax and cement. Any leftover scraps of the false bell are removed with a blow torch. The mould is then set over a coke fire to melt the remaining wax and evaporate any water that has accumulated. It is then smoothed to remove any irregularities. In that case, the moulds are usually constructed inside out—first the inner mould on top of a coke, stone, or brick core, then the false bell including wax decorations as above, and finally the outer mould with added iron ring and fiber e. Separating agents are used to prevent the false bell from sticking too closely to both of the moulds. Finally, after lifting up the outer mould, the false bell can be destroyed and the outer mould lowered back down onto the inner mould, ready for casting. The two sections must correspond precisely or the bell cannot be uniform in shape and thickness. Casting the bell[edit] After the outer steel mantle has been cleaned, it is again lowered over the outer bell model. The mantle and the outer bell mould are then lowered over the inner mould and the outer and inner sections are clamped together, leaving a space between them. The clamped mould is supported by being buried in a casting pit which bears the weight of metal and allows even cooling. The liquid metal is then skimmed to remove impurities. When everything is ready, the molten bronze is transferred to the moulds using either ladles or a system of brick channels specially constructed in the casting pit, through which the hot metal can then flow from the melting furnace into the space between the two moulds. If gas remained in the metal, the bell would be porous and susceptible to cracking. The bell is allowed to cool for several days. Large bells can take over a week to cool. The core plate is unclamped and the core broken out. The bell is then carefully extracted from the case. This completes the casting process. Much experimentation and testing have been devoted to determining the exact shape that will resonate the best tone. Russian bells are treated in this way and cast for a certain tone. The bell is cast with slightly thicker sides before being inverted and gripped by vices to keep it perfectly firm. The bell is then ground as it rotates on a circular lathe to acquire the precise tone. The bell tuner must be highly skilled as it

takes years of experience to know how much metal to remove. By this means, bells can be very accurately tuned. In casting, the tone of the bell is best left sharp because it is much easier to flatten the tone. A bell may readily be flattened one-eighth of a tone or even more, but it cannot be sharpened so much; indeed, any sharpening is to be deprecated and if at all possible should be avoided. The bell tone is tested frequently during the tuning process usually with tuning forks or an electronic stroboscopic tuning device commonly called a strobe tuner , which registers the vibrations as the bell is struck. If the tone is too low, the lathe operator grinds more metal off the lower edge. If the tone is too high, the bell is thinned with a file. Special care is given to cast the clapper at the proper weight, as a clapper that is too light will not bring out the true tones of the bell and a heavy clapper might cause the bell to crack. Finally the bell is installed in the tower.

