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STEIGER FAMILY COLLECTION

ca. 1868-1910

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History

The Steiger family lived near Laurel in Howard County, Maryland, where William Tell Steiger (1801-1888) owned and operated Brightwood Farm. His wife, Hannah Van Patten Steiger (fl. 1865-1900) wrote newspaper articles for The American Farmer in the 1880s, as well as writing and editing The Free Quill during the same years.

One family member was George Nye Steiger (1890-1961), a graduate of Occidental College (Los Angeles, Ca.) in 1906, and of Harvard University in 1914. In 1914, he married Susan LePage Cronmiller, a neighbor from his childhood home near Laurel. An expert on the Far East, Steiger taught for St. John's College in Shanghai, China, and was a correspondent for the Sunpapers on Chinese politics and society during the 1920s. He moved to teach at Harvard University in 1920, and later joined the faculty at Simmons College, staying until his retirement. He earned his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1923.

Collection Origin

Gift of Margaret Van Patten Marshall, 1980 (75642).

Scope and Contents
The collection consists of 1 box with 3 folders containing 26 photographs made ca. 1868-1910. Subjects include the Steiger family and their home, Brightwood, in Howard County, near Laurel, as well as their winter home on the St. John River near Palatka, Florida. Also included is a photo of St. Philips Church, Laurel, Md.

*Note:* Related materials are in MS. 2501, the Steiger Family Papers, in the Manuscripts Department of the Maryland Historical Society.

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**Arrangement**

The photographs are arranged by general subject in the following series:

Steiger family photographs, ca. 1868-1910.

Steiger and Van Patten Marshall families, n.d.

"Brightwood" (near Laurel, Md.) and Steiger family group portraits, n.d. and ca. 1890s.

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**Container List**

1 Box

**Box 1: 3 Folders**

*Box 1, Folder 1*
Steiger family photographs, ca. 1868-1910. 8 items.

Mr. Steiger, Mr. Laue, Mr. Broque, Tell Steiger, ca. 1868.

Cabinet photograph of Augusta Steiger, 1890.

Cabinet photograph of Wm. Tell Steiger, 1880.

Two cabinet photographs of Tell, Jack, Van and Neil, ca. 1870.

Van Patten Steiger, ca. 1880. Photograph by Whitman (Bridgeport, Conn.).

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Neil, ca. 1910.

*Box 1, Folder 2*
Steiger and Van Patten Marshall families, n.d. 11 items.

Andrew Wilton Steiger, n.d. Photograph by Partridge (Boston, Mass.).

William Tell (Steiger, Jr.?), n.d. Photograph by Photographic Arts Co. (Washington, D.C.).

Frank Steiger, n.d. Photograph by F. Gutekunst (Philadelphia, Pa.).

Ezekial Miller’s mother, n.d. Photograph by Naughton (Champaign, Ill.).


Hannah Steiger, n.d.


Hannah Van Patten Steiger, n.d. Photograph by Perkins (Baltimore, Md.).


Box 1, Folder 3
"Brightwood" (near Laurel, Md.) and Steiger family group portraits, n.d. and ca. 1890s. 7 items.

Brightwood, n.d.

St. Philips Church (Laurel, Md.), n.d.

Steigers’ winter home in Florida, n.d.

Van, George Nye, Neal, and William Tell Steiger at Brightwood, 1891.

Hannah, Van, and George (Jack) Nye Steiger with Maggie Lane at Brightwood, 1892.

Group on steps of Brightwood, 1890.

Group on steps of Brightwood, including neighbors Bansomers and Cronmillers, 1890.