

Biographical Category

STEINKAMP COLLECTION
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INTRODUCTION

The original portion of the Carl W. Steinkamp Collection was donated to the Clark County Historical Society by his son Phil in August 2003. The collection consists of material relating to Carl's military service during World War I, his work at Patterson Field, especially on the Norden bombsight, his joint-ownership business, Springfield Model works, and photographs,

Phil Steinkamp donated additional materials related to the Steinkamp, Unger, and related families in 2015.

There are no restrictions on the use of this collection.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The following information was taken from Steinkamp's letter of recommendation to receive a Meritorious Citizen Service award submitted by C.F. Robinson, Captain, Air Corps, Bombsight Branch, 4 February 1944 and the Memorium and Recognition contained in the collection.

Carl Steinkamp was a life-long resident of Springfield, son of Edward and Caroline Somerville Steinkamp. He began his long life as a local newspaper boy and enjoyed good health until he suffered a stroke in 1975.

Steinkamp received 8 years of grade school, 2 years of mathematics at Springfield high School at the Night School, 2 years of mechanical drawing at the Y.M.C.A. in Springfield, Ohio, and received 120 days of instruction on bombsights and allied equipment at Carl L. Norden, Inc., New York, New York.

Steinkamp served in the Navy in World War I. His only brother, Edward, died in the war. Steinkamp married Beatrice I. Unger. They had two sons, Carl R. and Philip L.

He was in business with Roy McAdams during the 1930s. They manufactured a 5-cylinder, air-cooled radial aircraft engine. He worked as a tool and die maker for a variety of companies, listed below:

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| 1913-1915 | Employed at Kelly Motor Machine, with duties as tool crib clerk and tool grinder |
| 1915-1917 | Thompson Grinder Co., with general machine shop duties |
| 1917-1917 | Steel Products Engineering Co., machine work on Naval gunsights |
| 1917-1918 | On active duty with U.S. Navy with rating of Machinists Mate, First Class |
| 1919-1920 | Kelly Buffalo Road Roller Co. with duties as tool grinder and tool maker |
| 1920-1923 | Robbins and Myers as tool maker |
| 1924-1925 | American Tool and Manufacturing Co., Urbana with duties as tool and die maker |
| 1925-1930 | Steel Products Engineering Co. with duties as construction of jigs, |

1930- fixtures, dies, and gauges
Patterson Field as machinist, with brief interlude with Pratt and Whitney,
East Hartford, Connecticut as procurement inspector

Steinkamp is best known for his design work on a calibration stand for the Norden bombsight. It was used to check-test and calibrate parts of the bombsight that went into Army Air Force bombers. The improved bombsight resulted in more efficient production in greater quantities and a savings for the United States Army of \$800.00 per bombsight. This innovation earned him a Commendation for Meritorious Civilian Service in 1944.

Steinkamp was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church, the International Society of Christian Endeavor, and the Wally Byam Caravan Club. He died in 1976.