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Bell Casting Bell casting is one of the metal casting process which is used to make bells bell castings of different sizes. For centuries, the basic process of making bells has not changed. Even today, when machines replace handwork, the process of bell casting still relies on skills handed down for generations. To make a bell the bell founder first draws a design and builds a model of the bell in some suitable type of clay or brick. If the model is made of clay, it is allowed to harden. This is called the "core", and it has the shape and size of the inside of the bell which is to be cast. In former times, this core was then coated thickly with wax, and another skin of clay, known as a "cope", was placed around it. Holes were drilled around the lower edge, heat was applied, and the wax melted and ran out through these holes. The space left between the core and the cope was then filled with molten metal. When molten metal solidifies it takes the shape of a bell which is broken out later. This process is called bell casting and the final product is bell or bell casting or bell castings. Also in olden times, the loops on the crown of the bell, known as "canons" and from which the bells were suspended, were formed from straw coated with the same clay to the required shape. The straw was then set on fire and metal poured in to replace it. Today, the core is covered with grease and a clay "false bell" is modeled over it. The false bell is greased, covered with more clay the "cope" , and baked. When the false bell has cooled, the founders lift off the cope and remove the false bell. They then place the cope back over the core. Into the space between the cope and the core, they pour the molten bronze. The metal used has changed very little throughout the ages. It is composed of pure copper and tin in the approximate proportions of 13 to 4 and is very durable subject only to an initial surface corrosion or verdigris which forms a protective coating against further oxidation. It takes a week or more to cool and harden the finished bell. Bell casting is known as founding. In earlier times, when a town made a bell it was a tremendous event in which the whole community would participate. Furnaces have been excavated from church courtyards, which tells us that bells were often cast on the spot. Bell-founders traveled from church to church. Later in the nineteenth century railroads made it possible to establish more centralized foundries. Bell tuning can be the most crucial part of the process. Each bell has a different tone depending on its size. A big bell has a low tone and a small bell a high tone. For many centuries, to get the right tone, the founder would chisel the inside or outside of the bell. If the bell sounded too low, its tone could be raised by removing metal from the lower edge of the bell. If the tone was too high, it could be lowered by removing metal from the inside of the bell. European bells are now tuned by a lathe. An interesting feature of Russian bells, though, is that they are cast for a certain tone, and are finished when cast. You can read more about the sound of a Russian bell The clapper or tongue is attached to the inside of the bell either by a metal link or in olden times by a leather strap. Finally the bell is installed in the tower. Large bells were often cast in the ground where the tower was to be built; when the casting was complete, the tower was built over the casting pit, and the bell raised directly up into the tower. After solidifying the bell castings or bells are often decorated with designs. Russian bells often feature icons, the name of the saint to whom the bell is dedicated, the year of casting, a prayer or some other commemorative inscription, and of course, usually the name of the founder or foundry. Feel free to contact us to buy for for more information on bell casting, bell casting process, bell castings, machines and equipments used in bell casting.

Bellfounding is the casting of bells in a foundry for use in churches, clocks, and public buildings. The term also usually includes the tuning of the bell. The process in East Asia dates to about BCE and in Europe dates to the 4th or 5th century.

Etymology[edit] Bell is a word common to the Low German dialects, cognate with Middle Low German *belle* and Dutch *bel* but not appearing among the other Germanic languages except the Icelandic *bjalla* which was a loanword from Old English. The earliest archaeological evidence of bells dates from the 3rd millennium BC, and is traced to the Yangshao culture of Neolithic China. In West Asia, the first bells appear in BC. With the emergence of other kinds of bells during the Shang Dynasty c. BC of the British Museum collection.

Styles of ringing[edit] Play media Static bells struck by solenoid -operated hammers in a bell-gable. Mechanism of a bell hung for English full-circle ringing. The bell can swing through a full circle in alternate directions. English full-circle bells shown in the "down" position, in which they are normally left between ringing sessions. English full-circle bells shown in the "up" position. In the western world , the common form of bell is a church bell or town bell, which is hung within a tower or bell cote. Such bells are either fixed in a static position "hung dead" or mounted on a beam the "headstock" so they can swing to and fro. Bells that are hung dead are normally sounded by hitting the sound bow with a hammer or occasionally by pulling an internal clapper against the bell. Where a bell is swung it can either be swung over a small arc by a rope and lever or by using a rope on a wheel to swing the bell higher. As the bell swings higher the sound is projected outwards rather than downwards. Larger bells may be swung using electric motors. In some places, such as Salzburg Cathedral the clappers are held against the sound bow whilst the bells are raised, then released sequentially to give a clean start to the ringing. At the end they are successively caught again by the mechanism to silence the bells. A stay the wooden pole seen sticking up when the bells are down engages a mechanism to allow the bell to rest just past its balance point. The rope is attached to one side of a wheel so that a different amount of rope is wound on and off as it swings to and fro. The bells are controlled by ringers one to a bell in a chamber below, who rotate the bell to through a full circle and back, and control the speed of oscillation when the bell is mouth upwards at the balance-point, when little effort is required. Swinging bells are sounded by an internal clapper. The clapper may have a longer period of swing than the bell. This latter method is used in English style full circle ringing. Occasionally the clappers have leather pads called muffles strapped around them to quieten the bells when practice ringing to avoid annoying the neighbourhood. Also at funerals, half-muffles are often used to give a full open sound on one round, and a muffled sound on the alternate round – a distinctive, mournful effect. This was done at the Funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales in

A carillon , which is a musical instrument consisting of at least 23 cast bronze cup-shaped bells, is tuned so that the bells can be played serially to produce a melody, or sounded together to play a chord. A traditional carillon is played by striking a baton keyboard with the fists, and by pressing the keys of a pedal keyboard with the feet. The keys mechanically activate levers and wires that connect to metal clappers that strike the inside of the bells, allowing the performer to vary the intensity of the note according to the force applied to the key.

