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University Archives Inventory

Record Group Number: DP003

Title: Peyton Family Papers

Date: 1818-1998

Bulk Date: 1880-1898, 1925-1937

Extent: 11 linear feet + 9 oversize items

Creator: Peyton, Mary Lou

Administrative/Biographical Notes: The Peyton Family Papers are comprised of materials centered around Annie Coleman Peyton, her daughter Mary Lou Peyton, and their immediate family.

Annie Coleman Peyton (1852-1898) is one of the "founding mothers" of the Industrial Institute and College along with Olivia Hastings and Sally Reneau. Annie was born in Madison County, Mississippi and graduated from Whitworth College in 1872. She then married Chancellor Ephraim Geoffrey Peyton of Gallatin, Mississippi, moving to Hazelhurst. She began agitating for the founding of a state-supported girls for white girls in 1880 by writing to various newspapers under the pseudonym "A Mississippi Woman." She first attempted to convince the state to purchase Whitworth College, but after that plan failed she coordinated with Olivia Hastings and with the Hon. John McCaleb Martin of Port Gibson to pass a bill in the legislature in 1884 creating the Industrial Institute and College. After the opening of the school, Annie Peyton was hired in 1891 as an instructor in History, which she continued until her death in 1898. After her death, Peyton became the first woman inducted into the Mississippi Hall of Fame, with her portrait hanging in the Old Capitol Museum in Jackson.

Mary Lou Peyton (1881-1959), II&C class of 1916, is the daughter of Annie Coleman Peyton. She was an instructor in History at MSCW from 1938-1945.

Ephraim Geoffrey Peyton, Jr. (d. 1889) was the husband of Annie Coleman Peyton and father of Mary Lou, and son of Mississippi State Supreme Court Chief Justice Ephraim Peyton, Sr. He served as District Attorney and then Chancellor for the 9th Chancery District.

Ephraim Geoffrey Peyton III (1876-1950) was the son of Ephraim Jr. and Annie Coleman Peyton. He was a Brigadier General in the US Army and instructor in tactics at Fort Benning and West Point. He commanded an infantry regiment in World War I.

Paul Jones Peyton (1886-1934) graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1908 and became a naval aviator, flying missions in World War I. He retired from the military in 1925.

John Robert Coleman Peyton (b. 1889), the youngest son of Ephraim Jr. and Annie, served in World War I. According to his own account, in 1929 he fell 3 1/2 stories from a building in New York City and was mentally impaired by the accident.



Artie Katherine Peyton Conner (b. 1878), II&C class of 1904, is the eldest daughter of Ephraim Jr. and Annie Coleman. She married Colonel William Conner, moved to Charlottesville, and became a school teacher.

William Conner, Jr. was the son of William Conner and Artie Peyton.

Ann Peyton was the daughter of Paul Jones Peyton.

Robert Peyton was a son of Ephraim Jr. and Annie Coleman who died at 13.

R. G. Peyton was the uncle of Ephraim Jr.

Annie C. Peyton (d. 1909) was the daughter of Ephraim Jr. and Annie Coleman Peyton.

Scope and Content Notes: The collection appears to have belonged to Mary Lou Peyton, who then donated it to the university. Most of the materials belonged to her.

Records of Ephraim Peyton, Jr. include appointments, awards, licenses, and other official documents with some financial documents, recommendation letters, and copies of obituaries.

Annie Coleman Peyton's series includes correspondence predominately from 1876-1898, clippings of her letters to the editor signed "A Mississippi Woman," and scattered receipts and financial statements.

Mary Lou Peyton's records include correspondence from family and friends, some financial material, and research and class notes for her course in Mississippi History at MSCW.

Ephraim Peyton III's series includes primarily correspondence, of both personal and military nature, from 1890-1945.

Paul Jones Peyton's records comprise personal and military correspondence from 1905-1934 as well as aeronautics bulletins and an undated memoir.

The John R. C. Peyton series includes correspondence from 1904-1956, a memoir, original poetry, and material relating to a life insurance policy taken out on him by Mary Lou.

Artie Peyton Conner's series comprises correspondence from 1894-1949 and some work and financial documents of her husband's.

All other series are comprised of small amounts of correspondence.

System of Arrangement: Collection is divided into series by family member. Each series is then roughly chronologically arranged, but original order from 1980s maintained.

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Language: English.



Finding aids: Transcriptions of some of Annie Coleman Peyton's letters held in .doc format by University Archives.

Ashley Cardenas, "'Only an Ordinary Woman': A Digital Exhibit on Annie Coleman Peyton and the Founding of Mississippi University for Women," digital exhibit, Fall 2013.

