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**Vrooman Collection**

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**Brief History**

Carl Schurz Vrooman, son of Hiram and Sarah Buffington Vrooman, was born in Macon, Missouri, October 25, 1872. When Carl was three years of age, the family moved to Kansas where they lived until 1900.

He was educated at Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, and Harvard University. Carl left Harvard in 1894 on account of ill-health, and went abroad for eighteen months to recuperate and study European politics, society, and economics. He toured France, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, and parts of England, avoiding tourist routes and studying the lives of the people. It was on this trip that he met Julia Green Scott (who was from Bloomington, IL) on the French Riviera, whom he married December 28, 1896.

In 1898 Carl was appointed regent of the Kansas State Agricultural College. He served until 1900 when he moved to Bloomington, where he lived for the rest of his life. Julia and Carl Vrooman lived in the house Julia's parents bought in 1872. Built in 1869, the home had 17 rooms and in 1900, an 18-room addition was put onto the house, designed by local architect Arthur Pillsbury. Julia Vrooman called this Mansion "home" from her birth in 1876 until her death in 1981 at the age of 104.

The Vroomans made several extended tours abroad. In 1914 they published a book entitled "The Lure and the Lore of Travel," describing their methods of intensive

travel and setting forth their impressions of the more significant aspects of European life. While in Europe, Carl made a careful first-hand study of railway conditions in the various European countries. He later studied American railways and published a book entitled "American Railway Problems." He also wrote numerous articles for various magazines, mainly in the subject of economics.

Carl Vrooman had always been active in political affairs, running for Illinois Senate in 1912-13 and again in fall 1913. By vocation, though, Carl was a farmer. Either directly or through tenants over whom he has administrative control, he farmed several thousand acres of land in the heart of the Corn Belt. When he was appointed assistant secretary in the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1914, he came equipped with the practical experience of fifteen years devoted to scientific farming. While serving in this position during the Woodrow Wilson administration, Carl promoted "War Gardens" and organized sending a million bushels of corn to the starving people in Europe after WWI—for which he received a decoration from the Polish government.

Julia Scott Vrooman was an unusual woman of considerable intellectual stature. She wrote newspaper articles, essays on travels to Europe and a novel, "High Road to Honor," and this collection includes manuscripts, correspondence, and notes from the writing and publishing process. A deeply religious woman, Julia showed a genuine concern for the suffering of others less fortunate. Being very frugal and not having any children, the Vroomans were able to lavish their money on charities they deemed worthy.

Mr. and Mrs. Vrooman's circle of friends included political figures like Woodrow and Edith Wilson, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, Julia's cousin Adlai Stevenson II, William Jennings Bryan and many European heads of state. The Vroomans also socialized frequently with playwright Rachel Crothers, poets Sara Teasdale and Vachel Lindsay and many Bloomington-Normal residents. A charming hostess, Julia loved to host parties and disliked eating alone. She served her guests at the dining room table that is still used today. Julia was noted for the Vrooman bread, a loaf of which was sent to the Queen of England and to other dignitaries. The recipe for this bread is in this collection.

Carl died at age 93 just prior to their 70th wedding anniversary in 1965. Julia died in 1981, in the same room where she was born. Living to be almost 105, she would have been well qualified to tell of the history of the home and the prominence of the family. When the Scott-Vrooman era came to an end, all contents of the home were sold at a public auction. Ninety-five percent of their \$5,000,000 estate went to churches and the needy.

## Box 1: Manuscripts, Speeches, Publications

### Manuscripts and Speeches: Folders 1-46

- 1.1.1 Boston and Massachusetts, 2 copies one rough draft, and one final. Date unknown- DAR speech- may have been presented by Julia Vrooman. Praises Massachusetts for leading the United States in education and religion. Praises Boston's history, especially during the time of the American Revolution.
- 1.2.1 The Price of Power, date unknown- Speaks out against the power that comes from wealth; power should be influenced by morals. Blames society's problems on capitalism and corruption, but hope can be found in religion.
- 1.3.1 The Decisive Factor of the War c. 1916-1918- Suggests war leads to the corruption of humanity and morals, and that problems of war could be solved if "spiritual vitality" were renewed. Several hand-written corrections throughout document make it hard to read
- 1.4.1 Markets for Moratoriums! (4 copies)- c.1928-1932- Discusses President Hoover's failure to help America's financial problems by not selling surplus farm products to other nations. Copy 1 includes a supplement- "A Revolution By Ballot," Copy 2 includes a handwritten note and memorandum entitled "An Emergency Agricultural Policy"
- 1.5.1 Moratoriums for Markets! (4 copies) Same as "Markets for Moratoriums,"
- 1.6.1 An American Manifesto- April 13, 1963 (5 copies)- Speaks out against communism, suggests spiritualism is the only way to fight communism.
- 1.7.1 A Free World Manifesto- December 31, 1964 (2 copies) Updated version of "An American Manifesto"
- 1.8.1 A Foreign Market or a Postmortem? (3 copies) 1921- 3 copies, each includes blank petitions. Foreign markets could benefit from surpluses
- 1.9.1 Deflating the Farmer c.1920-1930- Attributes America's economic depression to its earlier failure to help Europe in the post-WWI period. Crop surpluses are a liability and must be disposed of, only way to national recovery.
- 1.10.1 Farm Relief at Minimum Cost- July 7, 1929- Marked as final copy, only includes first 6 pages of speech
- 1.11.1 Statement before Senate Committee on Agriculture at Cosmos Club, Washington D.C.- Late 1920s, 3 copies, all appear to be final copies. Suggests including Crop Acreage Limitation Plan and Export Credit Plan included in McNary Bill.
- 1.12.1 Winning the Peace- talk before the Kiwanis Club, January 14, 1948- Discussion of Britain's post-war economic problems, suggests an increase in spirituality to keep communism from taking over Britain.
- 1.13.1 Who Are the Farmers' Friends? (2 copies), 1940s- Short history on how the United States government has helped and hurt American farmers
- 1.14.1 A Bed-Time Story for Farmers- 1940s- Mention of desperate conditions of farmers during the 1920s- low prices for crops, etc, complains that

- Republicans “did not know how to save the farmer from ever deepening disaster”
- 1.15.1 The Agriculture of the South-Eastern States from a National Viewpoint- 1930s. Mobilization of “spiritual resources” necessary to end economic problems, Most solutions proposed are mentioned in Vrooman’s other speeches on agriculture
- 1.16.1 Strengthening the President’s Agricultural Policy- c. late 1920s, early 1930s. Only 11 pages in folder, the rest are missing. Several corrections throughout manuscript, resembles Vrooman’s other writings on agriculture.
- 1.17.1 Bills 1925 & 1932  
 “Farmers Export Financing Corporation Bill,” December 1925- Deals with the exportation of crop surpluses, set up a group known as the “Farmers Export Financing Corporation” made up of the Secretary of Commerce and three other individuals- mentions length of service for each board member, salaries, location of group, duties of service, etc.  
 “A Bill” December 14, 1932, 3 copies- Purpose was to provide “emergency relief to agriculture”  
 “Robinson Bill” 1920s/1930s- Provides tariff protection for farmers, gives Secretary of Agriculture the job of determining what percentage of crops will not be sold overseas.
- 1.18.1 A United Spiritual Offensive (2 copies), 1940s- although WWII would end, the present war between morality and immorality would continue.
- 1.19.1 A Challenge to Presidential Candidates (4 copies), date unknown, speech calls for and elected president who will use power in the best way to ensure an end to the war and lasting peace after the war ends.
- 1.20.1 The Decisive Post War Factor, 1940s- only first 9 pages, other pages missing. Same speech as “The Moral Challenge of War” and “The Decisive Factor in World Recovery” WWII was the moral collapse of humanity
- 1.21.1 The Decisive Factor in World Recovery (3 copies & notes)
- 1.22.1 The Moral Challenge of War (2 copies)
- 1.23.1 A Prospective Center Block- 1940s- Both Left and Right are too “extremist” and self-serving, America is in need of a political platform that engages in moral pursuits.
- 1.24.1 A Prospective Christian Center Coalition- December 1945
- 1.25.1 Depression vs. Prosperity, 1930s (?)- Under Roosevelt administration, farmers benefited from government loans
- 1.26.1 Agriculture from a National Standpoint, 1940s- Addresses problems of cut-over land, suggesting using some of it for agricultural purposes.
- 1.27.1 Mr. Taft’s Proposed Dismemberment of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, late 1900s/early 1910s- Discusses how proposed dismemberment is possibly harmful to business
- 1.28.1 The Way to Industrial Peace and World Leadership, date unknown- American business in need of leadership, corruption is rampant. Speaks out against human exploitation in labor.