Church and temple bells[edit] Main article: Church bell In the Eastern world , the traditional forms of bells are temple and palace bells, small ones being rung by a sharp rap with a stick, and very large ones rung by a blow from the outside by a large swinging beam. See images of the great bell of Mii-dera below. The striking technique is employed worldwide for some of the largest tower-borne bells, because swinging the bells themselves could damage their towers. In the Roman Catholic Church and among some High Lutherans and Anglicans , small hand-held bells, called Sanctus or sacring bells , [10] are often rung by a server at Mass when the priest holds high up first the host and then the chalice immediately after he has said the words of consecration over them the moment known as the Elevation. This serves to indicate to the congregation that the bread and wine have just been transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ see transubstantiation , or, in the alternative Reformation teaching, that Christ is now bodily present in the elements, and that what the priest is holding up for them to look at is Christ himself see consubstantiation. In Russian Orthodox bell ringing , the

entire bell never moves, only the clapper. A complex system of ropes is developed and used uniquely for every bell tower. Some ropes the smaller ones are played by hand, the bigger ropes are played by foot. Bells in Japanese religion[edit] Japanese Shintoist and Buddhist bells are used in religious ceremonies. Suzu , a homophone meaning both "cool" and "refreshing", are spherical bells which contain metal pellets that produce sound from the inside. The hemispherical bell is the Kane bell, which is struck on the outside. Bells in Buddhism and Hinduism[edit] Hindu and Buddhist bells, called " Ghanta " in Sanskrit, are used in religious ceremonies. See also singing bowls. A bell hangs at the gate of many Hindu temples and is rung at the moment one enters the temple. Bellfounding The process of casting bells is called bellfounding , and in Europe dates to the 4th or 5th century. Other materials sometimes used for large bells include brass and iron. Steel was tried during the busy church-building period of midth-century England, because it was more economical than bronze, but was found not to be durable and manufacture ceased in the s. Such a mould has an outer section clamped to a base-plate on which an inner core has been constructed. This is given a profile corresponding to the inside shape of the finished bell, and dried with gentle heat. Graphite and whiting are applied to form the final, smooth surface. The outside of the mould is made within a perforated cast iron case, larger than the finished bell, containing the loam mixture which is shaped, dried and smoothed in the same way as the core. The case is inverted mouth down , lowered over the core and clamped to the base plate. The clamped mould is supported, usually by being buried in a casting pit to bear the weight of metal and to allow even cooling. Molten bell metal is poured into the mould through a box lined with foundry sand. The founder would bring his casting tools to the site, and a furnace would be built next to the pit. Bell tuning[edit] The principal harmonics of the Erfurt bell [17] typical of a harmonically-tuned bell: However, the tone of a bell is mostly due to its shape. This produces the brightest and purest sound, which is the attractive sound of a good bell. A huge amount of effort has been expended over the centuries in finding the shape which will produce the harmonically tuned bell. The accompanying musical staves show the series of harmonics which are generated when a bell is struck. The Erfurt bell bell is notable that it although it is an old bell, it is harmonically tuned, but was not typical of its time. It was only in modern times that repeatable harmonic tuning using a known scientific basis was achieved. The main partials or harmonics of a well-tuned bell are: This quest by various founders over centuries of bell founding has resulted in development of an optimum profile for casting each size of bell to give true harmonic tuning. Although bells are cast to accurate patterns, variations in casting mean that a final tuning is necessary as the shape of the bell is critical in producing the desired strike note and associated harmonics. Tuning is undertaken by clamping the bell on a large rotating table, and using a cutting tool to remove metal. This is an iterative process in which metal is removed from certain parts of the bell to change certain harmonics. This process was made possible historically by the use of tuning forks to find sympathetic resonance on specific parts of a bell for the harmonic being tuned, but today electronic strobe tuners are normally used. To tune the strike note, the nominal or the strike note are tuned; the effect is usually the same because the nominal is one of the main partials that determines the tone of the strike note. If the bell is mounted as cast, it is called a "maiden bell". On the theory that western music in major keys may sound better on bells with a major third as a harmonic, production of bells with major thirds was attempted in the s. Scientists at the Technical University in Eindhoven, using computer modelling, produced bell profiles which were cast by the Eijsbouts Bellfoundry in the Netherlands. Bells are also associated with clocks , indicating the hour by the striking of bells. Indeed, the word clock comes from the Latin word Cloca, meaning bell. Bells in clock towers or bell towers can be heard over long distances, which was especially important in the time when clocks were too expensive for widespread use. In the case of clock towers and grandfather clocks, a particular sequence of tones may be played to distinguish between the hour, half-hour, quarter-hour, or other intervals. One common pattern is called " Westminster Quarters ," a sixteen-note pattern named after the Palace of Westminster which popularized it as the measure used by Big Ben. List of heaviest bells The Great Bell of Dhammazedi may have been the largest bell ever made. It was lost in a river in Burma after being removed from a temple by the Portuguese in It is reported to have weighed about tonnes tons. The Tsar Bell by the Motorin Bellfounders is the largest bell still in existence. It weighs tonnes tons , but it was never rung and broke in It is on display in Moscow , Russia, inside the Kremlin. The Great Mingun Bell is the

