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Gutmann-Steven Family
Papers, 1807-1918.

Organization

Gutmann (Goodman) Family

Joseph Gutmann
Henrietta Juliane Ernestine (Kuhling) Gutmann
 Amalie Kuhling
Laura Gutmann Steven [wife of James Steven, Jr.]
Otto Joseph Gutmann

Steven Family

James Steven
James Steven, Sr.
William Steven
James Steven, Jr. [husband of Laura Ernestine Gutmann]
 Walter Scott Steven
Stewart Steven
 Sarah Ann G. Steven

Gutmann-Steven Family

Box 1:

Gutmann (Goodman) Family

Joseph Gutmann (1821-61)

[Husband of Henrietta Gutmann; father of Laura Gutmann Steven]

Letter from Ellson, Hall & Co., Hartford, Conn., responding to
Gutmann's inquiry about a job as a paintbrush maker, Jan. 26,
1850

Financial Papers

Promissory Note, 1857
Loan Agreement, 1861 [see flat storage]

Legal Papers

Naturalization Papers (German), 1845
Citizenship Papers (German), 1846
Identification Cards (German), 1847, 1849
Immigration Papers (Prussia to New York City), 1849
Marriage Certificate (with transcript), 1850
Will, 1861

Notebooks

1837-43, including travel stamp marks for German cities, with accompanying notes (in German)

1840-68, including travel stamp marks for German cities, with accompanying notes; calculations; and lists of goods (in German and English)

Family Notebook

ca. 1840s-60s, including Gutmann family birth and death dates; notes on accounts; and a drawing by Joseph's son Otto (in German and English)

Henrietta Juliane Ernestine (Kuhling) Gutmann (1822-85)

[Wife of Joseph Gutmann; mother of Laura Gutmann Steven]

Financial Papers

Tax Receipt, 1864

Legal Papers

Identification Card (German), 1849

Baptism Announcements (in German), 1840, 1849

Amalie Kuhling

[Sister of Henrietta Gutmann]

Poem (in German), 1844

Laura Gutmann Steven (1847-1907)

[Daughter of Joseph Gutmann; wife of James Steven, Jr.]

Obituary, *Ivesdale (Ill.) News*, Oct. 18, 1907

Letters from Mary Leonora Green Pollard (childhood friend), Hartford, Conn., and Brooklyn and Albany, N.Y.

1857-66: Subjects include school in Hartford; small pox (1857-58) and scarlet fever (1859) outbreaks in Hartford; gardening; gender roles; boarding school in Watertown, Conn., including subjects of study, and tuition and room-and-board prices

(1859); the construction of a new Universalist Church in Hartford; ice skating; Joseph Gutmann's death; Mary's war correspondence with Horatio Pollard, whom she would later marry; news about Mary's brother Charles, who is in an unnamed Confederate prison camp; details about [Moses] Ballerstein, of Colt Manufacturing Company, who made a fortune from government contracts during the war; Otto Gutmann's death; news from soldiers in the 10th Conn. Vols.; the death of Charles Green in the Florence Stockade, So. Car.; a typhoid fever outbreak in Hartford (1865-66); and news about friends in Hartford

1869-87: Subjects include Mary's marriage to Horatio Pollard, a carpenter; the Pollards' move from Hartford to Brooklyn; Mary's plan to attend a concert at Henry Ward Beecher's Plymouth Congregational Church; "a beautiful park...being made in Brooklyn...[that will] exceed the Central;" the Pollards' move back to Hartford (Nov. 1869); Elihu Geer's Map of Hartford, July 1872, enclosed in letter dated Dec. 28, 1873 (see flat storage); a scarlet fever outbreak in Hartford (1876); the Pollards' move back to Brooklyn, due to unemployment in Hartford (1877); prices of butter and eggs in Brooklyn; the Adventists' prediction that the world will end in Nov. 1879; Brooklyn political meetings with torchlight processions (1880); an increase in the infant mortality rate in Brooklyn (1881); the Pollards' move to Albany (reported 1885); and news about friends in Hartford

