

**STEERE & TURNER COLLECTION**  
**MS 2**  
**1884-1911**

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**SUMMARY INFORMATION**

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<b>Repository</b>	Organ Historical Society Library and Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Steere & Turner Organ Company
<b>Title</b>	Steere & Turner Collection
<b>Date</b>	1884-1911
<b>Extent</b>	1 linear foot
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	The collection consists of organ specification ledgers created by Steere & Turner and J.W. Steere & Son.

**Provenance**

The ledgers were owned by the Steere company until the firm was acquired by the Skinner Organ Company, and later became part of the Aeolian-Skinner archives. When Aeolian-Skinner closed in 1973, the ledgers were briefly owned by Daniel L. Angerstein, once an employee of Aeolian-Skinner.

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**HISTORY**

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Steer[e] & Turner was founded in Westfield, Massachusetts, as a partnership between John Wesley Steere and George William Turner in 1866. The firm was named Steer & Turner until 1890, when John Wesley Steer changed the spelling of his name to Steere. In 1879, the firm relocated to Springfield, Massachusetts, and became J.W. Steere & Sons. In 1894, when Frank J. Steere left, it was renamed J.W. Steere & Son. The firm was reorganized in 1917, and was ultimately purchased by the Skinner Organ Company in 1921.

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**ARRANGEMENT**

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The collection is arranged into the following series. Series 1: Organ specifications ledgers.

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**CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS**

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**Genre(s)**

- Account books
- Archival resources

- Business records

**Personal Name(s)**

- Angerstein, Daniel L., b. 1947
- Steere, John S., 1847-1898
- Steere, John Wesley, 1824-1900
- Steere, Frank J., 1853-1909
- Turner, George William, 1829-1908

**Subject(s)**

- Organ (Musical instrument)—Construction
- Organ (Musical instrument)—History
- Organ builders—Massachusetts—Springfield
- Organ builders—Massachusetts—Westfield
- Steere & Turner—Archives
- Steere & Turner—Business records
- Steere & Turner—History
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**COLLECTION INVENTORY**

<b>Series 1: Organ specifications ledgers</b>	<b>Box</b>
Ledger: 1884-1900	1
Ledger: 1897-1911	1