largest functioning bell. It is located in Mingun , Burma , and weighs 90 tonnes tons. It is located in a tourist resort in Gotenba , Japan. Hung in a freestanding frame, it is rung by hand. It was cast by Eijsbouts in The World Peace Bell was the largest functioning swinging bell until The Bell of King Seongdeok is the largest extant bell in Korea. It is now stored in the National Museum of Gyeongju.

4: Bell Casting, Bell Casting Process, Casting Bells, Manufacturer, Supplier, Exporter

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Postmount steel bells from this source cannot be dated more precisely than that. Larger steel bells those supported by a pair of side frames can sometimes be dated by looking at the inside of the bell. For some years, foundry crews were in the habit of stamping a date code on the inside mold of a bell before casting it. Who made my bell? If it has any of the variants of "C. Bell" shown above, then it was almost certainly made by Charles Singleton Bell or the company which he began in Hillsboro, Ohio. However, if the bell shows no significant signs of use, then it could be a modern reproduction from some other source. Note that not all bells manufactured by this company bore one of these names, because some were sold through catalog houses or other retail channels; those bells either were unlabelled or bore the name of the retailer. The framed text below is a slightly revised version of the principal content of a page which formerly appeared on the Website of the City of Hillsboro, Ohio. It is presented here for the convenience of those who wish to know a little of the history of the former C. Bell firm of that city. The Festival of the Bells celebrated each July in Hillsboro, Ohio, is an outgrowth of a successful Bicentennial Celebration of the founding of our country. When local citizens were searching for a permanent name for a yearly celebration, it was noted that at one time Hillsboro was famous for the production of steel alloy bells, which were shipped around the world. Damien to call his stricken lepers to worship, there were thousands of Invasion Bells used on U. Navy ships during the invasion of Normandy June 6, all manufactured by our local C. The huge bell in front of the Highland County Historical Society, on Main Street, was a mate to the largest bell ever cast by the foundry. It was used in a parade when the town was years old and again at the celebration of the Sesquicentennial in During the war years it was used to sell bonds and finally to ring the glad tidings of peace. After completing a common school education he went to Pittsburgh to learn the foundry business from his uncle, Alexander Bradley. On January 7, , he began the operation of his own company in Hillsboro. A few years later, a second foundry was built on the corner of Main and North West Streets. Marley became a partner and ran the showroom while Mr. Bell operated the foundry. The manufacture of bells began in Sales for the first year came to something over 1, units. By , sales had increased to over 20, and fifteen sizes were being produced. The bells were divided into two classes, farm bells weighing from 40 to pounds each, and school and church bells known as "steel alloy bells" weighing from to 1, pounds. Bell experimented with formulas of various metals searching for an alloy cheaper to produce than brass, but more durable than iron. After many failures he was successful and discovered that his alloy could be pitched to create a very mellow tone. It was this tone and durability that made his bells famous throughout the world. Bell was appointed chairman of a committee to establish a library, The Hillsboro Reading Room, which was located on the second floor of the Town Hall. Bell married Mary Louisa Roberts. They were the parents of five children. Boyd, John who died in , Cora E. Between and , the Bell family built "Clover Lawn" a three story brick mansion located on Oak Street, currently being renovated by the Odland Family who suggested the theme of The Festival of the Bells. For a time, sales of the bells slowed so the company again concentrated on manufacturing labor saving farm machinery until defense contracts prior to World War II caused a shortage of brass