Letters from Other Correspondents, 1857-59, 1865, 1889, 1894. Correspondents include Alice Goodell (Hartford, Conn.), Fanny Gutmann (Sibley, Iowa), Charles W. Hinsdale (New Haven, Conn.), Ida Latter (Alfeld, Germany), Mrs. Thos. Naughton (Champaign, Ill.), Susan C. Porter (Hartford). Subjects include Laura's old Sabbath school in Hartford; Christianity; the death of Laura's brother Otto by fever; residential construction in Hartford (1865); news about friends in Hartford; Fanny Gutmann's life in Iowa; news about family in Germany (in German); and Laura's inquiry about the dimensions of beds in Champaign's Burnham Hospital (her class at Sadorus' Lumley School wants to make and donate a quilt to the hospital)

Letter from Laura Gutmann Steven to Furnishing Committee [Burnham Hospital], Mrs. H. G. Barton, Ivesdale, Ill., Nov. 24, 1894, requesting dimensions of beds in Champaign's Burnham Hospital, so that students at Sadorus' Lumley School can make and donate a quilt

Education Papers

The Evening Entertainer, Sadorus, Ill. [school newspaper],
 edited by Laura Goodman [Gutmann], 1863
 Speeches, Writings, Penmanship Book, 1863

Honors and Awards

Certificate of membership in the 3rd rank at Arsenal School,
 Hartford, Conn., 1855
 Reward of Merit [Arsenal School?]

Ephemera

Postcards, coloring pages, drawing of bird

*Note: The marriage of Laura Gutmann and James Steven, Jr.,
 linked the families, resulting in this collection of papers.

Otto Joseph Gutmann (1849-65)

[Son of Joseph and Henrietta Gutmann]

Letter from Charles W. Hinsdale, New Haven, Conn., Mar. 10,
 1865, regarding family news

Steven FamilyJames Steven

[Father of James Steven, Sr.]

Letter from John Mackief (brother-in-law), Charleston, So. Car.,
 June 20, 1807, regarding family news, asking Steven to look
 after the education of Mackief's brothers and sisters, and
 reporting that he will delay his return to Scotland because
 "at
 present the times in Europe wear a very unpleasant aspect."

James Steven, Sr. (1803-82)

[Son of James; father of James, Jr., Stewart, and William]

Letter from James Fyfer (Chicago), Jan. 11, 1854, regarding the
 experiences of Scottish immigrants in Chicago; the
 availability of work, on the railroad, in factories, and for

blacksmiths and painters; the differences in farming in the United States versus Scotland; housing prices; prices of potatoes, sugar, tea, milk, butter, and beef; advice about provisions and personal effects to bring when immigrating to America; and detailed instructions on transportation options from Scotland to the United States

Letters from William Steven (son), Chicago, 1856-59. Subjects include family news, William's unemployment and, briefly, William's involvement in "raising old buildings to the regular grade of the street" in Chicago (Mar. 20, 1859)

Financial Papers

Memorandum Book of Accounts and Lists of Goods, 1854
Bank Book, Arbroath Bank, Arbroath, Scotland, 1854

Legal Papers

Marriage Certificate, 1829
U.S. Naturalization Certificate, 1859 (see flat storage)

Professional Papers

Letter of Recommendation from Wm. Straton, Brothock Foundry, Arbroath, Scotland, Apr. 3, 1854

Religious Papers

Letter from Minister and Elders of the United Presbyterian Congregation, Arbroath, Scotland, testifying to the good character of the James Steven family, Mar. 30, 1854

Box 2:

William Steven (1829-?)