- 1.29.1 The Way to Industrial Peace and World Leadership
- 1.30.1 Communism, Capitalism, or Christianity? A Constructive Emergency Program, 1930s- Under America's depressed economic conditions and emergency relief program is needed that incorporates Christianity- "Christianized capitalism" would lead to prosperity.
- 1.31.1 A Few of the Things I Would Do If I Were Secretary of Agriculture, date unknown- General staff would make job of Secretary of Agriculture easier, need several assistant secretaries, rest of paper missing after page 8.
- 1.32.1 The "Farmer Vote" To Decide the Election (2 copies), 1922/23- Suggests that Vrooman run for president on third-party ballot, lists Vrooman's accomplishments and accomplishments of Julia Vrooman
- 1.33.1 Victory on the Home Front- October 28, 1943- Speech gives variety of reasons why a War Workers Army is needed- boost morale
- 1.34.1 Call For National Day of Prayer- 1920s- Day of prayer for the upcoming presidential election could help America's citizens make the right choice. Two other speeches attached-"Call for National Day of Prayer" and "United Meeting of Prayer for All Nations"
- 1.35.1 Onward Christian Soldiers- 1940s/1950s- Bible agrees sometimes war is necessary to destroy evil. Pacifism only works in an ideal world. Also states America should not hate its enemies
- 1.36.1 The Spiritual Factor in the Present Crisis 1950s- Colleges to blame for spiritual collapse. Included in this folder is a first page revision of the speech entitled "The Key to the Present Crisis." Ideas are continued in "The New Individualism"
- 1.37.1 The New Individualism
- 1.38.1 A National Farm Policy 1944- Recounts years of bad conditions faced by farmers and the improvements brought about by agricultural legislation under President Roosevelt
- 1.39.1 Fellow Farmers and Fellow Citizens- 1940s- Praises work of Senator Scott Lucas in helping the farmers, mentions positive attributes of Roosevelt administration, and asks for re-election and continued support of Senator Lucas.
- 1.40.1 The Records of the Two Parties? 1944- Farmers should vote for either political party based on past behaviors rather than "pre-election promises"
- 1.41.1 Walter Vrooman- folder includes photo of Walter Vrooman, and speech written in memory of Carl Vrooman's deceased brother who was involved in various reform movements- knights of labor, for example. Walter also established Ruskin Hall at Oxford University to train up large numbers of working class men in studious habits so they could be educated leaders for the workers movement.
- 1.42.1 Vrooman Family History, unknown date. A short history of Adam Vrooman, ancestor of Carl Vrooman. Pages after page 3 are lost.
- 1.43.1 An Emergency Agricultural Policy
- 1.44.1 The "Lost" Speech of Abraham Lincoln 1910/1920s. Vrooman states his belief that nothing was actually lost from Lincoln's "lost" speech because the ideas still hold true. Copy is a rough draft.

- 1.45.1 6 miscellaneous papers
- 1.46.1 Carl Vrooman on the Higher Life, May 6, 1907

**Publications:**

- 1.47.1 "Initiative and Referendum in Switzerland"- 63<sup>rd</sup> Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session. Volume/Issue: Document #253, December 3, 1913 Pages: 3-14, 5 copies with original folders
- 1.48.1 "Feeding the World"- Illinois Farmers' Institute. Volume/Issue: 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, February 23, 1922 Pages: 5-11, 3 copies
- 1.49.1 "Important Notice: Mr. Carl S. Vrooman and His Special Work For 'The Arena'" - The Arena. Volume/Issue: N/A, November 1908. Page: 525
- 1.50.1 "Carl Vrooman's Great Speech to Workingmen!"- Workingman's Bryan Club of St. Louis. Volume/Issue: N/A, October 3, 1896. Pages: 2-29
- 1.51.1 "Help for the Farmer" in "The Outlook" Volume 133/ Issue 11 July 12, 1916 Pages: 622-625
- 1.52.1 "The Agricultural Revolution"- The Century Volume/Issue: N/A, November 1916, Pages: 1-19, 5 copies
- 1.53.1 "The Best Side of Paris" in "The Outlook" Volume 73/ Issue 4, January 24, 1903. Pages: 209-212
- 1.54.1 "If I Were Secretary of Agriculture"- The New Breeder's Gazette. Volume/Issue: N/A, July 1928, Page: 8
- 1.55.1 "Grain Farming in the Corn Belt With Live Stock As a Side Line"- United States Department of Agriculture Farmers' Bulletin. Volume/ Issue: 716 January 20, 1920 Pages: 1-44
- 1.56.1 "Fabricating Farmers"- The American Review of Reviews Volume/Issue: N/A Date: N/A Pages: 1-3, with remainder missing
- 1.57.1 "Taming the Trusts"- The Advocate Quarterly Volume 1/ Issue 1 Date: July 1900 Pages: 5-108
- 1.58.1 "My Compromise Bill"- The National Farm Journal Volume 51/ Issue 11 Date: November 1927 Pages: 13, 56
- 1.59.1 "A Highly-Efficient State Railway Administration"- The Arena Volume 41/ Issue 229 Date: January 1909 Pages: 20-29
- 1.60.1 "Our Railroad Riddle" in "The Arena" Volume 40/ Issue 228 December 1908 Pages: 553-560
- 1.61.1 "England in Revolution" in "Twentieth Century Magazine" Volume 4/ Issue 25 Date: October 1911 Pages: 579-585
- 1.62.1 "Transportation and Communication"- Economic Review Volume/Issue: N/A Date: December 1911 Pages: 823-826
- 1.63.1 "Uses and Abuses of Italian Travel"- The Arena (2 copies) Volume/Issue: N/A Date: October 1905 Pages: 354-363
- 1.64.1 "Cycling Through Tuscany and Umbria"- The Pilgrim Volume/Issue: N/A Date: August 1903 Pages: 9-10, 12
- 1.65.1 "Europe From a Cycle Saddle"- The Pilgrim Volume/Issue: N/A Date: June 1903 Page: 8 (remainder missing)

- 1.66.1 "An Apostle of Light"- The Arena  
Volume/Issue: N/A Date: July 1909 Pages: 425-432
- 1.67.1 "Vrooman for Senator" (flyers and booklet included in this folder)  
Volume 1/ Issue 1 Date: April 1914
- 1.68.1 "The Industrial State"- Pamphlet (3 copies)  
Date: 1940
- 1.69.1 "A Rebirth of Individualism"- Pamphlet  
Date: 1940
- 1.70.1 Carl Vrooman- A Fighting Farmer! flyers  
Date: c. 1930s
- 1.71.1 "The Lure and the Lore of Travel"- Flyers  
Date: 1914
- 1.72.1 "A Farmer for Congress"- Flyers  
Date: c.1940s
- 1.73.1 "A Square Deal for the Farmer"- Pamphlets (3 copies)  
Date: c. 1930s
- 1.74.1 "The Future of the Farmer"- Pamphlets (2 copies) and Fliers (3 copies)  
Date: c. 1930s
- 1.75.1 "Open Letter to the Agricultural Press"- Press Release (5 copies) Date:  
4/8/1929
- 1.76.1 "Total Defense of Our Christian Heritage"- 3 Pamphlets & Copyright  
Registration  
Date: 1941
- 1.77.1 "New Blood Needed In Congress"- Flyers  
Date: 1940s
- 1.78.1 "Stevenson in San Francisco"- The Arena  
Volume/Issue: N/A Date: November 1907 Pages: 526-529
- 1.79.1 "An Awakening"- The Arena (2 copies)  
Volume/Issue: N/A Date: November 1908 Pages: 460-466

**Miscellaneous publications**

- 1.80.1 "The Railway Ferment" by Rowland Kenney in The English Review  
Volume/Issue: N/A Date: October 1911 Pages: 485-493
- 1.80.2 The Princess Magazine- April 1902 issue and letter to Mrs. Matthew Scott  
from Giselle Unger with corresponding envelope

**LOOSE ITEMS:**

The Present Republican Opportunity by a Democrat booklet, by Carl Vrooman, 1936 (2 copies)

Freedom from What? By Carl Vrooman

**Box 2:**

Democratic Campaign, US Government booklets, brochures, and documents, miscellaneous personal documents, newspaper clippings

## **LOOSE ITEMS**

The Campaign Text Book of the Democratic Party of the United States- 1908

The Democratic Text Book- 1912

The Democratic Text Book- 1914

The Democratic Text Book- 1916

Democratic Campaign Book- 1922

Democratic Campaign Book- 1924

Harnessing the Earthworm by T.J. Barrett

Happy Voices: Hymns and Music

Book of Stock Certificates, each worth \$100

Memorial book for unknown. Some of the signatures inside are as follows: McLean Stevenson, E.M. Stevenson, M.D., Anne Stevenson Whitney, Mrs. George Foster, etc.

Autographs (Blue cover)

Autographs (Red cover)

Joshua Fry Lawrence July 1841 (green/blue cover)

Illustrations and Expressions by Hiram G. Vrooman

Fathers note book-1958, inside envelope addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Vrooman, from

Fathers note book- James Boyd of Cookstown, Beaver County, Pennsylvania. 1853-1855. Contains land warrant accounts.