<http://thepeytoncollection.wix.com/anniecpeyton>

Item-level inventory is located in old accession records.

Custodial History: Boxes C311-C314 acquired from Fant Library 1/29/15.

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

Description Control: Peyton, Mary Lou. "A Mississippi Woman." Columbus: Commercial Dispatch, undated.

Webb, Derek. "Diverse Collections in the Mississippi University for Women Archives." *The Primary Source* 32:1 (2013).

Ephraim Peyton III's memorial page from Arlington National Cemetery:

<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.net/egpeyton.htm>

Paul Jones Peyton's Find a Grave page: [http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-](http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&Grid=34323111)

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Folder List

Year	Box	Folder
undated	C1	Letters of Representation
03/07/1896	C1	Letter to Mrs. Luther Manship
10/16/1846	C1	Letter to Miss Penelope Porter
1867-1876	C1	Law Practices
1880-1886	C1	Documents
1887	C1	Annie C. Peyton
1887	C1	Letters of Recommendation
1888	C1	Letters of Reappointment
1888	C1	Resolutions on Retirement-Obituary
1890;1891;1893	C1	Estate Papers
undated	C1	Service in Civil War
1870;1873	C1	Justice of Supreme Court
1898	C1	Letter from Wife
1874	C1	Appointment as Chancellor
1870	C1	Chemistry Notebook



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1873;1876;1878;1879	C1	Letters to Annie C. Peyton
1880-1881	C1	Clippings and Letters
1880-1881	C1	Correspondence of 1880
1882	C1	Letters Establishing a College for Women
1883	C1	Correspondence about CoEducation
1884	C1	Correspondence of 1884
1885-1886	C1	Correspondence of 1885-1886
1887	C1	Correspondence of 1887
1888	C1	Correspondence of 1888
1889	C1	Correspondence of Early 1889
06/1889	C1	Letters of Condolence-Mid June
06/1889	C1	Letters of Condolence-Late June
07/1889	C1	Letters of Condolence-July
1889	C1	Correspondence of Late 1889
1890	C1	Correspondence of 1890
01/1891-07/1891	C1	Correspondence of Jan.-July 1891
07/1891-12/1891	C1	Correspondence of July-Dec.1891
01/1892-09/1892	C1	Correspondence of Jan.-Sept.1892
10/1892-12/1893	C1	Correspondence of Oct.1892/Dec.1893
1894-1897	C1	Correspondence of 1894-1897
1898	C1	Correspondence of 1898
1898	C1	Resolutions on Retirement-Obituary
1934	C1	Three Generations-Commercial Dispatch
1955	C1	Memorial Marker in Hazzelhurst Ms.
undated	C1	Certification of membership of U.D.C.
1891-1893	C1	Land Ownerships and Letters
1898	C1	Peyton Geneology
09/20/1898	C1	Letters from Wiley to Beanie
1912-1917	C1	Army Publications
01/1918-11/1918	C1	U.S. Naval Forces Papers
late 1800's	C1	Memoirs of John Mabryx
1874	C1	Catalog of Union Female Academy
undated	C1	Poetry
1874	C1	Diary of Edward Fontaine
1880-1884-1931	C1	Writings of Col. I. M. Meck
1887	C1	Sword and Shield
1903;1939	C1	Miscellaneous clippings
1902	C1	Commercial Appeal
1902-1909	C1	Yearbooks of Ladies Reading Circle
1905	C1	Speech on Women's education
undated	C1	Mississippi's part in World War I



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1909	C1	Accounts of first Junior-Freshman Weeding
1912	C1	Our Heritage
1937-1938	C1	Natchez Trace Information
1938	C1	Paper for American Literature
	C1	History of MSCW
		Annie C. Peyton
1901		Annie C. Peyton
1917		Annie C. Peyton
1911		Paul Jones Peyton
1911		Paul Jones Peyton
1913		Paul Jones Peyton
1917		Paul Jones Peyton
1921		Paul Jones Peyton
1916		Mary L. Peyton
09/01/1927-1928		Field Co-operativer
1937		Newspaper Clippings
1941-1943	C2	Class Records
1944-1945	C2	Federal Income Tax
undated	C2	Loundes County Research
1886;1888	C2	Years Ending Notes
1941-1944	C2	Magazines & Newspaper
undated	C2	Materials for Mississippi History Students
undated	C2	History of Mississippi notes (part 1 of 2)
undated	C2	History of Mississippi notes (part 2 of 2)
undated	C2	Textbook: The Nigro in Congress
undated	C2	Examination Books
undated	C2	Maps- Mississippi
undated	C2	Loundes- Columbus notes
undated	C2	Historical Society notebook
undated	C3	Class Notes- Loundes County
1930's	C3	Adams & Amile County History
undated	C3	Bibliographies
1817	C3	Bolivar County History
undated	C3	Claiborne County History
1925	C3	Civil War 1860
3/18/1928	C3	Coahoma County Newspaper
1928-1929	C3	College Newspaper clippings
undated	C3	Constitution of Mississippi Examination Book
1931	C3	Magazine Clipping-Costuming
undated	C3	Education
undated	C3	Eleemosenary Institutions



