

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Vrooman Mansion - Theora Stark Collection**

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## Brief History

In 1873, Matthew T. and Julia Green Scott purchased their East Taylor Street house in Bloomington. Built in 1869, the home had 17 rooms; subsequently, in 1900, an 18-room addition was designed by local architect Arthur Pillsbury. Julia's sister Letitia Green was married to Adlai Stevenson I, Vice President of the United States under Grover Cleveland. After being widowed in 1891, Julia Scott became a forthright businesswoman, managing 8,000 acres of farmland, presiding over the family coal mine, and serving two terms as National President of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She lived in the home until her death in 1923.

The Scotts had two daughters, Letitia Scott Bromwell and Julia Scott Vrooman. Julia and Carl Vrooman lived in Julia's family home on Taylor Street. Julia Vrooman called this Mansion "home" from her birth in 1876 until her death in 1981 at the age of 104. This home is her legacy.

Carl and Julia Vrooman made several extended tours abroad in the early years of the twentieth century. In 1914 they published *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. Carl Vrooman had always been active in political affairs, running twice, unsuccessfully, for the Illinois Senate. Carl was appointed assistant secretary in the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1914. 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. When the Armistice between the Allies and the Germans to end WWI was signed, Julia could be seen traveling through Europe across shelled roads in a motorcycle sidecar. She organized and played in a jazz band throughout the zone of American occupation and held "cocoa parties" for homesick soldiers from Illinois.

In 1966, just prior to their 70th wedding anniversary, Carl died at the age of 93, and Julia was left to carry on alone. Her vitality and determination continued until her death in 1981, in the same room where she was born. 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.

(Information from [www.vroomanmansion.com](http://www.vroomanmansion.com) and [www.mchistory.org](http://www.mchistory.org))

Julia Vrooman's estate was auctioned in 1981. The house was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. After extensive renovation, the Vrooman Mansion Bed & Breakfast opened. The current owners Dana and Pam Kowalewski bought the enterprise in 2000. Theora Stark served as manager and innkeeper from 2003. The items in the Theora Stark Vrooman Mansion Collection, which she had accumulated with the intent of writing a book, were donated by her in 2017.

## Scope

The collection includes an array of materials relating to Mansion and to the Vrooman family. It is organized according to the history of the various branches of the family--notably the Scotts and

the Vroomans, and their family connections. A section focuses on Julia Scott's interests in the Daughters of the American Revolution and on business. Another section contains materials about the Vroomans. The final section is about the Vrooman Mansion, the B&B business, and community service events held there.

The vast majority of the materials are photocopies or printouts of original documents. Newspaper articles are from *The Pantagraph* unless stated otherwise.

## Folder Inventory

### Folder 1: Family History, Miscellaneous

- 1.1 Family tree (added by staff in 2017)
- 1.2 Ancestor chart for Julia Green Scott (1876-1981)
- 1.3 Time line of Matthew T. Scott and Carl Vrooman family by Theora Stark, covering 1828-1982, 2 pp
- 1.4 Various photocopies and printouts from several sources of family members' biographies

### Folder 2: Wills

- 2.1 Probate of will of Julia G. Scott, filed May 11, 1923
- 2.2 Will and codicil of Julia G. Scott
- 2.3 "Mrs. Vrooman Gets 1115 Acres," April 4, 1919
- 2.4 List of expenditures by Julia Scott Vrooman for Julia G. Scott Estate
- 2.5 Last Will and Testament of Julia Scott Vrooman
- 2.6 First codicil to Last Will and Testament of Julia Scott Vrooman

### Folder 3: Lewis W. and Mary Green

- 3.1 Address of the Character and Services of Rev. Lewis Warner Green, D. D., by Rev. Willis G. Craig, D.D., June 10, 1891, 18 pp
- 3.2 "Death of Mrs. Mary Green," September 9, 1884
- 3.3 "The End," September 10, 1884
- 3.4 Email correspondence regarding Green family Bible
- 3.5 Email correspondence regarding Green and Scott family connections, April 21, 2010
- 3.6 Biographical information on Robert Green
- 3.7 Information about Lewis W. Green's parental home

### Folder 4: Matthew T. Scott, Jr.

- 4.1 Census, June 1880
- 4.2 "Borne to the Grave," May 25, 1891
- 4.3 "Matthew T. Scott," source unknown, 26pp
- 4.4 "Matthew T. Scott, Prairie Capitalist" by Greg Koos, *Historic Illinois*, December 1983, pp 1-5
- 4.5 Various biographies of M. Scott and family
- 4.6 "Matthew T. Scott," contributed by Hon. A. E. Stevenson, *The Scotch-Irish in America*, 3pp

