

The Filson Historical Society

**Samuel Raymond McDowell (1893 – 1956)
Papers, 1791-1982**

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Size of Collection:
.33 cubic feet

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Biographical Note

Samuel Raymond McDowell was born April 28, 1893, in Louisville, KY, the son of Robert Emmett and Anne Jane McDowell. Samuel graduated from Louisville Male High School and studied at the Art Institute of Cincinnati. He established a business as a professional portrait artist in Louisville. In 1928, he married Marguerite Peck. They had one daughter, Anne, who became a sculptor. Samuel died October 31, 1956, in Louisville at the age of 63.

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Scope and Content Note

Personal correspondence (largely from customers, acquaintances) addressed to Samuel McDowell and his wife, Marguerite Peck McDowell, personal and business documents belonging to Samuel and Marguerite and several of Samuel's drawings and copies of several portraits. Collection also includes genealogical items pertaining to the McDowell and Peck families.

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Folder List

- Folder 1: Documents and certificates belonging to Samuel and Marguerite McDowell
- Folder 2: Personal correspondence addressed to Samuel and Marguerite McDowell (1930-1949)
- Folder 3: Personal correspondence addressed to Samuel and Marguerite McDowell (1950-1982)
- Folder 4: Genealogical materials related to the McDowell and Peck families
- Folder 5: Sketches and newspaper photos of portraits painted by Samuel McDowell and sculptures made by Anne McDowell Lindstrom
- Folder 6: Miscellaneous items belonging to Samuel and Marguerite McDowell (newspaper photos, brochures, audiotape and transcription of a 1987 interview of Marguerite McDowell, etc).
- Folder 7 (Oversize): High school diploma (Marguerite Peck) and two drawings by Samuel McDowell

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Added Entry List

- 1) Abell, Irvin 1876-1949
- 2) American Hospital Association
- 3) Building – estimates – Kentucky
- 4) Business enterprises - Louisville
- 5) Churches – Louisville
- 6) Civil Service Board (Louisville, Ky.)
- 7) Clark, Glenn 1882-1956
- 8) Construction industry – Costs
- 9) Daughters of the American Revolution
- 10) Debutantes – Louisville
- 10) Decedents' estates – Kentucky
- 11) Floods – Louisville – 1937
- 12) High schools – Kentucky
- 13) Highland Methodist Church (Louisville, Ky.)
- 14) Houses – Louisville
- 15) Letterheads
- 16) Lincoln Institute of Kentucky
- 17) Louisville General Hospital (Louisville, Ky.)
- 19) Louisville Girls High School (Louisville, Ky.)
- 20) McDowell family
- 21) McDowell, Robert Emmett 1914-1975
- 22) Modeling agencies
- 23) Nervous system – Diseases
- 24) Oxford Group
- 25) Peck family
- 26) Portrait painters – Kentucky
- 27) Portrait painting – United States
- 28) Portraits – Kentucky
- 29) Speed, Hattie Bishop 1858-1942
- 30) University of Louisville
- 31) Veterans' hospitals – Kentucky
- 32) Ward-Belmont School (Nashville, Tenn.)
- 33) Wills – Kentucky
- 34) World War, 1914-1918 - Veterans