[Son of James, Sr.; brother of James, Jr., and Stewart]

Financial Papers

Tax receipts, Illinois Central Railroad freight receipts, loan statement, 1854-67

Legal Papers

Indenture to Adam Roy as an Apprentice Painter, 1845
Marriage Certificate, 1854
U.S. Naturalization Certificate, 1860

Religious Papers

Letter from Minister and Elders of the United Presbyterian

Congregation, Arbroath, Scotland, testifying to the good character of the James Steven family, Mar. 30, 1854

James Steven, Jr. (1833-1917)

[Son of James, Sr.; husband of Laura Gutmann]

Letters from Laura Gutmann Steven (wife), 1893, regarding their son Walter's harelip surgery in Springfield, Ill.; electric baths; and Walter's recuperation

Letters from William Steven (brother in Chicago), 1854-67, 1904. Subjects include William's and James's real estate dealings with William N. Coler, the Champaign County land agent [William was attempting to buy property next to James, so that the brothers could farm together]; William's disappointment with Coler, who sold the land to another buyer; the price of government land; "street railways" in Chicago; crop prices in Chicago; the price of Illinois Central Railroad land; William's plans for his dream farm; Civil War taxes; news about friends fighting in the Civil War; "considerable agitation among the people and this Drafting business;" William's instructions for James about buying real estate in Champaign County; prices of timberland near Sadorus; William's concerns about being drafted; William's problems purchasing a homestead and timberland from David Rice, of Sadorus; William's bout of catarrh; a cholera outbreak in Chicago (1866); news about family and friends; and family illnesses

Letters from Stewart Steven (brother in Arbroath, Scotland), 1866-82. Subjects include the development of and construction in Arbroath, particularly the design of new churches, influenced by church designs in Rome; Stewart's ill health and inability to work as a sailor; his return to sailing ships; the poor economy of Scotland and the unemployment of factory workers and 800 sailors; the failure of the City of Glasgow Bank (Oct. 1878); the Tay Bridge disaster (Dec. 28, 1879), with a newspaper enclosure about the event; a new marriage law in Scotland, by which the names of a couple must be publicly posted several days before the wedding; a butter shortage in Scotland; poor crop production in Arbroath; the route of railroads in Scotland, including the Montrose & Arbroath [North British, Arbroath & Montrose] and the Caledonian, and the construction of railroads, involving the North British Coy; Stewart's travels aboard a steamer from Arbroath to London, through the Caribbean, and to the United States; and

news about family and friends

Letters from Other Correspondents, 1862, 1868, 1872, 1883, 1885. Correspondents include John F. Harvey (Camp McClernand), James Lumley (Sadorus, Ill.), J. B. McDowell (Fairbury, Ill. and Beatrice, Nebr.), Page Procter (Decatur, Ill.), and Sarah Ann G. Steven (Arbroath, Scotland). Subjects include real estate, news about friends fighting in the Civil War, and news about family and friends.

Financial Papers

Grocery Bill, 1867
Shipping Receipts, 1868, 1883
Hardware Bill, 1918

Legal Papers

U.S. Naturalization Certificate, 1859 (see flat storage)

Professional Papers

Letter of Recommendation from Wm. Straton, Brothock Foundry, Arbroath, Scotland, Apr. 3, 1854

Walter Scott Steven (1879-1910)

[Son of James, Jr., and Laura]

Obituary, *Ivesdale (Ill.) News*, and letter regarding death from Robert L. Gutman, American Vice and Deputy Consul, Hermosillo, Mexico, Sept. 7, 1910

Stewart Steven (1835-?)

[Son of James, Sr.; brother of James, Jr., and William]

Address, No. 38 Dishland Town St., Arbroath, Scotland (also includes address of Andrew Carneggie [sic])

Sarah Ann G. Steven

[Daughter of Stewart Steven]

Financial Papers

Bill from Mercer & Draper, Arbroath, Scotland, for mourning clothes, 1891

Gutmann-Steven Family

Birth dates, death dates, health records, ca. 1890s; Genealogy

Family Photograph, ca. 1890s (see flat storage)

Ephemera

Horner & Crone's American Railroad and Steamboat Travelling Guide (Chicago: Horner & Crone, ca. 1850s) and *New and Complete Railway Map of the United States and Canada...*, ca. 1850s (see flat storage)

Charter, New England Emigrant Aid Company (1855); and notebook containing a subscription list to raise funds for a new pulpit gown for the Rev. Wm. Allan, scriptural passages, prescription for treating diarrhea, and the address of Mr. David Straton

Unidentified, unsigned letters, in German