- 4.7 "The Prairie Agricultural Promoter, Matthew T. Scott," 4pp
- 4.8 Guide to the Matthew T. Scott Papers, 1831-1930, Cornell University Library, 2009
- 4.9 Bibliography of some sources about Matthew Scott

**Folder 5: Scott House, Chenoa**

- 5.1 Excerpt from *Chenoa Community Centennial* (1954), describing origin of the Scott House in Chenoa, including the laying out of streets, sidewalks, and utilities, pp 9-16
- 5.2 "Mr. and Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson were married in this house," 1909
- 5.3 "The Other Vrooman House," January 17, 1982
- 5.4 "Matthew T. Scott House," *McLean County Community News*, April 27, 1988
- 5.5 The Scott house, 2010
- 5.6 Matthew T. Scott House brochure

**Folder 6: Charlevoix, Michigan**

Summer Residence of Mrs. Matthew T. Scott

- 6.1 "Big Event of Social Season," *Courier*, August 16, 1922, regarding wedding of Julia G. Scott's granddaughter Mildred Bromwell
- 6.2 "Capt. S. R. Bailey to Wed," *New York Times*, August 15, 1922
- 6.3 Photocopy of house, source unknown
- 6.4 Four postcards of modern views of Charlevoix
- 6.5 "Julia Scott, Where Are You? They're Fooling with Your Place Again" by Edith Gilbert, *Detroit Free Press*, February 14, 1971. Rpt. *Summer Resort Life*

**Folder 7: Scott Institute**

Located in Phelps, Kentucky

- 7.1 History, 4pp, source unknown
- 7.2 *Matthew T. Scott, Jr. Academy and Industrial School: A Story of the Work* by Rev. Alfred Erickson, several pages, undated
- 7.3 "Dedicatory Address" by Adlai E. Stevenson, November 13, 1905
- 7.4 *Matthew T. Scott, Jr. Academy and Industrial School, Report for 1910-1911*
- 7.5 Letter from Nancy Miller requesting information, November 30, 2009

**Folder 8: Julia Green Scott**

- 8.1 Typescript for entry in *The National Cyclopedia of American Biography*, April 14, 1926
- 8.2 Lewis Green's permission to issue marriage license for Julia to Matthew Scott, May 12, 1859
- 8.3 Lewis Green Scott, photocopy of deceased infant son of Matthew and Julia Scott
- 8.4 "Mrs. Scott's Reception," October 29, 1901
- 8.5 Stock Certificate for five shares in *The Co-operative Publishing Co.*, issued March 10, 1910
- 8.6 "Runaway Horses Imperil Candidate for DAR Head," 1909
- 8.7 "Mrs. Scott Near Injury in Runaway," date unknown
- 8.8 "DAR Congress Will Open Today," date unknown
- 8.9 "Was Close Vote for President," date unknown
- 8.10 "Mrs. Scott's Age a Big Handicap," date unknown
- 8.11 "Mrs. Scott to Live in Washington, April 27, year unknown

- 8.12 Invoice and envelope from The Arlington Hotel, Washington D.C., January 29, 1911
- 8.13 "Mrs. Scott's Tenants Go to Agricultural School," *Chicago Sunday Examiner*, February 19, 1911
- 8.14 "Mrs. Matthew T. Scott Educates Farmers," *Chicago Sunday Examiner*, February 20, 1911
- 8.15 "Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, Farmer," *St. Paul [Minnesota] Dispatch*, April 24, 1911
- 8.16 "Farmer, Patriot, Educator, and -- Woman," *The Farmer's Wife*, July 1911
- 8.17 Receipt from Congress Hotel, June 14, 1911
- 8.18 "Mrs. Scott's Portrait," regarding portrait by Emil Fuchs, June 2, 1916
- 8.19 Receipt from My Store
- 8.20 "Mrs. George W. Bass of Chicago Speaks in Support of Wilson," *Daily Bulletin*, October 8, 1916
- 8.21 "Wilson Clubs in the Twin Cities," *Daily Bulletin*, October 25, 1916
- 8.22 "Women in Earnest," *Daily Bulletin*, November 5, 1916
- 8.23 Draft of letter from Julia Vrooman to Letitia Bromwell describing last days of Julia Scott, April 23, 1923
- 8.24 "Mrs. Julia Green Scott Lingers at Death's Door," April 29, 1923
- 8.25 "Mrs. M. T. Scott is Claimed by Death," April 29, 1923
- 8.26 "Eminent Personages in Tribute to Mrs. Scott," April 30, 1923
- 8.27 "Pay Last Honors to Mrs. M. T. Scott" and "Excerpts from Addresses by Mrs. Matthew T. Scott," date unknown
- 8.28 "Tribute to the Memory of Mrs. Matthew T. Scott," *The Sunday Bulletin*, July 1, 1923
- 8.29 "Appeal for the Preservation of Old Fort Massac"
- 8.30 Invitation to dedication of Fort Massac Park, October 28, 1908
- 8.31 "Mrs. Scott Mentioned in State Report," April 16, 1924, source unknown