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undated	C3	Mr. Delta: Level
undated	C3	Economic History
undated	C3	Gulf Coast
undated	C3	Great Mississippian
undated	C3	Harrison and Patton- Newspaper Clippings
1933	C3	Natchez Pilgrimage Tours- Newspaper
undated	C3	Philanthopies
1917	C3	Political Notes
undated	C3	Congressman John Rankin
undated	C3	Reconstruction
undated	C3	Repudiation of Civil War
1927-1928	C3	Dunbar Rouland
undated	C3	Dunbar Rouland Society M.S.C.W.
1925-1926	C3	Statistical
undated	C3	Tippa County History
undated	C3	Mississippi's part in War- Report
undated	C3	Mirrors of Mississippi- Newspaper Article
undated	C3	Women- Newspaper articles
undated	C3	Col. E. C. Peyton- report
undated	C3	A.C. Peyton: "A Mississippi Woman"- report
undated	C3	Book Reports
Dec-48	C3	Mississippi Womens Journal
undated	C4	Eight Notebooks
undated	C4	History of Mississippi Constitution
1943	C4	Mississippi Education Advance
undated	C4	Mississippi History- notes
undated	C4	Netherlands Information Burea
undated	C4	Announcements
undated	C4	Aberdeen Exams
undated	C4	Bibliographies for Mississippi Presidents
undated	C4	Sherwood Bonner
undated	C4	Carpet Baggers
undated	C4	Columbus- Pilgrimage
undated	C4	Contended Elections
undated	C4	Copiah County newspaper article
undated	C4	Pike County History
undated	C4	Desola County History
undated	C4	Pausla County History
undated	C5	Economic History
undated	C5	Hear on Cleo Wolves: guidelines
undated	C5	Pre-terriorial Mississippi



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undated	C5	Education
1850-1860	C5	Flyers
undated	C5	Grenada County History
undated	C5	Governors
11/4/1927	C5	Harrison County Newspaper Article
undated	C5	Health Articles
undated	C5	Hindes County History
undated	C5	Historic Homes
undated	C5	Formation Period 1817-1830
undated	C5	Highmaps
undated	C5	Indians
undated	C5	Industrial Lefe
undated	C5	Land Confleeling Claims
undated	C5	Laras
undated	C5	Leflore County history
undated	C5	Maps
undated	C5	W.S.C.W. Callaway Hall
undated	C5	Men of Note
Mar-38	C5	Mississippi Educational Advance vol.29
undated	C5	Natchez Distric
undated	C5	North Mississippi Physical Features
undated	C5	Noxubee County history
undated	C5	Outline Missiissippi History
undated	C5	Connie C. Peyton
undated	C5	Pilgrimages: Natchez
undated	C5	Politics
undated	C5	Pioneer Life
undated	C5	George Poindexter
Nov-33	C5	Ponatoc County- newspaper clipping
undated	C5	Pre-terriorial
undated	C5	Generations- Mississippi History
undated	C5	Quitman
undated	C5	Preconstruction
undated	C5	Social and Economic claims
undated	C5	Statistical
undated	C5	Source Waterial
undated	C5	Term Papers
undated	C5	Term Paper Instructions
undated	C5	Territory- Mississippi 1798-1829
undated	C5	Thirties and Fourties 1830-1850
undated	C5	Jacob Thomspson



