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**Gutmann-Steven Family  
Papers, 1807-1918**

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## **Gutmann-Steven Family Papers, 1807-1918.**

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### 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); 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.

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Elihu Geer's Map of Hartford, July 1872 (enclosure from letter dated Dec. 28, 1873)

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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 Family**

#### **James 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

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U.S. Naturalization Certificate, 1859

Box 1 (cont.)

#### 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

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U.S. Naturalization Certificate, 1859

Box 2 (cont.)

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 Carnegie [sic]).

**Sarah Ann G. Steven**

Daughter of Stewart Steven

Financial Papers

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

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

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Family Photograph, ca. 1890s

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.

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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