**Folder 9: Letitia Scott Bromwell**

- 9.1 "Wedded at Washington," June 12, 1896
- 9.2 Calling card Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Charles S. Bromwell
- 9.3 "Charles S. Bromwell," handwritten draft of biography
- 9.4 Letter from C. Bromwell to Julia Scott, undated
- 9.5 "Lieut. Col. Bromwell Shoots Himself," December 11, 1915
- 9.6 Special, *The New York Times*, December 11, 1915
- 9.7 "Colonel C. S. Bromwell May Be Buried Here," December 13, 1915
- 9.8 "Colonel Bromwell's Funeral on Sunday," December 13, 1915
- 9.9 "Think Col. Bromwell Met with Foul Play," December 14, 1915
- 9.10 "Wife and Father of Col. Bromwell Here," December 15, 1915
- 9.11 "Simple Service, as Befitting a Soldier," December 27, 1915
- 9.12 Letter to Dillingham from William Harding Cailer, January 30, 1916, outlining the true explanation for Bromwell's suicide
- 9.13 "Mrs. Bromwell's Son in Army and Her Daughter Will Forego a Debut Party," *The Daily Bulletin*, October 10, 1918
- 9.14 "Mrs. Bromwell, City Native, Dies," July 9, 1962
- 9.15 "Society at the National Capital Horse Show," photo of Mildred Bromwell and others, *New York Tribune*, May 23, 1920
- 9.16 Miss Bromwell and Cap. Bailey, photocopies of two photos
- 9.17 Handwritten notes regarding Matthew Scott Bromwell

9.18 Letter to G. Polites from John Scott, October 27, 2010

**Folder 10: Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)**

- 10.1 "Memorial Continental Hall," December 31, 1904
- 10.3 List of articles and sketches about Julia Scott and Letitia Stevenson and their work with DAR, email from Christina Lehman to Theora Stark, April 3, 2009
- 10.4 "'Daughters' in Their New Hall," April 22, 1909, source unknown
- 10.5 "Mrs. Matthew T. Scott," *American Monthly Magazine*, May 1909.
- 10.6 Program for Twentieth Continental Congress, National Society of DAR, April 17, 1911
- 10.7 "Battle of Style Among Daughters," date and source unknown
- 10.8 *American Woman's Review*, August 1911, cover and story about Julia Scott
- 10.9 Short biographies of Mrs. Adlai Ewing Stevenson and Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, *National Historical Magazine*, October 1940
- 10.10 "Letitia Green Stevenson" and "Julia Green Scott" biography pages from *The Wide Blue Ribbon* published by National Society of the DAR
- 10.11 Page from *DAR Handbook*, 12th ed, 1958, showing offices and awards for Letitia Stevenson and Julia Scott
- 10.12 "Two Presidents General from Illinois," *Daughters of the American Revolution*, October 1967
- 10.13 Page about Julia Scott in *Illinois State History of the Daughters of the American Revolution*
- 10.14 "Rich Widow Slated for Next President of DAR," *Leader* (Birmingham, Alabama), April [date unclear]
- 10.15 "Mrs. M. T. Scott for President," source unknown
- 10.16 "Mrs. Scott in an Address to Women," October 15, 1908, source unknown
- 10.17 "For Old Fort Massac," October 1908, source unknown
- 10.18 "Women Won't Run for DAR Leader," March 30, 1909, source unknown
- 10.19 "Mrs. Matthew Scott, Candidate for the Presidency of DAR," date and source unknown
- 10.20 "Patriotic Women Begin Convention," *Record* (Long Branch, NJ), April 19, 1909
- 10.21 "Mrs. Matthew Scott Hopes to Become Head of DAR," date and source unknown
- 10.22 "Mrs. Matthew T. Scott is Elected by Eight Votes," April 24, 1909
- 10.23 "Story of DAR Convention," April 24, 1909
- 10.24 "DAR Elects Mrs. Scott by 12 Votes," *Philadelphia Telegraph*, April 28, 1909
- 10.25 "Mrs. Scott DAR Head," *New York Tribune*, 1909
- 10.26 "Home-Coming with Honor for Mrs. Scott," June 14, 1909
- 10.27 "Continental Hall Ready at Last for the DAR," *The Sunday Star*, March 13, 1910
- 10.28 "Daughters of American Revolution Have Built a Stately Memorial Hall," *The Detroit News Tribune*, March 13, 1910
- 10.29 "Mrs. Scott Endorsed in Stormy Session," April 20, 1910
- 10.30 "Mrs. C. F. Kimball Injured While at DAR Convention," April 21, 1910
- 10.31 "On the Platform at the DAR Congress," *New York World*, April 24, 1910
- 10.32 "Mrs. Matthew T. Scott," Cleveland?, March 18, 1911
- 10.33 "Mrs. Scott is Welcomed Home," May 28, 1913
- 10.34 "A Brilliant Function," date unknown
- 10.35 Untitled article beginning "Upon what proved to be her last public appearance ...," date and source unknown

