

7-15-2014

## Steen Family Papers (MSS 502)

Manuscripts & Folklife Archives  
Western Kentucky University, [mssfa@wku.edu](mailto:mssfa@wku.edu)

Follow this and additional works at: [http://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_mss\\_fin\\_aid](http://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_mss_fin_aid)



Part of the [United States History Commons](#)

---

### Recommended Citation

Folklife Archives, Manuscripts &, "Steen Family Papers (MSS 502)" (2014). *MSS Finding Aids*. Paper 3595.  
[http://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_mss\\_fin\\_aid/3595](http://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_mss_fin_aid/3595)

This Finding Aid is brought to you for free and open access by TopSCHOLAR®. It has been accepted for inclusion in MSS Finding Aids by an authorized administrator of TopSCHOLAR®. For more information, please contact [topscholar@wku.edu](mailto:topscholar@wku.edu).

Manuscripts & Folklife Archives  
Department of Library Special Collections  
Western Kentucky University  
Bowling Green, KY 42101-1092

*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 502     STEEN Family Papers**

1 box. 10 folders. 142 items. 1871-1944. Originals, photocopies, photographs.

1989.136.1

***BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE***

Born in Tompkinsville, Kentucky, Isaac Newton Steen (1844-1922) served in the Union Army with the 37<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Infantry during the Civil War and was mustered out in 1864. In 1869, Steen moved from Barren County, Kentucky to Fountain Run in Monroe County, Kentucky, where he worked as a carpenter. Isaac N. Steen married four times; among his children was Thomas W. Steen, a farmer who married Alma Bush, the daughter of Mary Elizabeth (Harlow) Bush and Ambrose B. Bush. Their children were: Ray, Zada, Edwin, Ruby, Thomas, Paul, Frances and Sada. Thomas W. Steen died on 11 November 1959 and his wife Alma fifteen days later, on 26 November. Both are buried in Fountain Run Cemetery, Monroe County, Kentucky.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

This collection consists of correspondence, receipts, and business and personal papers of the Steen family of Tracy (Barren County) and Fountain Run (Monroe County), Kentucky. An inventory and genealogical notes are in Folder 1. Folder 2 includes deeds, tax receipts and other papers relating to the land and business of Isaac N. Steen. Correspondence and documents in support of Isaac N. Steen's claim for a disability pension arising out of his Civil War service, as well as tax receipts and Steen's mortuary card, are in Folder 3. Folder 4 contains Isaac N. Steen's notebook with accounts relating to his carpentry business and other notes. Family correspondence, notes and receipts of Isaac N. Steen's son, Thomas W. Steen and his wife Alma Steen, including an oil and gas lease, are in Folder 6. Papers relating to three of Thomas W. Steen and Alma Steen's sons, Ray, Edwin and Thomas, principally life insurance information and a letter written by Thomas during his Army service, are in Folder 6. Folder 8 contains family photographs, some unidentified. Folder 10 contains miscellaneous notes, bank deposit slips and receipts.

**SHELF LIST**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Steen Family Papers</b>	<b>1871-1944</b>	<b>142 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory and genealogical information		4 items
Folder 2	Isaac N. Steen – Deeds, receipts, related documents	1871-1913	30 items
Folder 3	Isaac N. Steen – Disability papers, tax receipts, memorial cards	1873-1902	27 items
Folder 4	Isaac N. Steen – Notebook with carpentry accounts and notes	1876	1 item
Folder 5	Note of John Lane assigned to Oscar M. Young	1913	1 item
Folder 6	Edwin N., Ray and Thomas G. Steen – Miscellaneous papers	1932-1944	9 items
Folder 7	Thomas W. and Alma Steen – Business papers, correspondence	1907-1938	19 items
Folder 8	Photographs and postcards	1903-1920	27 items
Folder 9	Child’s drawing and poem by “Stephanie”	1987	2 items
Folder 10	Miscellaneous notes and receipts	1888-1927	22 items

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD**

MSS STEEN Family Papers 1871-1944  
502

Correspondence, deeds, receipts, family photographs and business and personal papers of the Steen family, principally Isaac Newton Steen, his son Thomas W. Steen, and Thomas’s family, of Barren and Monroe counties in Kentucky.

1 box. 10 folders. 142 items. Originals, photocopies, photographs.

1989.136.1

**SUBJECT ANALYTICS**

Bills and notes F5,7  
 Bush, G. C. – Photograph F8  
 Certificates – Birth, 1922 F6  
 Civil War, 1861-1865 – Pensions – Relating to F3  
 Deeds – Barren County, 1871-1905 F2  
 Denton, Clemons, 1907-1909 – Photograph F8  
 Denton, Oscar Howard, 1887-1966 – Photograph F8  
 Denton, Zelma, 1909-1984 – Photograph F8  
 Ellis, G. W. F2  
 Finch, Harry – Photograph F8  
 Hickle, Oak – Photograph F8  
 Leases – Barren County, 1917 F7  
 Licenses – Dogs, 1935 F7  
 Mortuary cards, 1922 F3  
 Pitcock, Mollye – Photograph F8  
 Postcards – Mammoth Cave F8  
 Steen, Alma May (Bush), 1882-1959 – Correspondence F6,7  
 Steen, Alma May (Bush), 1882-1959 – Relating to F7  
 Steen, Belle Borders – Photograph F8  
 Steen, Charles Bascom, 1885-1965 – Photographs F8  
 Steen, Edwin Newton, 1916-1998 – Relating to F6  
 Steen, Henry Clay – Photograph F8  
 Steen, Isaac Newton, 1844-1922 – Letter to F2  
 Steen, Isaac Newton, 1844-1922 – Relating to F2,3,4  
 Steen, James Franklin, b. 1880 – Photograph F8  
 Steen, Ray, 1912-1978 – Relating to F6  
 Steen, Robert Lee – Photograph F8  
 Steen, Thomas “Tommie” Gillum, b. 1922 – Relating to F6  
 Steen, Thomas Wolford, 1881-1959 – Letters to F6,7  
 Steen, Thomas Wolford, 1881-1959 – Relating to F7  
 Steen, Velma, b. 1913? – Photograph F8  
 Steen, William – Photograph F8  
 Tax receipts – Barren County, 1888-1897, 1905-1913 F2,3,10  
 Tax receipts – Barren County, 1922, 1932-1938 F7  
 Tax receipts – Monroe County, 1873-1879 F3  
 Wood, Janie – Photograph F8  
 Yokley, Joe Toll, 1872-1939 F7  
 Yokley, Peggy L. (Steen), 1887-1959 F7  
 Young, Oscar M. – Relating to F5

Niedermeier/Jeffrey 07/15/2014