## **Folders**

2.1.1 Democratic Manual- 1918

### **Folder 2: Election Documents**

- 2.2.1 "Who Are the Farmers Friends?" by Carl Vrooman inside "The Feedbox"  
March 1, 1946
- 2.2.2 Official list of Candidates for the Primary Election April 9, 1946
- 2.2.3 Democratic Primary Ballot McLean County specimen
- 2.2.4 Republican Primary Ballot McLean County specimen
- 2.2.5 "The Time of Decision is Here" vote democratic flier



### **Folder 3: Letter to President**

- 2.4.1 Copy of Mr. Vrooman's letter to President accepting appointment as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture August 19, 1914

### **Folder 4: Event Invitations, Certificates, and Programs**

- 2.5.1 Inauguration Ceremony program, March 5, 1917
- 2.5.2 Invitation to Inauguration Ceremony
- 2.5.3 Invitation to Mrs. Scott from Mrs. Wilson for an unspecified event on Monday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.
- 2.5.4 A Tribute to Adlai Ewing Stevenson on United Nations Day October 4, 1965
- 2.5.5 Certificate from The Daily Pantagraph designating Carl Vrooman Honorary Associate Editor for 1963. Signed by Loring C. Merwin, Publisher and H. Clay Tate, Editor
- 2.5.6 Music Lawn Fete at Grey Ledges September 24, 1926
- 2.5.7 3 small cards with Carl Vrooman's name written
- 2.5.8 Holiday card signed by Robert C. Underwood
- 2.5.9 Birthday greetings from Paul H. Oehser, president of Cosmos Club, October 25, 1962

### **Folder 5: Department of Agriculture Documents**

- 2.5.1 Memorandum sent to office of the assistant secretary from Paul Scott Mowrer, Paris correspondent of Chicago Daily news
- 2.5.2 Copy of memorandum for Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Vrooman regarding reinstatement of soldiers into society in terms of employment.
- 2.5.3 Minutes of meeting of June 25, 1962. Meeting of Carl Vrooman, Ralph DeMange, Sherman Whitmer, and Pauline Dick, regarding sale of McLean County Coal Company property.
- 2.5.4 Memorandum for Professor Spillman from O. E. Baker, on Department of Agriculture Office of Farm Management letterhead regarding settlement of soldiers and sailors on the land. July 1, 1918
- 2.5.5 Memorandum for Professor Spillman from E. V. Wilcox, on Department of Agriculture Office of Farm Management letterhead regarding increasing residents requests for fully equipped farms. July 1, 1918
- 2.5.6 Memorandum for Professor Spillman from C. L. Holmes on Department of Agriculture Office of Farm Management letterhead regarding projects being carried out by the Section of Agricultural Geography
- 2.5.7 Table I- depicts land-use by region in the United States (2 pages)
- 2.5.8 Map depicting approximate acreage of logged-off land, 1913; bar graph of Estimated Potential Arable Land; table titled How Farmers Acquired Their Status in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, and Nebraska; Legend for map, 2 pages.

- 2.5.9 Western Union Telegraph Company card stating that messages will be transmitted for Carl Vrooman when endorsed "Official Business" and paid for by the Department of Agriculture
- 2.5.10 Five hundred dollars from Carl Vrooman, Department of Agriculture, to the Democratic National Committee, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1916.
- 2.5.11 Document quoting Carl Vrooman on the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars over the past two years by business men of Chicago.
- 2.5.12 "agricultural history" list of relevant articles, 2 copies
- 2.5.13 "The Climax of Stupidity"

**Folder 6: Agricultural Booklets 1**

- 2.6.1 *Save the Soil with Contour Farming and Terracing*, University of Illinois, College of Agriculture. 44 pages.
- 2.6.2 *Illinois Farm Drainage Law- For farm owners, drainage commissioners, and all others interested in farm drainage matters* By H. W. Hannah, 1956 Edition, 35 pages.
- 2.6.3 Bulletin of the U.S. Department of Agriculture- *Agricultural Alcohol: Studies of its Manufacture in Germany*. 36 pages

**Folder 7: Agricultural Booklets 2**

- 2.7.1 *Preventing Farm Land Price Inflation in the Midwest* bulletin, March 1945. Agricultural experiment stations of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin, The Farm Foundation and Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, cooperating. Page 420-447.
- 2.7.2 *A Survey of the Farm Question. By the Grain Committee on National Affairs*. 36 pages.
- 2.7.3 *Some Essentials for the Restoration of Prosperity to the Agriculture of the Eastern Cotton Belt* by David R. Coker, Hartsville, S.C. Published 1930, 14 pages
- 2.7.4 *Organic Farming and Gardening- Back to Nature in Agriculture*. October 1952, 31 pages. Addressed to Carl Vrooman

**Folder 8: Agricultural Booklets 3**

- 2.8.1 *Agriculture- Illinois- Second Series: Farm Mortgages, Taxes, Labor, Facilities Expenditures, and Miscellaneous Farm Information; Fruits, Vegetables, and Minor Crops*. Printed by the United States Government, prepared under the supervision of Zellmer R. Pettet, Chief Statistician for Agriculture, 66 pages
- 2.8.2 *Agriculture- Illinois- Third Series: Value of Farm Products, Farms Classified by Major Source of Income and by Total Value of Products*. Printed by the United States Government, prepared under the supervision of Zellmer R. Pettet, Chief Statistician for Agriculture, 71 pages.

**Folder 9: Agricultural Booklets 4**

- 2.9.1            *The Farm Cities Corporation of America. Organized Under the Laws of the State of Delaware. 1922. 16 pages*

**Folder 10: Agriculture Book 5**

- 2.10.1            *A New System of Agriculture. Being a Complete Body of Husbandry and Gardening. 2 large photocopies (includes cover, dedication, and pages 222-227).*

**Folder 11: Agricultural program**

- 2.11.1            *Program and List of Invited Delegates-* National Agricultural Conference January 23-27 1922, Washington.

**Folder 12: Farm Relief booklet**

- 2.12.1            “So This is Farm Relief! A Review of the Farm Loan Situation”

**Folder 13: Government Booklets**

- 2.13.1            *Report of the Chief of Staff- U.S. Army to the Secretary of War, 1916, 83 pages.*  
2.13.2            *Democratize the Democratic Party* by George Fort Milton, 1926  
2.13.3            *The United Nations Charter-* What was done at San Francisco by Clark M. Eichelberger; 48 pages

**Folder 14: Congressional Record**

- 2.14.1            Sixty-fourth Congress, Second Session March 15, 1917; 16 pages  
2.14.2            Sixth-ninth congress, Second Session, undated, 2 pages

**Folder 15: Sermon Book**

- 2.15.1            The Right of Private Judgment (or Freedom on Individual Opinion and Belief), A Sermon. By Lewis Warner Green, D.D. 103 pages. Inside envelope addressed to Mrs. Charles S. Brownell, written on envelope: “Keep carefully. The only copy of my Fathers sermon on freedom of thought”

**Folder 16: Book for Americans**

- 2.16.1            Book for Americans by Woodrow Wilson

**Folder 17: Biographical & Genealogical Information**

- 2.17.1            Copies of page 299 and 300 from a genealogical book about  
2.17.2            2 copies of a 2 page biographical sketch of Carl Vrooman  
2.17.3            8 page biographical sketch of Carl Vrooman  
2.17.4            4 copies of a 2 page biographical sketch of Carl Vrooman  
2.17.5            Letter to Mrs. Vrooman from Alex M. Davis, undated, Application for Society of Colonial Dames of America, genealogical information, and a letter from a family member to Mrs. Vrooman (last page missing), October 23, 1931  
2.17.6            2 pages of biographical information on Carl Vrooman

- 2.17.7 2 pages of autobiographical information
- 2.17.8 3 hand-written pages about Carl Vrooman

**Folder 18: Miscellaneous Booklets & Brochures**

- 2.18.1 Speech of John W. Davis at Bunceton, Missouri, September 15, 1924
- 2.18.2 Westminster Abby- The Ninth Anniversary of the Signing of the Armistice. November 11, 1927 (2 copies)
- 2.18.3 *How to Farm on the Contour* brochure (2 copies)
- 2.18.4 Information Service newsletter- published weekly by the Department of Research and Education Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America
- 2.18.5 National Bureau of Volunteer Speakers
- 2.18.6 The Social Democracy of America
- 2.18.7 Bloomington-Normal Draft Board for Moral Re-Armament- flier stating a state of war exists between every right minded citizen and Satanic forces- presence requested at McBarnes Memorial Building December 12, year unknown. "Special Sound Movies shown": "Youth Marches On" and "Calling All Nations"
- 2.18.8 *Past Crises in Retrospect and in Contemporary Opinion* by Victor S. Clark, 1932
- 2.18.9 *Simple Service, as Befitting a Soldier*- Funeral Tributes to Col. Bromwell

**Folder 19: Carl Vrooman Newspaper Clippings**

- 2.19.1 "Chapter Day Observed: Mrs. Sain Welty Charminglly Entertained the D.A.R. in Honor of Mrs. A.E. Stevenson" March 9, 1898
- 2.19.2 "Meeting of the D.A.R.: Mrs. Marsh, The Regent, Resigns" April 13, 1905
- 2.19.3 "Home From Fort Massac: Local Delegates Well Pleased" November 7, 1908
- 2.19.4 "An Historic Occasion: Unveiling of Fort Massac Monument Described by One of the Bloomington Women Present" November 10, 1903
- 2.19.5 "Clever Literary Work: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Vrooman Contribute Articles to Current Number of Arena" in *The Pantagraph* January 9, 1909
- 2.19.6 "Women Who Have Been President General: Congress Recalls Some History" April 21, 1910
- 2.19.7 "Mrs. Adlai Ewing Stevenson, Wife of President" in *Eve Star* January 8, 1911
- 2.19.8 "Carl Vrooman on State Situation: Hour for Progressives" *Bloomington Bulletin* January 21, 1913
- 2.19.9 "Twenty-Four Governors In One Hundred Years of Illinois History: Today Is Centennial Anniversary of State" in *The Pantagraph* April 18, 1918
- 2.19.10 "The Way to Industrial Peace and World Leadership'-Vrooman" in *The Daily Bulletin* October 15, 1920
- 2.19.11 "Writes of Child Labor Measure: Carl S. Vrooman Has a Word to Say Under Caption, 'Bunking the Farmer'" February 5, 1925