- 10.36 "A Hypocritical Guise to Patriots to Distort" and "DAR Official Defends Secretary of War Baker," *The Daily Bulletin*, October 22, 1916
- 10.37 "Tribute to the Memory of Mrs. Matthew T. Scott," *Necrology*, Vol. 16, Nos. 1-2
- 10.38 "Memorial to Mrs. J. G. Scott Presented by DAR Chapter," May 10, 1923, source unknown
- 10.39 "Continental Hall Flag Floats at Half Mast Today," May 1, source unknown
- 10.40 Reverse side of postcard of Illinois State Room at Memorial Continental Hall with note the portrait of Julia Scott hangs there
- 10.41 Copy of photo of Illinois State Room and portrait
- 10.42 "Presents Portrait at DAR Conference," March 1950, photo showing Julia Vrooman and Mrs. F. J. Friedll
- 10.43 "DAR Honors Presidents-General," photo of Julia Vrooman, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Ives, May 12, 1967
- 10.44 Interest by DAR organizations, paragraph about contributions from Julia Scott resulting in dormitory and domestic building being erected and scholarships endowed, date and source unknown
- 10.45 Card for Joyce Schaefer Hinshaw, DAR National Membership Chairman

**Folder 11: Julia Scott Vrooman**

- 11.1 Biography, 2pp
- 11.2 Handwritten notes "1894-1912 Life of Carl and Julia"
- 11.3 Newspaper articles regarding wedding of Julia Scott to Carl Vrooman, December 29, 1896
- 11.4 Copy of application for license to marry, December 26, 1896
- 11.5 Copy of marriage license, December 26, 1896
- 11.6 Copy of wedding invitation
- 11.7 Article about Julia Vrooman, *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, September 13 (year?), typescript
- 11.8 "Carl Vrooman is in England," September 12, 1918
- 11.9 "Mrs. Vrooman in Odd Experience," date unknown
- 11.10 "Mrs. Carl Vrooman on Celebration," date unknown
- 11.11 "Vroomans Abroad to Enter War Work," September 12, 1918
- 11.12 "Mrs. Vrooman Writes Mother," May 1, 1919
- 11.13 "Mrs. Vrooman is Still in Europe," September 4, 1919
- 11.14 "Mrs. Julia Scott Vrooman, who is in France, writes interesting letter," October 16, 1919
- 11.15 "Mrs. Vrooman's Jazz Band in Germany," November 20, 1919
- 11.16 "Mrs. Vrooman and Her Jazz Band," November 28, 1919, includes photo
- 11.17 "Mrs. Vrooman is Back Home," December 29, 1919
- 11.18 "Mrs. Vrooman as Honorary Member," *Bulletin*, February 1921
- 11.19 "Yesterday I met a fine Chicago sergeant ...," date unknown
- 11.20 "Vroomans Greet Overseas Folks," July 10 (year?)
- 11.21 "The High Road to Honor" by Mrs. Carl Vrooman - notice about book signing
- 11.22 "Mrs. Vrooman Sees No Panic in England," November 17, 1939
- 11.23 "Non-Shop Record?" article in *The Stimulus* about Julia Vrooman, date unknown
- 11.24 "English Relatives Visit Mrs. Vrooman," May 23, 1970
- 11.25 "Julia Vrooman," notice of funeral, May 1981
- 11.26 Cemetery Record for Julia Vrooman, June 2, 1981