and copper. Hearing that the Bureau of Ships was looking for a metal substitute, Virginia Bell took one of her grandfathers alloy bells to Washington D. The assertion in the previous sentence seems highly unlikely, since bronze bells were always used for capital ships, even in wartime. However, it is possible that the C. Bell foundry made all bells for certain classes of small ships for the United States during the war, or all bells for ships produced by certain shipyards. This online document is a slightly edited version of the original direct representation of a brochure made possible through the combined efforts of the Highland County Historical Society and the Festival of The Bells Committee. The modern descendant of this firm bears the same name, but has moved to Tiffin, in northwest Ohio. It retains the logo of its predecessor, a drawing of a cast steel postmount farm bell shown here. However, all rights to the manufacture of bells were sold many years ago, and the company no longer is in that business. An expanded

version of the history cited above is now available on the Website of Greenfield, Ohio, located as Hillsboro is in Highland County. This version is only slightly better than that above with respect to corporate names. Some of those given have never been found by Your Editor on steel bells, for example. However, it seems likely that the transition from "C. The second change of name, to "The C. Note that the same Webpage which presents that expanded version of the C. Bell Company detailing the sale of the bell segment of the product line to Prindle Station. The modern reproductions of small steel bells which are produced by Prindle Station are easily distinguished from the original products of C.

5: Meet The Cast of Silver Bells – Silver Screen, Erin |

Casting bells in bronze offers many advantages. The metal is durable and is highly resistant to corrosion. A wide range of forms and sizes is possible and, most importantly, the bells ring with a strong, pure tone that is unique to bronze.

Bell Background Since prehistoric times bells have been used to herald significant events. Bells call the faithful to worship and toll the time. The sound of a bell can express great joy, sound a warning, or signal mourning. Bells have also been rung to bring on or stop the rain, keep evil spirits at bay, invoke curses, and lift spells. Bells hold an honored place in religious ceremonies. In both Buddhism and Christianity, bells are blessed before each ceremony. In Roman Catholicism, bells are symbols of paradise and the voice of God. The Russian Orthodox and the Chinese employ bells to speak to spirits or God. Bells are also revered as patriotic symbols, and it was not unusual for invading conquerors to capture and silence the town bell. The Chou Dynasty, which reigned in China from 1122 to 256 B.C. European bell founding occurred much later and originated in medieval monasteries. The first European bells resembled cow bells: By the 15th century, founders began to experiment with bell shape and tone. Secular bellmakers gained prestige in the Renaissance with the flourishing of Gothic architecture which featured grand bell towers. In the 17th century, Belgium and the Netherlands emerged as the leaders in bell founding. Dutch brothers Francois and Pierre Hemony are generally credited with developing the bell into a sophisticated musical instrument. After the deaths of Francois and Pierre and that of their star pupil, Caes Noorder, in the 18th century, the art suffered a decline. It was not until the 20th century that tuning techniques once again gained excellence. Bell shapes vary by country and culture. The sides can be straight, convex, concave, or hemispherical. East Asian bells tend to be barrel-shaped while Western bells are tulip-shaped with a bulge near the rim. Chinese bells often have lotus-shaped rims. Bells of Western cultures are generally struck by an interior metal striker as the bell swings back and forth. Asian bells are non-swinging and are usually struck manually on the outside with a wooden mallet. This combination produces a tough, long-lasting material that resists rusting. It is not unusual for old bells to be melted down and the metal re-used to cast new bells.