- 2.19.12 “The Story of the Corn Belt Meeting: How Delegates From Eleven States United to Support the Dickinson Bill” in *Wallaces’ Farmer* Des Moines, Iowa, February 5, 1926 (2 copies)
- 2.19.13 “Reserve Board Blamed for Farm Slump” In *The Daily Bulletin* June 15, 1926
- 2.19.14 “How Things Look to The Farmer” in *The Bulletin* June 25, 1926
- 2.19.15 “Studies Need of Farm Relief” in *Gulfport (?) Herald* February 5, 1929
- 2.19.16 “Vrooman Asks Farmers to be Given Justice: Placing of Farms on Sound Basis Would Prove Aid to Business” in *Mobile News (?)* February 6, 1929
- 2.19.17 “Farm Income is Near 7 Billions; A Drop For Year- Total 42 Per Cent Under That of 1929” in the *Chicago Tribune* January 1, 1932
- 2.19.18 Copy of *The Window Seat* Washington D.C. March 25, 1932
- 2.19.19 “Complete Text of the New Farm Parity Measure as Reported to the House Yesterday” in *The New York Times*, Wednesday January 4, 1933
- 2.19.20 “Misgivings on Farm Relief” in *The Washington Post* March 21, 1933
- 2.19.21 “Stevenson and the Public” in *The Kansas City Times* Monday November 10, 1952 “Mr., Mrs. Ives See Adlai Get Degree” in *the Pantagraph* Wed. June 5, 1957
- 2.19.22 “Suburban Style Living for City Dwellers” in *The Chicago American* February 15, 1959
- 2.19.23 “Nation Mourns General MacArthur” *Tallahassee Democrat* April 6, 1964
- 2.19.24 “Vrooman papers to Library of Congress” in the *Pantagraph*, April 15, 1973.
- 2.19.25 “When Adlai Got His Degree at Oxford” in *The Daily News* June 25, year unknown
- 2.19.26 “Stevenson’s Hopes Seen Threatened By Modesty” April 28, year unknown
- 2.19.27 “Stevenson’s Doubts Echo Lincoln’s” in *The Daily News*, Date unknown
- 2.19.28 “Unison On Farm Aid Is Urged By Vrooman: Says Partisanship Blocks Relief Legislation”
- 2.19.29 “Carl Vrooman on State Situation” in *The Bulletin*, Bloomington, January 21, year unknown
- 2.19.30 Copy of *Farmers Must Organize!* Editor and publisher, Hiram Vrooman, Davenport, Iowa (or Chenoa Illinois), date unknown
- 2.19.31 “Woman Who Endows College in Mountains of Kentucky” date unknown
- 2.19.32 “Rev. Hiram Vrooman” date unknown
- 2.19.33 “What Do You Know About the U.S. Agriculture Department?” in *Appeal to Reason*, Girard, Kansas, date unknown

#### **Folder 20: Julia Vrooman Newspaper Clippings**

- 2.20.1 “Authoress Addresses D.A.R.” in *The Charlotte Observer*, date unknown
- 2.20.2 “Stengel Feted at Coffee Hour”
- 2.20.3 “Mrs. Carl Vrooman Paints Horrors of War and Urges World Peace Establishment” in *Illinois State Register* March 20, 1927
- 2.20.4 “A Novel Worthwhile” 1925

- Vrooman, Julia Green (Scott) (Mrs. Carl Schurz) Book Review Digest  
January 1925
- 2.20.5 "The High Road to Honor." By Julia Scott Vrooman. Minton Balch & Company" in *Free Press* Detroit, Michigan June 14, 1925
- 2.20.6 "Fiction of High Character: The High Road to Honor by Julia Scott Vrooman" in *The Christian Register* April 1925
- 2.20.7 "Books for You to Know: Capital Live Depicted in 'Honor Road'" in *The Washington Post* May 17, 1925
- 2.20.8 W.A.S. Douglas: On The Sun Beam, Unknown date and newspaper, inside an envelope from Mrs. Grace J. Austin, The Oaks, Bloomington Illinois.
- 2.20.9 "Lord Trenchard Tribute Has Local Interest" in *The Pantagraph* July 30, 1960.
- 2.20.10 "The Father of the Royal Air Force" photocopy, 1 page

**Folder 21: Miscellaneous Newspapers**

- 2.21.1 3 copies of *The Atlantic Oncely* September 1918
- 2.21.2 "The Most Important Thing" by Mark Sullivan, 1 page
- 2.21.3 *The Literary Digest* New York, July 3, 1926
- 2.21.4 *The Country Gentleman* Philadelphia, March 3, 1917. Page 1-7
- 2.21.5 *The Country Gentleman* Philadelphia, March 17, 1917. Page 7-10
- 2.21.6 *The Country Gentleman*, the Editors' Page. Philadelphia, April 6, 1918. Page 14
- 2.21.7 *The Searchlight on Congress* page 21-22
- 2.21.8 "Group 'International' at Cambridge" *Cambridge Daily News* November 17, 1933
- 2.21.9 *La Follette's Weekly* Madison, Wisconsin. April 4, 1914, pages 1-4
- 2.21.10 *La Follette's Weekly* Madison, Wisconsin. April 18, 1914, page 1-2

**Folder 22: Maps**

- 2.22.1 Block Plan for Proposed Bungalow at Burton Mere for Mrs. J. S. Vrooman
- 2.22.2 Fairground subdivision map

**Folder 23: Miscellaneous documents**

- 2.23.1 Brochure: "Retain This Stateswoman in Congress - Re-elect Emily Taft Douglas"
- 2.23.2 Red "Exercise Book" inside contains notes regarding costs of children's meals-morning, lunch, and evening.
- 2.23.3 Election to regular membership to Harvard Union, undated, to "My dear Sir," from "Secretary"
- 2.23.4 Envelope from McLean County Better Farming Association, Bloomington Illinois to Carl Vrooman 703 E. Taylor St. Bloomington ILL.
- 2.23.5 First National Bank and Trust Company receipt- deposit of \$45 and envelope
- 2.23.5 Peoples Bus and Transfer Line receipts for Mrs. M. J. Scott

- 2.23.6 Fake subpoena requesting “YOU” to appear at court in the case of the Human Race, plaintiff v.s. Depression and all the evils resulting therefrom. Dated January 22, 1938.
- 2.23.7 Envelope with tiny note inside- outside of envelope has same words as note: Hand carved by \_\_\_ (?) of Christ Church Fredericka from wood from dead(?) live oak wood supposed to be \_\_\_ (?)’s oak. Back of note says “Mrs. Scott”
- 2.23.8 Series of cards with inspirational biblical quotes.
- 2.23.9 Check from Mr. and Mrs. Scott to Carl Vrooman in the amount of \$21.83, dated December 10 1900
- 2.23.10 14 page note written in short-hand. Dated February 26, 1902
- 2.23.11 Envelope with two post cards from Yerkes Observatory of the University of Chicago at Williams Bay, Wisconsin
- 2.23.1 2 Two photographs of structures under construction- 1920-21
- 2.23.1 3 William Allen White’s Tribute to Woodrow Wilson

### **Box 3**

#### **Legal & Financial Papers**

##### **Folder 1: Ledger Book Mr. and Mrs. Matthew T. Scott**

Ledger book listing land of Matthew T. Scott and Mrs. M. T. Scott as of 1891, as well as their financial transactions 1892- 1908

##### **Folder 2: Julia G. Scott’s Checks (Number in parenthesis signifies number of checks from that month)**

- 1900 September (1)
- 1902 May (1), November (3), December (1)
- 1903 December (1)
- 1904 May (1), June (1), July (3)
- 1905 February (1), March (2), June (10), July (5), December (1)
- 1906 January (27), February (5), March (8), April (3), May (2), June (20), July (25) August (10), September (12), October (16), November (28), December (19)
- 1906 Check Book

##### **Folder 3: Julia G. Scott’s Paid Checks (Number in parenthesis signifies number of checks from that month)**

- 1907 January (8), March (1), April (1), July (1), December (15)
- 1908 January (26), February (13), March (17), April (8), May (13), June (9)
- 1909 January (8), February (12), March (15), April (16), May (18), June (15), July (21), August (9), September (14), October (18), November (42), December (31)

##### **Folder 4: Julia G. Scott’s Paid Checks (Number in parenthesis signifies number of checks from that month)**

1910 Amounts range from \$1.50-\$8,134  
January (34), February (29), March (32), April (30), May (15), August (2),  
September (6), October (22), November (42), December (21)

**Folder 5: Julia G. Scott's Paid Checks (Number in parenthesis signifies number of checks from that month)**

1911 Amounts range from \$5.00- \$525.00  
March (1), May (24), June (12), July (15), August (10), September (18),  
October (14), November (29), December (34).  
1912- January (28), February (37), March (16), April (3), May (22), June  
(12), July (6), August (3).