Steinkamp Collection
Box 1

- Bio of Katherine Schroder Steinkamp 1832
- Detogenarian Katherine Schroder Steinkamp
- Steinkamp Family Census 1870
- Family genealogical information
- Steinkamp Siblings – photo
- Steinkamp Birthday Listing
- Steinkamp Buried in Ferncliff Cemetery
- Steinkamp Family Group Sheet
- Steinkamp Family Group Sheet
- Stevens, Unger, Taylor Families
- Geo. W. Netts Family Group Sheets
- Barbara Lybrook Family History
- Noel B. Taylor Geneology – Email Chas. Templer & Monica
- Myrna Taylor’s Children
- Steinkamp Cemetery Plots – Ferncliff
- Burial Cards Ferncliff
- Tombstone Photos: Audrey James Cornwall/Myrna-Charles Taylor
- Aunt Edna, Uncle Cy, Marilyn 1947 Photo
- Annie Steinkamp House S.W. Cor. Main & Sycamore
- Steinkamp W. Va. Relatives Edna Steinkamp Photo
- Confirmation Certificated: Oscar, Eliz., Anna Maria Steinkamp
- Audrey & Baby
- Baptismal Record – Emma Catherine Steinkamp
- Edward Steinkamp letter to sister Anna
- Edna, Mrs. C.V. & Mabel Steinkamp in Red Cross hats
- Edward Frederich Steinkamp Photo – War Service Cert.
- Edward & Anna Steinkamp Photo
- Edward Steinkamp – clip: Hit by Truck
- Edward Steinkamp Will
- Edward Steinkamp Obit – 1870 Census
- Edward Steinkamp Jr. Obit
- Edward Steinkamp Fraternal Org.
- American Radiator Employees – Edna Steinkamp Griest
- Ed. Steinkamp – Red Cross Condolence & Grave Photo 1918
- Ed. Steinkamp Helwig’s Barber Shp – S. Limestone
- Annie Steinkamp – Oscar Steinkamp photo
- Caroline Summerville Steinkamp, Obit, Photo, Gravestone
- Oscar Steinkamp Photo
- Steinkamp, Horton, Greist, Ritter Photo
- Oscar – John Steinkamp Obit
- Abstainence Pledges – Carl & Edward Steinkamp

- Night School Certificate of Credit Carl Steinkamp
- Springfield Model Works – news article
- Carl Steinkamp – Service Record Notes
- Carl Steinkamp Leaving Bootcamp photo
- Carl Steinkamp Navy Discharge Enlistment Record
- Carl W. Steinkamp War Service Certificate & Discharge
- Carl W. Steinkamp W.W. I. Discharge – Vet. Membership
- Crest Motel Postcard – Photo
- Carl Steinkamp Stafford Bio 2008
- Carl Steinkamp Employment Notes
- Carl Steinkamp Eagle Engineering
- Springfield Model Work Brochure
- Carl Steinkamp Application for Federal Employment
- Carl Steinkamp U.S. Army I.D. Card & W.W.I. Membership Card
- Carl Steinkamp Transfer & Promotion Notice
- Carl Steinkamp Norden Course Cert.
- Carl Steinkamp Cert. Ex. Fabrication Lab
- Carl Steinkamp Award Recommendation Letter
- Carl Steinkamp Commendation Civil Service
- Carl Steinkamp Award – News Clip
- Carl Steinkamp 20 year Award Ceremony
- “Postings” Official Publication Fairfield Air Service Command
- Carl L. W. Steinkamp & Mom photos
- Beatrice Unger Wedding Announcement
- Carl & Beatrice Steinkamp Marriage License
- Carl & Beatrice Steinkamp Photo
- Carl & Richard Stienkamp Photo
- Carl Steinkamp – Phillip & Richard Photo
- Carl Steinkamp & Children
- Carl Steinkamp Business Cards
- Carl Steinkamp C.E. Conveticion 1927
- Carl Steinkamp Soc. Seo & Civilian Club Cards
- Carl Steinkamp in Memorium & Recognition
- Steinkamp, Phil, Rodger, ?, Betty 1948
- Steinkamp, Phil, Condolence Letter
- Mr. & Mrs. Phil Steinkamp standing right
- Unger Family Photo
- Unger Grandma & Grandpa photo
- Unger, J.T, & Relatives
- Unger’s grandparents, grandma & grandpa Hill
- J.T. (Josiah) Unger Photos
- J.T., Ollie, Arthur & Joseph Unger Photo
- Mr. & Mrs. Joseph & Ollie Unger – 63rd Anniversary Photo
- Audrey, Freda, Joe, Ollie Unger Photo