- 11.27 "Julia," *The Daily Vidette*, November 3, 1975. Rpt. *Bloomington-Normal Magazine*, March 1979
- 11.28 Service Questionnaire for Julia Vrooman indicating she served with YMCA in France and Germany, August 23, 1918-September 12, 1919
- 11.29 Letter to Mrs. Cochran from Helen M. Cavaugh, September 30, 1978

**Folder 12: Carl S. Vrooman**

- 12.1 Various photographs or copies
- 12.2 Calling card Mr. Carl Vrooman
- 12.3 Biography from *History of McLean County*
- 12.4 "Carl Schurz Vrooman, a self styled 'Constructive Conservative,'" short biography, source unknown
- 12.5 Paragraph describing Julia and Carl Vrooman, source unknown
- 12.6 Letters from Carl to Julia Vrooman, mostly undated but ranging from 1902 to 1914
- 12.7 Typescript of story about Carl Vrooman, recently appointed Secretary of Agriculture
- 12.8 "Vrooman Challenges Jones' Stand on Policy for US," September 16, 1914
- 12.9 "Vrooman Goes Over to See How They Do Things," *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, September 15, 1918
- 12.10 "Social Notes," November 16, 1932
- 12.11 Letter from Carl to Harold Sinclair, March 1, 1956, regarding his novel *The Horse Soldiers*; Sinclair's reply March 7; "Hollywood legends brought local author's novel to silver screen," regarding film adaptation starring John Wayne
- 12.12 "Carl Vrooman, 93, Civic Leader, Dies," April 9, 1966
- 12.13 "Vrooman Papers to Library," date unknown
- 12.14 "Carl Vrooman Biography Good," date unknown

**Folder 13: Carl Vrooman Pamphlets and Speeches**

- 13.1 Carl Schurz Vrooman: A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress, 2008, 11pp
- 13.2 "Back-Yard Gardens," March 3, 1917, 2pp
- 13.3 *Grain Farming in the Corn Belt*, January 20, 1916
- 13.4 *A Rebirth of Individualism*, 1940
- 13.5 *A Square Deal for The Farmer*, undated
- 13.6 "Shall the People or the Bosses Rule?" undated
- 13.7 Vrooman for Senator pamphlet
- 13.8 A Farmer for Congress
- 13.9 Address delivered by Hon. Carl S. Vrooman ... before the American Medico-Psychological Association, June 1, 1917, 11pp

**Folder 14: Julia Vrooman's Bread**

- 14.1 Two versions of Julia Vrooman's whole wheat bread recipe
- 14.2 Note from Elizabeth Glidden about her introduction to the Vroomans and the bread, July 16, 2008
- 14.3 Revised typescript of article about the bread
- 14.4 Agreement from Julia Vrooman to provide her recipe to Louella Braden, September 22, 1958
- 14.5 Lease to Louella Braden of kitchen for her bakery business, September 22, 1958



- 14.6 Correspondence between Julia Vrooman and Eleanor Roosevelt, 1930-1941
- 14.7 Letter from Senator Paul H. Douglas to Mrs. Vrooman in thanks for another loaf of bread, March 24, 1954
- 14.8 "Bakes for Red Cross: Bread Served to Queen Now Goes to Charity," February 27, 1941
- 14.9 "Mrs. Vrooman Bakes Bread for Luncheon in Washington," June 4, 1950
- 14.10 "This Bread Went to Washington," August 20, 1975
- 14.11 "War Aid offer arrives 49 years late," April 13, 1989
- 14.12 Notes about Dorothy Visel
- 14.13 Letter from Dorothy Visel to Theora Stark, December 3, 2007

**Folder 15: Miscellaneous Correspondence to/from Vroomans**

- 15.1 A Guide to the Letters from Vachel Lindsay to Julia and Carl Vrooman, 1916-1929, The University of Virginia Library, December 8, 2010
- 15.2 Invitation to meet Members of the Supreme Court
- 15.3 Miscellaneous correspondence and telegrams to and from Julia or Carl Vrooman covering a variety of topics. Correspondents include Adlai Stevenson I, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Rachel Crothers, Eleanor Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower. Reproduced from the Collections of the Manuscript Division, Library of Congress