**Folder 6: Julia G. Scott's Paid Checks (Number in parenthesis signifies number of checks from that month)**

1916 Charlevoix County Bank- Amounts range from \$1.50-\$105.59  
July (11), August (21)  
1917 National Savings Bank and Trust  
March (3), April (10), May (22), June (31), August (4), September (6),  
October (12), November (23), December (6)  
1923 January, March, and December 1923  
1939 November (2), December (2)  
1940 March (1), April (2), May (1), August (1), November (1)

**Folder 7: Promissory Notes**

1914 Carl and Julia Vrooman- German-American Bank, Peoples Bank of  
Bloomington, and The First National Bank of Malvern, Iowa  
1915 Carl and Julia Vrooman- German-American Bank, Peoples Bank of  
Bloomington, and The First National Bank of Malvern, Iowa, State Bank  
of Chenoa  
1920 Carl Vrooman- Peoples Bank of Bloomington and The First National  
Bank of Malvern, Iowa  
1921 Carl Vrooman- Peoples Bank of Bloomington and The First National  
Bank of Malvern, Iowa  
1922 Carl and Julia Vrooman- Peoples Bank of Bloomington, Piatt County Soy  
Bean  
1924 Carl and Julia Vrooman- Peoples Bank of Bloomington  
1925 Carl and Julia Vrooman- Peoples Bank of Bloomington  
1927 Carl and Julia Vrooman- Peoples Bank of Bloomington  
1928 Carl and Julia Vrooman- Peoples Bank of Bloomington  
1929 Carl and Julia Vrooman- Peoples Bank of Bloomington

**Folder 8: Paid Checks of Julia and Carl Vrooman, 1937**

The Peoples Bank- 2 envelopes containing paid checks from October 1937

**Folder 9: Paid Checks of Julia and Carl Vrooman, 1942**



The Peoples Bank- 6 envelopes containing paid checks from January, February, and March 1942

**Folder 10: Paid Checks of Julia and Carl Vrooman, 1942**

The Peoples Bank- 8 envelopes containing paid checks from April, May, June, and July 1942

**Folder 11: Paid Checks of Julia and Carl Vrooman, 1942**

The Peoples Bank- 10 envelopes containing paid checks from August, September, October, November, and December 1942

**Folder 12: Paid Checks of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Scott, 1920-23**

The Peoples Bank- 3 envelopes containing paid checks from July-November 1920, December 1920-December 1921, and August-October 1922,

**Folder 13: Julia G. Scott Account Books**

- 3.13.1 Peoples Bank account book- "Estate of Julia G. Scott by Carl Vrooman"
- 1918-1920 Peoples Bank account book
- 1921-1922 Peoples Bank account book
- 1907-1914 Riggs National Bank account book

**Folder 14: Julia Scott Vrooman U.S. Passport**

- 3.14.1 Julia Scott Vrooman's U.S. Passport- Date of Issue: March 15, 1957, Inside envelope postmarked May 16, 1955  
Inside passport is an International Certificate of Vaccination
- 3.14.2 Purchase Tax Coupons, 1953

**Folder 15: Hiram Vrooman Documents**

- 3.15.1 Letter from Hiram Vrooman sent to Pinkerton and the other tenants on the Iowa farms owned by Carl Vrooman suggesting that they read the book written by Carl Vrooman and several rules they will have to follow if they decide to re-sign their lease. Dated May 24, 1916
- 3.15.2 Letter to Mrs. Scott regarding the promising condition of everything in Calhoun County and the promise of good crops this coming year. March 4, 1917
- 3.15.3 Deed- November 1918 between Hiram Vrooman and Carl Vrooman
- 3.15.4 Contract authorizing Hiram Vrooman as the attorney for Carl and Julia Vrooman, January 1929
- 3.15.5 List of receipts February 14-July 26 1933 by Hiram Vrooman sent to Carl Vrooman August 3, 1933

**Folder 16: Farm Papers**

- 3.16.1 Crop Invoice, 1914
- 3.16.2 Crop Report for 1914 Calhoun County, from Mr. Summers, January 7, 1915

**Folder 17: Tax Return**

- 3.17.1 Income Tax Return for Mr. and Mrs. Carl Vrooman (copy),  
Dated July 28, 1944

**Folder 18: McLean County Coal Co.**

- 3.18.1 List of amount credited and debited for Mrs. Julia G Scott
- 3.18.2 Julia G. Scott in account with McLean County Coal Co. statement  
commencing June 1, 1908.
- 3.18.3 Julia G. Scott in account with McLean County Coal Co. statement  
commencing July 1, 1909
- 3.18.3 1 check written to McLean County Coal from Edwin Erickson
- 3.18.4 1 check written to J.C. Beam from McLean County Coal Co.
- 3.18.5 1 check written to Mclean Co. Coal Co. from Karl Klemner

**Folder 19: Farm Tenants & Expenses**

- 3.19.1 List of Scott Farm tenants for 1920- Mrs. Julia G. Scott
- 3.19.2 List of Scott Farm expenses by Lewis G. Stevenson

**Folder 20: Vrooman Contracts**

- 3.20.1 Quit-Claim Deed Julia G. Scott to Julia S. Vrooman, January 27, 1919
- 3.20.2 Quit-Claim Deed Julia G. Scott to Julia S. Vrooman, December 4, 1922
- 3.20.3 Farm Lease Julia Scott Vrooman to Claude Wright of Chenoa, Illinois,  
January 1932
- 3.20.4 Quit-Claim Deed Julia G. Scott to Julia Scott Vrooman April 28, 1923
- 3.20.5 Warranty Deed Julia G. Scott to Julia Scott Vrooman January 13, 1923
- 3.20.6 Warranty Deed Amanda A. Miller to Julia Scott Vrooman August 27,  
1923
- 3.20.7 Notes regarding unspecified tenants needing to vacate unspecified  
premises by May 31<sup>st</sup> because Carl (Vrooman) must have possession June  
2<sup>nd</sup>
- 3.20.8 Right of Way Agreement between Julia Scott Vrooman and Carl S.  
Vrooman of the first part, and Texas Illinois Natural Gas Pipeline  
Company of the second part. Agreement allows a pipeline to be  
constructed, operated, and maintained. Dated January 22, 1951
- 3.20.9 Deed between Charles B. Johnson and Carl S. Vrooman November 10,  
1827
- 3.20.10 Letter from George K. Foster to Mrs. Carl Vrooman regarding Julia Scott  
Vrooman's land signed George K. Foster
- 3.20.11 Quit-Claim Deed from Carl S. Vrooman and Julia S.  
Vrooman to Gladys James
- 3.20.12 Quit-Claim Deed from Julia and Carl Vrooman to American Legion Post,  
Department of Illinois, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1954
- 3.20.13 Agreement between Julia Vrooman and Minton, Balch & Co.
- 3.20.14 "The High Road to Honor", June 1924

- 3.20.15 Written promise to pay \$37,843 to Julia Scott Vrooman, dated November 27, 1920

**Folder 21: Scott Contracts**

- 3.21.1 Personal agreement stating that Matthew T. Scott is acquainted with Persides(?) Scott and Lucy W. Scott. September 1872
- 3.21.2 Record of titles of a piece of land belonging to Matthew T. Scott and others. 1854-1872. Livingston County, Town 29, Range 7.
- 3.21.3 Record of titles of a piece of land belonging to Matthew T. Scott and others. 1854-1872. Livingston County, Town 28, Range 7
- 3.21.4 Continuation of Abstract of Title for Julia G. Scott from October 3, 1872. Signed March 23, 1880. Town 29, Range 7.
- 3.21.5 Record of titles of land belonging to Julia G. Scott and others. 1879-1890. Signed May 31, 1890 (Section 7, Town 28, Range 7)
- 3.21.6 Record of titles of land belonging to Julia G Scott and others, 1879-1890. Signed May 31, 1890 (Section 31, Town 29, Range 7)
- 3.21.7 Cemetery Lot purchase by Mrs. Julia G. Scott and Adlai E. Stevenson in the Bloomington Cemetery, May 22, 1891
- 3.21.8 Quit-Claim deed to Julia G. Scott from W. A. Robinson and Sarah Robinson for land in Harrison, Iowa. Dated September 8, 1902
- 3.21.9 Warranty Deed to Julia G. Scott from William L. Olds and Addie Nichols Olds for land in McLean County, Signed May 4, 1903
- 3.21.10 Land Contract- agreement between W. E. Gray, R. C. Gray, and Margaret A. Dunne of the County of Calhoun, Iowa of the first part, and Julia G. Scott of the second part. Sale of land to Julia G. Scott, dated November 24, 1908
- 3.21.11 Letter from Gray & Gray dated December 10, 1908 regarding abstract of title.
- 3.21.12 Certification of abstractor employed by Gray & Gray, December 10, 1908
- 3.21.13 Farm Lease between Mrs. Julia G. Scott and Lewis G. Stevenson for 7 years commencing on March 1, 1910 and ending March 1, 1917
- 3.21.14 Details of Farm Lease between Julia G. Scott and Lewis G. Stevenson specifying Stevenson's responsibilities and duties. (5 pages, typed)
- 3.21.15 Land Contract between Julia G. Scott and Julia Scott Vrooman, dated June 5, 1911
- 3.21.16 Land Contract between Julia G. Scott and Julia Scott Vrooman, dated June 23, 1911
- 3.21.17 Land Contract between Julia G. Scott and Julia Scott Vrooman, dated August 18, 1911
- 3.21.18 Agreement between Julia G. Scott and Lewis G. Stevenson continuing the agreement described in item 17 above. Dated January 27, 1919.
- 3.21.19 Shoreham Hotel envelope with "L. G. Stevenson Lease" written on it.