- J.H. Unger Correspondence
- J.T Unger, Western School 1925 Family
- Mr. & Mrs. J.T. Unger – Letter from Gladys
- Lou & Arthur Unger
- L. Patricia R. Barb Taylor Photo
- Arthur Unger 1905
- Arthur Unger & Little Joe Unger Photo
- Unger Bros. Paper Bag
- Uncle Jake & Emma Unger, Catherine Unger Photo
- Jake, Ollie, Joe Unger, Reiko Steinkamp Photo
- Joe Unger Photo
- Joe, Arthur, Stella, Ollie Under Photo
- Ollie Unger Steinkamp
- Ollie Unger, Matilda Stevens, Aunt Birdie Photo
- Four Unger Women, Eliza Hill Unger Photo
- Tom & Della Unger Photo
- Myrna E. Josiah, Beatrice, Audrey F. Photo
- Beatrice Unger & Carl W. Steinkamp Photo
- Beatrice Steinkamp obituary
- Beatrice, Freda & Audrey Unger Photo
- Beatrice Unger – news release
- Beatrice Steinkamp, School Certificate
- Beatrice Steinkamp in Women's Group Photo
- Beatrice Steinkamp Golden Buckeyes Card
- Barickman 50 Anniversary Photo
- Chas. Bell & Jim Photo
- Carl Edward Reynolds Photo
- Dorothy Carhey, Beatrice & Joe Photo
- Diehl & Eggers, news clip & obit
- Arletta Diehl Egger, Margaret E. Unger, Obit
- Nathan & Emiline Greist Family Photo
- Edna K. Greist W.W. II. Ration Book & Photo
- Jerry, Gladys & Joann Lyons
- Martin L. Matusuff – Grad. Announcement
- Barb Lybrook – Photo
- Mrs. Freoda Matusuff obit
- Eliz, Ruth Netts – Photo Morris & Joanne Netts – News Paper
- Ruth Netts, Photo
- Mildred Grindle Photo
- Aunt Lib Netts
- Netts, Steinkamp, Greist, Ritter Family
- Loni & Mabel Ritter 1948 Photo
- Roll, Charles & Sinoloa Obits.
- Mr. & Mrs. Carl Williams News clip

- First Lutheran Church, Parsonage
- First Lutheran Church Bulletin 1922
- East Side Chapel, Bessie Black Martin
- Martin Sommerville Decendants 1927 Photo
- Asbury Stevens & Matilda Weekley Marriage Record, Graveside Service
- Matilda Stevens Photo
- Sussman Christmas Cards etc.
- Taylor-Stillion Families
- Noel & Marie Sickler Taylor – Wedding Photo
- Barbara Taylor & Fiance Photo
- Chas & Sharon Taylor – 50th Wedding Anniversary
- Mr. & Mrs. Carol Yoder 1919 Photo
- East Side Chapel 454 E. Main St.
- Christian endeavor Pledge
- East Side Chapel Sunday School Party Photo
- Rev. Lang Burns Family Photo
- Rev. H. Meyers – East Side Chapel
- East Side Chapel Obits Clippings
- East Side Chapel Program 1937
- Parishioners at Covenant Presbyterian 1936
- Covenant Presbyterian Friends – Phil Steinkamp
- East Side Chapel Sunday School Class
- Springfield Sun Newspaper Delivery Boys Photo
- Springfield Sun Newspaper Obama Inauguration
- Pig hews Photo
- National WWII Memorial Newsletter 2004
- “Here’s” How Operation of C-I Autopilot
- German Document – Untranslated
- Photo Nagasaki – A Bomb Damage
- Mother Singers – News Photo
- Wade Walsh Cherrolee Brochure
- Secret Society Card
- Don Gregory’s Barber Shop
- Roy McAdams obit – Art Show Program
- Holiday Home Tour 1993
- Remembrance Cards – Pauline & Leonard Chilcote
- Remembrance Cards – Paul Mattes, Opal McAllister
- Nancy – 1 ½ Month 1947 Photo
- Unidentified Photo
- Unidentified Group Photos
- Barbara & Joyce et. al

Box 2

- Biographical Category
- Steinkamp Collection
- Book “Over the Line”
- Columbia Magazine – Disaster February 1, 2003
- Booklet “Springfield Drug Report 1983”
- Current Events Magazine September 1944 - May 1945
- Beatrice Unger (Steinkamp) Memory Album
- Arthur Unger – Funeral Guestbook
- Blue Scrapbook
 - Fabric cover – gold lettering – cards, wise sayings, newspaper clippings, a few photos

Oversize Box

- FASC Building Plans
- WWII War Memorial
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- Steinkamp Collection