**Folder 16: Scott and Vrooman Families**

- 16.1 "Noble Trenchards touched by history," October 7, 1983
- 16.2 Miscellaneous notes by Theora Stark about various family members

**Folder 17: Letitia Green and Adlai Stevenson I**

- 17.1 Letitia Green Stevenson, source unknown
- 17.2 Copy of photo of officers of Mother's Congress, February 7, 1897, which includes Letitia Stevenson
- 17.3 "Back from the Southland," September 30, 1892
- 17.4 "Stevenson has many callers," March 2, 1893
- 17.5 "Stevenson: The Vice-President-Elect Spent a Very Pleasant and Very Busy Day with Friends," March 4, 1893
- 17.6 "Reception Was Held," date unknown
- 17.7 "Mrs. A. E. Stevenson Dies," *The New York Times*, December 26, 1913
- 17.8 Photo of Stevenson-Scott cemetery plot marker
- 17.9 Citations from *The Washington Post* of articles about the Stevensons
- 17.10 Biography of Adlai Stevenson by Mark Hatfield

**Folder 18: Stevenson Relatives and House**

- 18.1 "Illinois Hall of Fame: The Stevenson Family," by Mark Rhodes, *Illinois Review*, July 9, 2006. Brief biographies of Stevenson men, 3pp
- 18.2 Handwritten note from Adlai Stevenson III to Theora Stark, undated
- 18.3 "Her Eightieth Birthday" regarding Ellen Stevenson, October 29, 1889
- 18.4 "Ended in Peace" death of "Eliza" Stevenson, March 6, 1899
- 18.5 Stevenson sisters, photocopy of photograph
- 18.6 "Arrived at Home" regarding funeral of Mary Stevenson, January 1895
- 18.7 "Letitia Stevenson Dies in St. Louis," September 7, 1970

- 18.8 Julia Scott Stevenson Hardin, photocopy of photograph
- 18.9 "Hardin-Stevenson," June 3, 1896
- 18.10 "Martin Hardin Dies in Ithaca," December 15, 1935
- 18.11 "Julia Stevenson Hardin, 92, Dies in St. Louis," September 5, 1966
- 18.12 "Stevenson Funeral to be Held Sunday" regarding Lewis G. Stevenson, April 6, 1929
- 18.13 "Passing of Lewis G. Stevenson," April 6, 1929
- 18.14 "Mrs. [Lewis G.] Stevenson Dies Suddenly," November 17, 1935
- 18.15 "Tragedy on Washington Street" regarding accidental shooting death of Ruth Merwin by Adlai Stevenson II, dated and source unknown
- 18.16 Photocopy of photograph of Adlai Stevenson II
- 18.17 "Receiving His Due" and "Museum to display Stevenson artifacts," January 31, 2010
- 18.18 Kappa Alpha fraternity, Centre College, c. 1900, Lewis Green included, photocopy of photograph
- 18.19 Photo of sign: Site of Adlai Stevenson's Black Servant Quarters

**Folder 19: Farm Information**

- 19.1 Ledger sheet, undated
- 19.2 Letters from James Colter to Mrs. M. T. Scott in 1908 dated June 10, June 30, July 18
- 19.3 Ledger sheet, September 1908
- 19.4 Corrected typescript of agreement between Julia G. Scott and Lewis G. Stevenson, March 1911
- 19.5 Agreement between Julia G. Scott and Lewis G. Stevenson, January 27, 1919

**Folder 20: Miscellaneous Legal Documents**

- 20.1 Copy of conveyance of property, July 7, 1873
- 20.2 Copy of conveyance of property, January 30, 1923
- 20.3 Copies of canceled checks from 1922
- 20.4 Copy of account of Mrs. M. T. Scott at Peoples Bank, August 20, 1922
- 20.5 Ledger of expenses, August and September 1908
- 20.6 Release of mortgage for Gordon and Theora Stark, 405 Grandview Drive, Normal, Illinois, December 14, 2001

**Folder 21: McLean County Coal Co**

- 21.1 Certificate to James B. Stevenson, September 15, 1876
- 21.2 Articles of incorporation, June 2, 1898
- 21.3 Statement 1913-1914, photocopy of torn envelope?
- 21.4 Stockholders report, February 4, 1946