**Folder 22: Stevenson Contracts**

- 3.22.1 Bond for Deed- James B. Stevenson, Matthew T. Scott, Adlai E. Stevenson, William W. Stevenson, John C. Stevenson, Thomas W.

- Stevenson, and Thomas F. Worrell are held firmly bound unto George Ames in the total sum of \$1350, dated October 8, 1887
- 3.22.2 Bond for Deed- James B. Stevenson, Matthew T. Scott, Adlai E. Stevenson, William W. Stevenson, John C. Stevenson, Thomas W. Stevenson, and Thomas F. Worrell are held firmly bound unto Jonas Vindquist in the total sum of \$240 dated October 29, 1887
- 3.22.3 Bond for Deed- James B. Stevenson, Matthew T. Scott, Adlai E. Stevenson, William W. Stevenson, John C. Stevenson, Thomas W. Stevenson, and Thomas F. Worrell are held firmly bound unto George Ames in the total sum of \$800, dated October 4, 1887
- 3.22.4 Bond for Deed- James B. Stevenson, Matthew T. Scott, Adlai E. Stevenson, William W. Stevenson, John C. Stevenson, Thomas W. Stevenson, and Thomas F. Worrell are held firmly bound unto Hattie Goodbrake in the total sum of \$270, dated September 15, 1887
- 3.22.5 Bond for Deed- James B. Stevenson, Matthew T. Scott, Adlai E. Stevenson, William W. Stevenson, John C. Stevenson, Thomas W. Stevenson, and Thomas F. Worrell are held firmly bound unto Margaret Cristy in the total sum of \$250, dated September 6, 1887
- 3.22.6 Bond for Deed- James B. Stevenson, Matthew T. Scott, Adlai E. Stevenson, William W. Stevenson, John C. Stevenson, Thomas W. Stevenson, and Thomas F. Worrell are held firmly bound unto Henry Smith in the total sum of \$280, dated November 3, 1888
- 3.22.7 Bond for Deed- James B. Stevenson, Matthew T. Scott, Adlai E. Stevenson, William W. Stevenson, John C. Stevenson, Thomas W. Stevenson, and Thomas F. Worrell are held firmly bound unto Isaac W. Clarke in the total sum of \$580, dated October 26, 1887
- 3.22.8 Bond for Deed- James B. Stevenson, Matthew T. Scott, Adlai E. Stevenson, William W. Stevenson, John C. Stevenson, Thomas W. Stevenson, and Thomas F. Worrell are held firmly bound unto Patrick McFadden in the total sum of \$850, dated October 12, 1887
- 3.22.9 Bond for Deed- James B. Stevenson, Matthew T. Scott, Adlai E. Stevenson, William W. Stevenson, John C. Stevenson, Thomas W. Stevenson, and Thomas F. Worrell are held firmly bound unto Margaret Cristy in the total sum of \$250, dated September 15, 1887

**Folder 23: Miscellaneous Contracts**

- 3.23.1 Deed between Nicholas Popplein, Thales A. Linthicum, and James Carey Coale of the first part and Katherine B. Coale of the second part, June 18, 1866
- 3.23.2 Contract between Robert M. McLane trustee of the City of Baltimore in the state of Maryland, and Katherine B. Coale, October 3, 1867
- 3.23.3 Bond for Deed between Lyman M. Shuham and Miss Georgia A. Lang, May 1890
- 3.23.4 Unsigned agreement between Chenoa Live Stock Company of Chenoa, Illinois and David Stutzman and Bert Bradford of Chenoa, Illinois. August, 1923

**Folder 24: Lewis G. Stevenson Statement of Accounts**

- 3.24.1 Business card for Arthur N. Laudeman, Attorney At Law 102 S. East Street-Suite 230 Bloomington, Illinois
- 3.24.2 Statement of Account for L. G. Stevenson in account with Farmers' Grain Company of Fairbury, May 6, 1919. Payment of 6 dollars was received.
- 3.24.3 Statement of Account for Mrs. Julia G. Scott in account with Lockhard & Chancellor- Grain, Lumber, and Coal. \$82.83 received payment.
- 3.24.4 Correspondence from R. S. Krum & Son to Louis G. Stevenson kindly asking for a check for \$1000 for the two crib jobs at Dewey. November 4, 1919.
- 3.24.5 Statement of Account for Julia G. Scott in account with Jones Brothers dealers in Lumber, Coal, and Cement, received payment of \$21.60 October 25, 1919.
- 3.24.6 Hand-written statement of \$37.80 for spring wheat seed in spring of 1919. Signed J. M. Brownlee, May 10, 1919
- 3.24.7 Statement of Accounts for Mr. Lewis G. Stevenson, in account with J. F. Sprague dealer in Grain, Coal, Feed, Seed, and Salt. \$37.50 paid October 11, 1919.
- 3.24.8 Hand-written note requesting L. G. Stevenson find enclosed bill and pay for wheat seed planted in the spring. \$104.04, but only half due, signed W. M. Busing. April 30, 1919
- 3.24.9 Hand-written note confirming received \$50.88 from Julia Scott April 9, 1919
- 3.24.10 Statement of Account for Mrs. M. T. Scott in account with The Perdue Elevator Company. April 28, 1919. \$30.50 paid in full on October 11, 1919.
- 3.24.11 Statement of Account for Mrs. M. T. Scott in account with The Perdue Elevator Company. April 10, 1919. \$32.00 paid in full on October 11, 1919.
- 3.24.12 Letter from Hercules Manufacturing Company to Lewis G. Stevenson confirming that they received the order request and the check in the sum of \$199.43
- 3.24.13 Statement for M. T. Scott in account with J. E. McJilton dealer Lumber and Building Material Fisher, Ill. Dated July 16, 1919. Payment for \$1.76 received on October 11, 1919.
- 3.24.14 Statement for L. G. Stevenson in account with Arnold Bros- Repairs, Accessories, and General Garage Work, dated September 1, 1919. Payment of 32.35 received October 9, 1919.

**Folder 25: Farm Notebooks**

- 3.25.1 Farm Diary, 1868
- 3.25.2 Farm Diary, 1869
- 3.25.3 Receipt Book, 1890
- 3.25.4 Account Book, 1893/1894
- 3.25.5 Farm Notes, 1923

**Folder 26: Estate Papers for Mr. & Mrs. Matthew T. Scott**

- 3.26.1 Affidavit of Carl Vrooman, June 1911
- 3.26.2 Estate Expenses for estate of Julia G. Scott, July 1924
- 3.26.3 Executors' Deed for estate of Julia G. Scott, 1926

**Folder 27: Stock Certificates & Letters**

- 3.27.1 Certificate for the Bloomington Printing and Publishing Co., 1881
- 3.27.2 Certificate for the McLean County Coal Co., 1898
- 3.27.3 Letter regarding trusteeship agreement, 1921
- 3.27.4 Letter regarding stock shares for Gardner Radio and Electric Corp., 1926

**Folder 28: Receipts of transactions for Lewis Stevenson, Carl and Julia Vrooman, and Mr. & Mrs. Matthew T. Scott**

**Items 1-13: Lewis G. Stevenson**

- 3.28.1 Check to Lewis G. Stevenson for thirty-one dollars, Novemer 11, 1919
- 3.28.2 Receipt for advertising in the Daily Pantagraph
- 3.28.3 Receipt for Kinloch-Bloomington Telephone Company- \$295
- 3.28.4 Receipt for Kinloch-Bloomington Telephone Company- \$80
- 3.28.5 Toll service statement for Central Union Telephone Company- \$160
- 3.28.6 Receipt from the Western Union Telegraph Company for \$6.85
- 3.28.7 Check to Lewis G. Stevenson from H. A. (?) Steohl October 9, 1919
- 3.28.8 Receipt from Spangler Motor & Implement Companyfor \$780
- 3.28.9 Statement from J.O. Sayers Hardware and Groceries for \$5.60 April 1, 1919
- 3.28.10 Statement from W. Smith & Son for \$3.15 from October 16, 1919
- 3.28.11 Statement from Arnold Brothers for \$24.10
- 3.28.12 Statement from the Western Union Telegraph Company for \$3.06
- 3.28.13 Letter to Lewis G. Stevenson from Illinois Motor Casualty Association regarding insurance payments November 8, 1919

**Items 14-39: Mr. and Mrs. Matthew T. Scott**

- 3.28.14 Statement from Tyler & Rutherford inc. for Mr. Matthew T. Scott for \$48.30
- 3.28.15 Statement from Washington Gas Light Company for Mrs. M. T. Scott to pay \$3.60, dated July 1917
- 3.28.16 Letter from secretary of National Geographic Society to Mrs. M. T. Scott regarding a payment of \$1.50
- 3.28.17 Statement from Franklin & Co. for Mrs. M. T. Scott for \$12.00, dated may 1, 1915
- 3.28.18 Statement from Galt & Bro for Mrs. M. T. Scott for \$6.75, dated January 20, 1917
- 3.28.19 Statement from Brentano's for Mrs. M. T. Scott dated January 15, 1917 for \$4.28
- 3.28.20 Statement from Blackistone Florists dated April 30, 1915 for Mrs. M. T. Scott for \$7.50

