

# **STEEL, S. A. (SAMUEL AUGUSTUS), B. 1849. S.A. (Samuel Augustus) Steel papers, 1867-1934**

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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Steel, S. A. (Samuel Augustus), b. 1849.  
**Title:** S.A. (Samuel Augustus) Steel papers, 1867-1934  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 712  
**Extent:** 3 linear ft. (3 boxes)  
**Abstract:** Papers of S.A. (Samuel Augustus) Steel, Methodist minister and author, including correspondence, printed material, and sermons.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Restrictions on Access**

Unrestricted access.

### **Terms Governing Use and Reproduction**

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### **Related Materials in Other Repositories**

[Edward Marvin Steel, Jr., Collection of Heiskell, McCampbell, Wilkes, and Steel materials collection](#), Southern Historical Collection, Wilson Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

### **Source**

Gift, 1988, with subsequent additions.

### **Citation**

[after identification of item(s)], S.A. Steel papers, Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

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## Collection Description

### Biographical Note

Samuel Augustus Hawkins Steel, Methodist clergyman and author, was born on a farm near Grenada, Mississippi on October 5, 1849, the son of Rev. Ferdinand Lawrence Steel and Amanda Fitzgerald Steel (nee Hankins). He was educated at Emory and Henry College (Virginia). After becoming a Methodist minister, he served in several large congregations in Richmond, Virginia, Columbus, Mississippi, Memphis and Nashville, Tennessee, Louisville, Kentucky, and Kansas City, Missouri. He wrote several books and at least two regular newspaper columns, "From the Pelican Pines" (1921-1925) and "Creole Gumbo" (for the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 1929-1930). He died in 1934.

### Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of Samuel Augustus Steel from 1867 until 1934. The papers include family and personal correspondence, clippings, typed copies, printed material, photographs, sermons and sermon notes, other writings and manuscripts, diaries, reminiscences, and biographical information. Steel's diaries date from 1866 and 1925. His columns are represented by clippings and typed copies; other writings include *The Sunny Road* and a manuscript of "Amazing Amanda" about his mother, Amanda Fitzgerald Hankins Steel. Correspondence includes letters from Warren A. Candler about reunification of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Sermons and sermon notes are by Steel; the biographical information is about him. Also included are reminiscences of a number of prominent Methodists including Holland Nommons McTyeire and John Albert Broadus. Later correspondence is among his daughters and grandson, Chloe Steel, Ethel Steel Creighton and Edward M. Steel, Jr.

### Arrangement Note

Unprocessed collection.