**Folder 22: Faith at Work**

- 22.1 History "The Call to a New Life" indicates that Julia Vrooman bequeathed money to this ministry
- 22.2 Note to Theora Stark about history

**Folder 23: Julia Vrooman Estate Sale**

- 23.1 Notice of Open House, November 22, 1981
- 23.2 flyer (original and copy) of Estate Auction, November 28, 1981

- 23.3 Description of house 701 E. Taylor Street, Bloomington
- 23.4 Listing of 344 items included in auction
- 23.5 Copies of photographs of some items
- 23.6 Copy of description of an unidentified item from estate sale
- 23.7 "Vrooman auction draws 1,200," November 29, 1981
- 23.8 Notice of auction February 17, 2006, which includes some items from the Vrooman Mansion

**Folder 24: Lincoln Oak Tree**

- 24.1 Handwritten note by Adlai Stevenson, April 17, 1914, saying "I have heard Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln, at different times, speak from a platform erected under the shade of this tree."
- 24.2 "Moody Receives City, Own Gifts," accepting tree on behalf of city
- 24.3 Page from Vrooman Mansion tour book
- 24.4 Copy of photo of tree and plaque
- 24.5 "City's Historic Lincoln Oak Loses Limbs," June 10, 1960
- 24.6 Photo of cutting down of tree, Summer 1976
- 24.7 "50 years later, stolen plaque given back," October 4, 2008. Copies of same article from several sources, snapshot of plaque
- 24.8 Cassette of conversation with Tim Haney when he returned the plaque, 2008
- 24.9 Email exchange between Theora Stark's daughters, October 2008

**Folder 25: Memories of Vroomans and Vrooman Mansion**

Contributions, letters and notes from various people, collected by Theora Stark, of their memories of the Vroomans, of visiting the Vrooman Mansion. Includes notes made by Theora Stark.

**Folder 26: Vrooman Mansion Information**

- 26.1 Lincoln Oak Home, Scott-Vrooman Mansion History
- 26.2 General Information about the house, built for Eliel Barber in 1869, and Scott and Vrooman families
- 26.3 The Scott-Vrooman Mansion, historical sketch - information provided for visitors
- 26.4 Welcome to the Scott-Vrooman Mansion, detailed information about rooms
- 26.5 Historical Sketch by George Polites, owner
- 26.7 Details, perhaps provided in each room for visitors
- 26.8 Copy of tent card
- 26.9 Nomination for National Register of Historic Places Inventory
- 26.10 Note from Greg Koos and *Pantagraph* article or obituary indicating "G. W. Bunting was probably the architect of original section of Vrooman/Scott House," December 27, 1982
- 26.11 Notes about house
- 26.12 Table of Contents for The Vrooman Mansion
- 26.13 Email from Gordon Stark, November 8, 2006
- 26.14 Issues of Vrooman Mansion Bed & Breakfast Newsletter: Fall 2006 (1.1), Summer 2007 (1.4), Spring 2009 (3.10), Fall 2009 (3.10), Winter 2010 (4.1)
- 26.15 "Will Make Extensive Repairs," April 21, 1900

- 26.16 "In Limbo: Time stole Julia Vrooman's life; now it threatens her mansion," August 30, 1981
- 26.17 "Vrooman Cottage Legend," *Community News*, March 22-28, 1989
- 26.18 "Filming at the Vrooman," January 17, 2006
- 26.19 "Dimmitt's Grove event has lunch, tours, cars," June 3, 2006
- 26.20 "Structured History," February 25, 2007
- 26.21 "Sister City Canterbury Visitors Mar. 25-Apr. 1," March 20, 2008
- 26.22 "Body of Work," May 9, 2008
- 26.23 Email from Bill Kemp to Nancy ? regarding reference to Scott-Vrooman Mansion and his article, January 2, 2011
- 26.24 "Mansions join forces for money makers," date unknown
- 26.25 Email exchange between Debi Banks and Christine Scott regarding Agnes Fry (Scott), October 2010