- 3.28.21 Statement from Georges & Emile for Mrs. M. Scott for \$1.00. dated February 1, 1917
- 3.28.22 Statement from Shoreham Hotel for Mrs. Bromwell for \$6.20, paid February 3, 1917
- 3.28.23 Statement from Shoreham Hotel for Mrs. Scott for \$2.25, paid February 28, 1917
- 3.28.24 Statement from Copenhaver Dr. for Mrs. M. T. Scott dated February 1917, \$5.60
- 3.28.25 Statement from Navy League of the United States for \$3.00 for membership, dated March 31, 1918
- 3.28.26 Check for Mrs. M. T. Scott for \$8, dated February 13, 1917
- 3.28.27 statement for Mrs. M. T. Scott for Madam Ash for \$66.00
- 3.28.28 statement for Mrs. M. T. Scott for Whitmore, Lynn & Alden Co. for \$26.35, dated February 3, 1917
- 3.28.29 Statement for Mrs. Matthew T. Scott for \$23.00 for W. B. Mason, M.D. payment received May 19, 1915
- 3.28.30 Statement for Mrs. Matthew T. Scott regarding \$20.00 paid to R. W. & L. B. Henderson Inc. May 3, 1915
- 3.28.31 Berry & Whitmore Co. Mrs. Matthew T. Scott May 28, 1915
- 3.28.32 Statement of \$48.92 paid May 1915 Dulin & Martin Pottery, Porcelain, and Glass
- 3.28.33 Bill from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, June 1917, \$8.65
- 3.28.34 Bill from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company July 1917, \$9.21
- 3.28.35 Bill from Lutz & Company Inc. 1915, \$33.00 paid April 27, 1916
- 3.28.36 Bill from Bloomington & Normal Ry. & Light Co., Dr. \$9.68, November 30, 1919
- 3.28.37 5 Bills for Scott Farms from W.H Bruce Hardware and Musical Instruments from \$2.19-\$123.66
- 3.28.38 Statement from Hazen & Reuter for Mrs. M. T. Scott for \$22.75 November, 1919
- 3.28.39 Statement from Gordon & Hoffman April 23, 1918 for Mrs. M. T. Scott for \$28.09

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- 3.28.40 Statement from H. S. McCurdy, Hardware, Cutlery, and Stoves September 1, 1919 for Mrs. Julia G. Scott for \$30.00
- 3.28.41 Statement from J. S. Cameron for Julia G. Scott October 11, 1919 for \$79.00
- 3.28.42 Statement from Washington Gas Light Company for Mrs. Julia G. Scott to pay \$.23, paid July 1917
- 3.28.43 Statement from "Say it with Flowers" for \$3.75 for Mrs. Carl Vrooman
- 3.28.44 Statement from Hempstead's Green Houses for \$1.80 for Mrs. Carl Vrooman
- 3.28.45 Statement for \$5.50 for "Say it with Flowers" for Mrs. Carl Vrooman

- 3.28.46 Statement for Mr. Carl Vrooman from A. W. Graff for \$13.06, December 1, 1923
- 3.28.47 Statement for Carl Vrooman \$8.00 paid to J. W. Moran February 14, 1924
- 3.28.48 Statement for Carl Vrooman for MyStore \$12.45 paid December 11, 1923
- 3.28.49 Statement for Carl Vrooman from McLean County Coal for \$94.68 paid December 3, 1923
- 3.28.50 Statement for Carl Vrooman from Edw. C. Biasi Drugs for \$.50 paid February 4, 1924
- 3.28.51 Check from Mr. and Mrs. Vrooman for dues to the McLean County Home Bureau for \$4.00
- 3.28.52 Check from Mrs. Vrooman for £61.17 September 25, 1923
- 3.28.53 Promissory note to Peoples Bank of Bloomington for \$1000, February 20, 1924
- 3.28.54 Statement for Mrs. Carl Vrooman regarding \$12.00 paid February 6, 1917 to Alice Maynard, Importer.
- 3.28.55 Statement from Dr. W. H. Land for Mrs. Carl Vrooman to pay \$3.00
- 3.28.56 Promissory note Peoples Bank of Bloomington April 14.1924 for \$1000, signed by Carl S. Vrooman and Hiram Vrooman.

**Folder 29: Receipt Books**

- 3.29.1 Promissory note book (large)
- 3.29.2 1917
- 3.29.3 1920
- 3.29.4 1921
- 3.29.5 1921
- 3.29.6 1921

**Box 4: Family Correspondence and Publications**

**Family Correspondence**

- 4.1.1 Carl/Julia Vrooman Corres.
- 4.2.1 Carl Vrooman- Ralph Albertson; 10/16/1911
- 4.3.1 Carl Vrooman- Joseph Auslander; 7/22/1942
- 4.4.1 Carl Vrooman- Hon. Alben W. Barkley; 4/6/1948
- 4.5.1 Carl Vrooman- Alan Bendy; 11/12/1939
- 4.6.1 Carl Vrooman- Mrs. Frank Bowman; 6/8/1925
- 4.7.1 Carl Vrooman- Louis D. Brandeis; 1/22/1913
- 4.8.1 Carl Vrooman- S.H. Brockunier; 8/13/1948
- 4.9.1 Carl Vrooman- William J. Bryan; 7/6/1906
- 4.10.1 Carl Vrooman- Frank Buelman; 12/12/1933
- 4.11.1 Carl Vrooman- Hugh S. Cumming, Jr.; 4/17/1933
- 4.12.1 Carl Vrooman- Mr. & Mrs. Paul Douglas; 12/13/1944-10/20/1954
- 4.13.1 Carl Vrooman- Dawson Coleman Glover; 9/13/1919
- 4.14.1 Carl Vrooman- Lyman M. Graham; Date N/A
- 4.15.1 Carl Vrooman- C.J. Hambro; 9/23/1943



- 4.16.1 Carl Vrooman- H. Cunliffe Hardman; 11/29/1902
- 4.17.1 Carl Vrooman- J.R. Howard; 11/28/1922
- 4.18.1 Carl Vrooman- Hon. Robert Jackson; 6/7/1940
- 4.19.1 Carl Vrooman- Dr. E. Stanley Jones; 8/29/1941
- 4.20.1 Carl Vrooman- Diane Knight; 9/28/1965
- 4.21.1 Carl Vrooman- Mrs. Litchfield; 12/21/1922
- 4.22.1 Carl Vrooman- Louis Mack; 6/21/1922
- 4.23.1 Carl Vrooman- Edwin Markham; 2/5/1935
- 4.24.1 Carl Vrooman- Dixon Merritt; 11/21/1923
- 4.25.1 Carl Vrooman- L.W. Page; 7/9/1918
- 4.26.1 Carl Vrooman- Mr. Schroeder; 11/6/1945
- 4.27.1 Carl Vrooman- Harold Sinclair; 3/1/1956
- 4.28.1 Carl Vrooman- Hon. C. Everett Smith; 4/6/1948
- 4.29.1 Carl Vrooman- H. Alexander Smith; 4/7/1948
- 4.30.1 Carl Vrooman- W.J. Spillman; 7/26/1918
- 4.31.1 Carl Vrooman- Adlai Stevenson; 12/12/1904-7/10/1913
- 4.32.1 Carl Vrooman- Hiram Vrooman; 6/9/1904-3/25/1922
- 4.33.1 Carl Vrooman- John W. Vrooman; 2/24/1917
- 4.34.1 Carl Vrooman- Walter Vrooman; 2/26/1902
- 4.35.1 Walter Vrooman- Hiram Vrooman; 2/18/1902-3/8/1902
- 4.36.1 Carl Vrooman- Joseph Wanser; 6/20/1932
- 4.37.1 Carl Vrooman- Sherman Whitmer; 7/14/1961
- 4.38.1 Carl Vrooman- A. Williams; 11/5/1947
- 4.39.1 Carl Vrooman- Roger H. Williams; 3/3/1919-3/10/1919
- 4.40.1 Carl Vrooman- Wendell L. Willkie; 7/20/1940
- 4.41.1 Carl Vrooman- Pres. Woodrow Wilson; 12/6/1918
- 4.42.1 Julia Vrooman- Charles Tupper Baille; 7/17/1923
- 4.43.1 Julia Vrooman- Joseph F. Bohrer; 2/22/1945
- 4.44.1 Julia Vrooman- Robert G. Bone; 9/13/1966-9/20/1966
- 4.45.1 Julia Vrooman- Alice T. Brandeis; 9/22/1924
- 4.46.1 Julia Vrooman- Scott Bromwell; 3/9/1922
- 4.47.1 Julia Vrooman- Mary B. Bryan; 1/6/1922
- 4.48.1 Julia Vrooman- Henry K. Denlinger; 5/15/1925-6/6/1932
- 4.49.1 Julia Vrooman- Mr. & Mrs. Paul Douglas; 11/1/1941-10/25/1954
- 4.50.1 Julia Vrooman- Sara Teasdale Filsinger; 8/11/1924-5/21/1925
- 4.51.1 Julia Vrooman- The Foreign Service of the United States of America; 4/15/1948
- 4.52.1 Julia Vrooman- T.W. Gregory; 8/17/1918
- 4.53.1 Julia Vrooman- Julia Hardin; 12/18/1957-5/14/1958
- 4.54.1 Julia Vrooman- "The High Road to Honor"; 6/11/1924-4/5/1930
- 4.55.1 Julia Vrooman- Mrs. Paul M. Jones; 11/16/1965
- 4.56.1 Julia Vrooman- M. Jusserand; 5/10/1924
- 4.57.1 Julia Vrooman- Mrs. Robert LaFollette; 8/22/1924
- 4.58.1 Julia Vrooman- William A. Manlin; Date N/A
- 4.59.1 Julia Vrooman- Thomas & Louis Marshall; 9/7/1924
- 4.60.1 Julia Vrooman- Vera M. Noland; Date N/A (Letter Incomplete)

