Steen Family Papers (MSS 502)

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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 502  STEEN Family Papers

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

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Born in Tompkinsville, Kentucky, Isaac Newton Steen (1844-1922) served in the Union Army with the 37th 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.
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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.

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