**Folder 27: Vrooman Mansion B&B - Articles and Marketing**

- 27.1 "Guests will soon sample history," date unknown
- 27.2 "Past comes back home to Vrooman," April 11, 2005
- 27.3 "Mansion cook salvaged history; son restores items to innkeeper," *The Daily Journal*, June 2, 2005
- 27.4 "Wake Up & Smell the Bacon," *Illinois Country Living*, February 2006
- 27.5 "Almost in your own backyard," *Primetime*, March 2006
- 27.6 "Local bed and breakfasts provide a home away from home," *Daily Vidette*, April 21, 2006
- 27.7 "Vrooman innkeeper reserves space for history," November 23, 2006
- 27.8 "Vrooman Mansion Bed and Breakfast offers over 150 years of history," *Daily Vidette*, August 1, 2007
- 27.9 "Vrooman Mansion: Staying in Style," *Town & City Magazine*, October-November 2007
- 27.10 "Vrooman Mansion: A McLean County Treasure," *McLean County News Bulletin*, April 21, 2010
- 27.11 "Vrooman Mansion hosts guests throughout the centuries," IllinoisState.edu, November 19, 2010
- 27.12 Brochures and postcard advertising Vrooman Mansion B&B
- 27.13 Design for ornament
- 27.14 Ad copy for Vrooman Mansion
- 27.15 Ad copy for Julia's Finest catawba
- 27.16 Room reservation data sheet

**Folder 28: Vrooman Mansion B&B - Receipts and Invoices**

Miscellaneous collection of billings, receipts, invoices, loan agreements related to operation of B&B business - 2004-2006

**Folder 29: Vrooman Mansion B&B - Miscellaneous Correspondence**

Miscellaneous correspondence, emails and notes regarding meetings and events held at Vrooman Mansion

**Folder 30: Christmas at the Mansions**

- 30.1 "Trip through the past," November 26, 2004, Rpt. *Community News*, December 1, 2004
- 30.2 Photographs of room decorations and activities, undated
- 30.3 2004: flyer; notice in *Illinois Country Living*; notice in DGNA newsletter; tour brochure
- 30.4 2005: "Mansions deck the halls for all," October 24; news release November 9; "Don't miss historic tour of mansions Dec. 17," *Normalite*, December 8; newspaper ad; flyer; print of photograph
- 30.5 2006: flyer; news release November 19; newspaper ad; tour brochure; notice in *Illinois Country Living*; "The Christmas Mansions," *Midwestern Family*, November/December
- 30.6 2007: news release; "Christmas at the Mansions tour December 15," *The Normalite*, December 6; "Vrooman Mansion: The Holidays at Julia's," *News and Views*, November; newspaper ad; letter to the editor; tour brochure
- 30.7 2008: "Candy canes for the eyes," *Heartland Community College Spectator*, December 4; flyer; tour brochure; letter to the editor
- 30.8 2010: poster, tour brochure, postcard, list of sponsors

**Folder 31: Vrooman Mansion B&B contacts**

Handwritten and typed notes of contacts regarding Vrooman Mansion and Vrooman family

**Folder 32: Cooking Classes**

- 32.1 "Vrooman Mansion hosting cooking classes," *Normalite*, April 12, 2007
- 32.2 "Cooking Classes with Brian Bowman," *From Julia's Desk*, Fall 2007
- 32.3 "Party pleasers" quick and easy holiday appetizers," November 5, 2008, Rpt. December 23, 2008
- 32.4 Schedules of classes: Fall 2008, Summer 2009, Fall 2009, undated
- 32.5 Julia Returns Boo!!! - children's stories about ghostly encounters

**Folder 33: Fundraisers 2004-2008**

- 33.1 Photo of facsimile check donation for Habitat for Humanity
- 33.2 Thank you letter from Pastor Henricks, Our Saviour Lutheran Church
- 33.3 2004 Contributions from Lutheran churches
- 33.4 "Lutherans Join Forces to Raise Funds," *The Cornerstone*, February 2005
- 33.5 "When I was Homeless," OSLC Box City
- 33.6 Flyer about 2006 fundraising reception and newspaper ad
- 33.7 Reception program, Vrooman Mansion, September 7, 2006
- 33.8 Thank you from Sharon McCauley, Operation Patriot Build Coordinator
- 33.9 Letter to the editor, September 21, 2006 for Fly Back in Time
- 33.10 Invitation to getaway October 14-15, 2006, Vrooman Mansion B&B
- 33.11 Photos of flight
- 33.12 Dimmitt's Grove Neighborhood Association newsletter, August 2008
- 33.13 "Neighborhood history," June 29, 2008, photographs only
- 33.14 Article about December 3, 2007, Teddy Bear Tea, events to collect teddy bears and raise funds for Chestnut Health Systems
- 33.15 Flyer/invitation to December 1, 2008, Teddy Bear Tea
- 33.16 Two snapshots of bears under Christmas tree, undated