- 4.61.1 Julia Vrooman- Eleanor Roosevelt; 1/26/1940-1/29/1947
- 4.62.1 Julia Vrooman- Mary B. Sloan; Date N/A
- 4.63.1 Julia Vrooman- Adlai Stevenson; 10/30/1956-11/6/1956
- 4.64.1 Julia Vrooman- Nancy Stevenson; 1/25/1957
- 4.65.1 Julia Vrooman- Misc. Corres.
- 4.66.1 Mrs. Matthew T. Scott- Newton Baker; 10/31/1916
- 4.67.1 Mrs. Matthew T. Scott- Committee on Preservation of Historic Spots;  
Date N/A
- 4.68.1 Mrs. Matthew T. Scott- Sen. Shelby M. Cullom; 6/21/1911
- 4.69.1 Mrs. Matthew T. Scott- D.A.R. Letters; 11/16/1918-11/28/1920
- 4.70.1 Mrs. Matthew T. Scott- French Ambassador; Date N/A
- 4.71.1 Mrs. Matthew T. Scott- McLean County Coal Company; 3/24/1915-  
9/14/1921
- 4.72.1 Mrs. Matthew T. Scott- Hiram Vrooman; 4/25/1917-12/27/1917
- 4.73.1 Mrs. Matthew T. Scott- Misc. Corres.
- 4.74.1 Matthew T. Scott-Lewis Stevenson; 11/22/1889
- 4.75.1 Hiram Vrooman- Carl Vrooman; 6/19/1909

**Family Member Publications**

- 4.76.1 Vrooman, Amne L.; “Young Oxford”- Jan. 1903
- 4.77.1 Vrooman, Frank; “From Solon to Moron”- Date N/A
- 4.78.1 Vrooman, Frank; “Theodore Roosevelt: Dynamic Geographer”- 1909
- 4.79.1 Vrooman, Hiram; “The Bible: Its True Nature and Divinity, Its Spiritual  
Inerrancy”- 10/15/1899
- 4.80.1 Vrooman, Hiram; “The City Beautiful: An Air Castle Founded Upon the  
Rocky Mountains”- May 1915
- 4.81.1 Vrooman, Hiram; “Distinction Between Material and Spiritual  
Substances”, New-Church Review- January 1900
- 4.82.1 Vrooman, Hiram; “Economic Democracy: A Colony Plan”, The  
Washingtonian- 1897
- 4.83.1 Vrooman, Hiram; “Environment”, The Helper- 1/20/1909
- 4.84.1 Vrooman, Hiram; “Free Silver! The Question of the Hour”- Date N/A
- 4.85.1 Vrooman, Hiram; “Love and Truth, Not Abstractions But Realities”, The  
Helper- 6/10/1908
- 4.86.1 Vrooman, Walter; “Ruskin Hall, Oxford”- c.1900
- 4.87.1 Vrooman, Walter; “Sacred Biography For Boys and Girls”- 1897
- 4.88.1 Vrooman, Walter; “Government Ownership”
- 4.89.1 Vrooman, Julia Scott “The High Road to Honor”
- 4.89.2 Letter from Albert Shaw, Editor of the American Review of Reviews
- 4.89.3 Reviews and Opinions of “The High Road to Honor”
- 4.90.1 Vrooman, Frank B. Sonnets- “To Gracia” and “Eleven Years Later”
- 4.91.1 “The High Road to Honor”- Flyer  
Date: 1924
- 4.92.1 “Robert G. Ingersoll and Modern Atheism”- Dynamic Religion  
Date: 12/23/1894 Walter Vrooman

- 4.93.1 "The Strange Case of Robert Louis Stevenson and Jules Simoneau"- The Century Magazine by Julia Scott Vrooman  
Volume/Issue: N/A Date: July 1906 Pages: 343-350
- 4.94.1 "The Assisi of St. Francis and Sabatier"- Twentieth Century Magazine by Julia Scott Vrooman  
Volume/Issue: N/A Date: October 1910 Pages: 10-19
- 4.95.1 "A Revised Version of Venice" in The Arena, by Julia Scott Vrooman, 2 copies

**Folder 96: Frank Buffington Vrooman**

- 4.96.1 Pamphlet containing a biographical sketch of Frank Vrooman as well endorsements from newspapers and magazines praising his lectures
- 4.96.2 "The Man From the North-west: Pioneer of Empire, A Character Study. "By Traveller." From *The London (Eng.) Daily Standard* February 29, 1912 1 page (3 copies)
- 4.96.3 "Interesting People" The Vooman Brothers- F. B. and C. S.
- 4.96.4 Two pre-stamped envelopes with Frank Buffington Vrooman return address at Vrooman Farms in Chenoa, undated.

**Folder 97: Handwritten notes**

- 4.97.1 Note to Fannie(?) Ewing from unknown; regarding spirituality, Christ, and religion.
- 4.97.2 Note unsigned and undated regarding day-to-day log of an unidentified woman's activities. 17 pages.
- 4.97.3 3 pages of hand-written notes unsigned and undated regarding the bible and Christianity.
- 4.97.4 13 pages of notes regarding women and Christ
- 4.97.5 5 page note about writing, poetry, and prose.
- 4.97.6 2 pages about an unidentified woman's personality
- 4.97.7 Page 5 and 6 of a note written in French
- 4.97.8 1 page poem "To Dan on Graduation Day"
- 4.97.9 3 envelopes- 1 from Home Sweet Home City Rescue Mission Inc., 1 says "letters \_\_\_\_\_ (?) (illegible)", other envelope is addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. Carl Vrooman 70 East Taylor St. Bloomington Illinois," return address is "U.E.A De Mange, USMCR 3-k023rd Marines 4<sup>th</sup> div. F.M.F. F.P.O. San Francisco, Calif.," postmarked February 5, 1945

**Folder 98: Miscellaneous Speeches, Manuscripts, and Writing**

- 4.98.1 Mrs. Carl Vrooman O.S.U. (?) broadcast speech about wives of soldiers (2 copies)
- 4.98.2 Unknown author, undated, State Fair broadcast regarding three samples of Democratic leadership: Senator Barclay, Adlai Stevenson, and Paul Douglas.
- 4.98.3 The Farm Relief Bill- Speech of Hon. Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas in the Senate of the United States, June 16, 1926.

- 4.98.4 Address of Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, At Democratic Woman's Meeting, Champaign, Ill., October 24, 1916
- 4.98.5 Enriching Agriculture- address by Wheeler McMillen, Associate Editor of The Country Home, before the annual convention of the National Association of Farm Equipment Manufacturers, Congress Hotel, Chicago, October 8, 1930. 10 pages
- 4.98.6 A Description of The Walker-Gordon System of Agriculture as Developed in Producing A New Milk, 18 pages
- 4.98.7 Food conservation essay, pages 5-8, and attached envelope to Mrs. Matthew J. Scott
- 4.98.8 Adlai E. Stevenson speech addressed to the President regarding the actions and importance of the United Nations over the first two decades of its existence, and corresponding envelope
- 4.98.9 Adlai E. Stevenson dedication speech for Matthew T. Scott, Jr. Collegiate Institute, given at West Liberty, Kentucky November 13, 1905.
- 4.98.10 "My Klondike Adventure: Two Summers Dredging and Prospecting" by unknown author. Words "Read by C.V. well done" on upper left corner, 17 pages.
- 4.98.11 "Analysis of her feeling" by unknown author. 3 pages about willingness to die to give birth to her child.
- 4.98.12 Notes corresponding with "Analysis of her feeling"
- 4.98.13 Excerpt from "Ruskin's works- Hortus Inclusus etc. page 257" attached is a document titled "DEMOCRACY" at the bottom noted "written "LIBERTY by Shelley"
- 4.98.14 3 page letter written by Julia Vrooman to a female close to her, possibly a sister, regarding advice about her relationship with her husband
- 4.98.15 Letter "to A," 5 pages regarding suffering, finding oneself, and faith. 2 copies.
- 4.98.16 "What Christianity Means to Women"
- 4.98.17 Memorial sermon at cemetery, 1 page
- 4.99.1 Manuscript- unknown author, untitled. 18 chapters
- 4.100.1 Julia Vrooman Whole Wheat Bread Recipe  
Julia Scott Vrooman open house flier