

**STEELE, GUSSIE ALFREDA.**  
**Gussie Alfreda Steele papers, 1949-1992**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Steele, Gussie Alfreda.  
**Title:** Gussie Alfreda Steele papers, 1949-1992  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 985  
**Extent:** .25 linear ft. (1 box)  
**Abstract:** Papers of Gussie Alfreda Steele, an African American woman and descendent of Nat Turner.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### **Administrative Information**

#### **Restrictions on access**

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#### **Source**

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#### **Citation**

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#### **Processing**

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### **Collection Description**

#### **Biographical Note**

Gussie Alfreda Steele was an African American descendent of revolutionary leader Nat Turner. Born Gussie Alfreda Turner, she graduated from Summit High School in New Jersey in 1941,

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Spelman College in Atlanta in 1945, and the Atlanta School of Social Work, where she met her husband Percy Howard Steele, Jr. They married in 1949. Percy Howard Steele, Jr. organized the Morris County Urban League in New Jersey in 1947 and served as its executive director until 1953. He then organized and led the San Diego Urban League until 1964 when he became the head of the Bay Area Urban League.

**Scope and Content Note**

The collection contains the personal papers of Gussie Alfreda Steele. The papers include photographs, newspaper clippings that mostly concern her husband's activities, correspondence, and printed material related to the Urban League. There is also a small amount of correspondence addressed to Gussie Alfreda Steele's mother and programs from the Gullah festival in South Carolina, the Juneteenth festival in San Francisco, and the funerals of friends.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by record type.

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## Container List

| <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> | <b>Content</b>  |
|------------|---------------|---|
| 1          | 1             | Correspondence, Mrs. Forrest Adams, 1949-1970   |
| 1          | 2             | Correspondence, Gussie Alfreda Steele, 1949-1991  |
| 1          | 3             | Funeral program, Florie B. Davis, 1991  |
| 1          | 4             | Funeral program, Erma Lee Caskie Morris, 1992   |
| 1          | 5             | Funeral program, Augustine Rogers, 1992   |
| 1          | 6             | Newspaper clippings, 1947-1983  |
| 1          | 7             | Photographs, undated  |
| 1          | 8             | Printed material: Gullah Festival '91 Festival, Beaufort, South Carolina, 1991  |
| 1          | 9             | Printed material: San Francisco's 5th Annual Juneteenth Festival program, 1992  |
| 1          | 10            | Printed material: "Tutoring Vocation, Culture, Charm," National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, undated |
| 1          | 11            | Printed material: Urban League (Morris County), 23rd Annual Dinner Meeting, 1971  |
| 1          | 12            | Printed material: Urban League National Conference Program, San Francisco, California, 1974   |

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