The Manufacturing Process The craft of casting bells has remained essentially the same since the 12th century. The one singular innovation was the invention of the tuning machine in the 19th century. Prior to that time, the proper tone was achieved by chipping the sides of the bell with a hammer and chisel. This procedure carried a high risk of damaging the bell. The tuning machine, which is essentially a vertical lathe, has reduced that risk. All in all, however, creating a bell is still very much a hands-on process.

Calculating the bell design 1 Using the specifications submitted by the purchaser, the bellmaker determines the shape that the bell will need to take in order to resonate with the proper number of vibrations. After estimating the required weight, the bellmaker orders the metal. These are painstaking measurements that can take several weeks of calculations to accomplish. Making the bell pattern or template 2 The bellmaker cuts out two wooden templates called "strickle boards. These templates are used to construct the mold. Constructing the mold 3 An exact stone model of the outer bell, sometimes called a false bell, is covered first with sand or loam, then with molten wax. Figures and inscriptions, also made of wax, are applied by hand. The false bell is painted over with three coats of very fine, fireproof clay. It is then enclosed in a steel mantle that has been lowered by rope pulleys. The space between the false bell and the mantle is filled with cement. After the cement has hardened, the mantle is lifted off the cement mold. The false bell, under the mold, is chipped away. Any remaining scraps of the false bell are removed with a blow torch. The mold is then set over a coke fire to melt the remaining wax and to evaporate any water that has accumulated. A model of the inner bell is constructed of stone and coated with fireproof cement. It is then smoothed to remove any irregularities. Casting the bell 4 After the mantle has been cleaned, it is again lowered over the outer bell model. The mantle and the outer bell mold are then lowered over the inner mold. The outer and inner sections are clamped together, leaving a space between them, and set into a pit. The molten metal is skimmed to remove impurities and then poured into drums. The drums are carried to the pit and carefully tipped so that the hot metal flows into the space between the two molds. Holes in the top of the mantle allow gases to escape. If the gases remained in the metal, the bell would be too porous and easily

cracked. The bell is allowed to cool for several days. Large bells can take as much as a week to cool completely. Small bells, usually classified as those under pounds kg , can be removed from the molding pit the next day. Tuning the bell 5 The bell is cast with slightly thicker sides so that the bell can be ground as it twirls slowly upside down on a circular lathe to acquire the precise tone. The bell tuner is highly skilled; it takes years of experience to know just how much metal to remove. The bell tone is tested frequently during the tuning process using an electronic device that registers the vibrations as the bell is struck. If the tone is too low, the lathe operator grinds more metal off the lower edge of the bell. If the tone is too high, the bell is thinned with a file. Fitting the clapper into the bell 6 The clapper is manufactured in much the same manner as the bell itself. Special care is given to cast the clapper at the proper weight. A clapper that is too light-weight will not bring out the true tones of the bell. A heavy clapper might cause the bell to crack. Holes are drilled into the top of the bell. Using mounting bolts and supports, the clapper is fastened to the bell. Quality Control Great care is taken to calculate the precise weight and size of the bell before it is cast. If the finished bell does not meet specifications, it is completely melted down and recast. Should a bell crack at a future date, it might be welded and patched, but that is rare. The bell is more likely to be retired, as in the case of the Liberty Bell, or it is melted down and recast. A Book of Bells. The Seabury Press, Alfred Ganz Mar 10, 3: F and C are the same at , not both of the following can be true:

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Bell casting 5" tall and 6" wide with ringer. Flask- 10"x 10" inside dimensions. Cope and drag mate up with a pin and hole. A nail without a head makes a good pin. See "flask making page" for more info. Flask height- 7" cope top , 1. The casting will be in the cope, the cope should be at least 1" taller than the casting. Dust with parting to keep pattern from sticking. Completely cover the pattern with sand using the fine riddle sieve. Fill the rest of the flask with a coarse riddle. If you do not have a coarse riddle, make sure lumps have been broken up and fluffed. Use the paddle rammer to tuck the edges. Use the peen side of the rammer to tuck around base of bell first, then evenly ram the rest. Ram east to west and then north to south. Ram soft around the bell and then get progressively harder with each step. Fill cope about " over the top, ram hard with peen side of rammer, east to west and then in a north to south pattern. Use butt side of rammer last. Strike off mold leaving a few handfuls of sand to cushion the bottom board. Place bottom board on and FLIP mold. Cut down to the parting line on the ringer using your spoon. Smooth around ringer with your spoon. Replace drag section of flask, apply parting dust to separate the cope from the drag. Fill inside of the bell with sand from coarse riddle. Ram lightly with the handle side of rammer or dowel. Fill drag section about 2" taller than drag with sand. Ram edges with a paddle rammer, then using the peen side of your rammer make an east to west pattern. Again with the peen side go north to south, finish with the butt side of the rammer. Strike off mold with a straight edge 1X1X12" stick. Leave small amount of sand on top to cushion the mold, about 2 handfuls. Place another bottom board on the top and FLIP! Clamps make this easier. After flipping the 7"cope section is on top and the shorter drag section is on the bottom. Smooth cope with trowel. Remove cope and set on its side. Note the sprue location on the cope and drag. Cope before cutting sprue and pop-up. Place your hand on the opposite side of the cope while cutting to reduce damage. There is about minutes of molding time before it starts to dry too much to work with. Sand starts to not stick. Clean and round edges of holes to prevent erosion of outside corners. Personalizing your bell can be done at this stage by lightly pressing shapes into the sand or carving. Remember, the mold must not have any loose sand. Gently blow loose sand out and pack tight with your finger. Do not rub with your finger, push in and come straight out. Cut and smooth a small cup at the sprue hole. Cut and smooth a small gate from the bell to the runner. Cut runner bar from the sprue mark past the bell, stay at least 1" away from the edge of the mold and 1" from the bell. Smooth runner with spoon, erosion will eat away at any rough spots. Cut a gate from the runner to the ringer about as deep and wide as your finger. Rap bell lightly with a wood object to loosen from sand. Use a small torch to remove any excess moisture from the mold or allow to sit overnight. Molds can sit for weeks before they are poured! Replace the cope and move to pouring area Mold after pouring. Due to the large size of the cope, no clamps are needed with this mold. When pouring a bronze bell all the steps are the same. The first time we poured this mold, it did not come out so well. Everyone must follow the rules, even me. It thickened the top section OK, but not the vertical sides. To thicken our bell we will carve the inside, this will leave the outside of our bell mold untouched. Start by dividing the bell into 4 sections by lightly dragging your spoon. After carving our mold is left very rough. Smooth all rough areas with a spoon, quickly, the sand in your mold drying fast! It does not need to be pretty, as it is the inside of the bell. Pouring is the easy part! The idea is that the bells serve as a sort of diploma. Only a graduating senior makes them. They cast only two identical bells, one for the school which stays with us and one for them after which the "mold" is destroyed. There is a rather emotional and elaborate ceremony that goes with it. The entire concept of fire and metal is morphed into a metaphor of their lives up to this point. The use of Bronze is also significant in that it is ancient as well as nearly and perfectly indestructible. Part of the ceremony talks about how these two bells will last nearly forever. An idea that a relative generations distant may find one and in holding it, in nearly the same condition as it was the day it was made, wonder who and why it was made and in doing so; keeps the spirit of the maker immortal. A bit

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