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undated	C5	Topic of General Interest
1925)	C6	Warren County history
undated	C6	Whigs
undated	C6	World War
undated	C6	Wilkinson County history
1941	C6	Women
undated	C7	Letters and Postcards
undated	C7	Family Photos
undated	C7	Newspapers and Various Articles
undated	C7	Civic League By Lous Booklet
undated	C7	Student Examination Blue Books
undated	C7	Bibliographies and Paper outlines
1938	C7	M.S.C.W. Grading system
undated	C7	Letters
undated	C7	Journals of Political Elections
undated	C7	Notebooks of Early Mississippi History
undated	C7	Notebooks of Mississippi History
undated	C7	Short Stories
undated	C7	Notes on History of Columbus
undated	C7	History of M. U. W
undated	C7	History of Louisiana
undated	C7	Recommendation for appointment to General for Col. Peyton
undated	C7	Student Term Papers (1 of 2)
undated	C7	Student Term Papers (2 of 2)
undated	C7	Notes on Mississippi History 1
undated	C7	Notes on Mississippi History 2
undated	C7	Notes on Mississippi History 3
undated	C7	Notes on Mississippi History 4
undated	C7	Notes on Mississippi History 5
undated	C7	Notes on Mississippi History 6
undated	C7	Notes on Mississippi History 7
undated	C7	Notes on Mississippi History 8
undated	C7	Notes on Mississippi History 9
undated	C7	Notes on Mississippi History 10
undated	C7	Notes on Mississippi History 11
undated	C7	Syllabus for Banners: History of Western Civ.
undated	C7	Lender to study in Mississippi History
undated	C7	Outline of Mississippi History Notes
1897-1949	C311	BOX
undated	C311	Memories of Annie Coleman
undated	C311	Manuscript of A Mississippi Woman



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1897-1899	C311	Letter to Mary Lou (1897-1899)
1901-1909	C311	Letter to Mary Lou (1901-1909)
1910-1914	C311	Letter to Mary Lou (1910-1914)
1915-1919	C311	Letter to Mary Lou (1915-1919)
1921	C311	Letter to Mary Lou (1921)
1923	C311	Receipt of Mary Lou (1923)
1921-1923	C311	Letter to Mary Lou (1921-1923)
1924-1926	C311	Letter to Mary Lou (1924-1926)
1927	C311	Letter to Mary Lou (1927)
1928	C311	Letter to Mary Lou (1928)
1929	C311	Letter to Mary Lou (1929)
1930	C311	Letter to Mary Lou (1930)
1931	C311	Thesis I
1932	C311	Thesis II
1931-1932	C311	Letters to Mary Lou (1931-1932)
1932	C311	Letters to Mary Lou (1932)
1933-1934	C311	Letters to Mary Lou (1933-1934)
1934	C311	Mary Lou Receipts (1934)
1935	C311	Receipts and Letters to Mary Lou
1936-1937	C311	Receipts and Letters to Mary Lou
1938	C311	Receipts and Letters to Mary Lou
undated	C311	Portions of Miss. History 1
undated	C311	Portions of Miss. History 2
undated	C311	Manuscript of Diary of Mrs. Peyton 1
undated	C311	Manuscript of Diary of Mrs. Peyton 2
undated	C311	Manuscript of Diary of Mrs. Peyton 3
undated	C311	Geneology of Peyton
1940-1941	C311	Receipts and Letters to Mary Lou
1942	C311	Receipts and Letters to Mary Lou
1943-1949	C311	Receipts and Letters to Mary Lou
undated	C311	Miscellaneous books
1953-1957	C311	Letters to Mary Lou (1953-1957)
undated	C311	Miscellaneous Undated Material
1888-1945	C312	BOX
1887	C312	Letters of Ephraim Peyton
1889-1897	C312	Letters of Ephraim Peyton
1898	C312	Letters of Ephraim Peyton
1899	C312	Letters of Ephraim Peyton
1900	C312	Letters of Ephraim Peyton
1901	C312	Letters of Ephraim Peyton
1902	C312	Letters of Ephraim Peyton



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1903	C312	Letters of Ephraim Peyton
1907	C312	Letters of Ephraim Peyton
1908-1909	C312	Emphraim Peyton Military Information/Letters
1910	C312	Emphraim Peyton Military Information/Letters
1911	C312	Emphraim Peyton Military Information/Letters
1912	C312	Emphraim Peyton Military Information/Letters
1913-1919	C312	Emphraim Peyton Military Information/Letters
1922-1930	C312	Emphraim Peyton Military Information/Letters
1932-1945	C312	Emphraim Peyton Military Information/Letters
undated	C312	Biography of Emphraim Peyton
undated	C312	Office Sign of Peyton and Morrow
1899-1904	C312	Letters of John Paul
1905	C312	Relative Standing and Marks of John Paul
1907-1908	C312	Relative Standing and Marks of John Paul
1909-1910	C312	Letters of John Paul Peyton
1929-1930	C312	Letters of John Paul Peyton
1930-1934	C312	Letters of John Paul Peyton
undated	C312	Memiors of John Paul Peyton
1910-1922	C312	Officer's Record of Fitness
1918	C312	Naval Aviation Forces
1918	C312	Naval Aviation Forces
1918	C312	Naval Aviation Forces
1928	C312	Aeronautics Bulletin
1929	C312	Aeronautics Bulletin
1904	C312	Letters of John Peyton
1904	C312	Letters of John Peyton
1905	C312	Letters of John Peyton
1905	C312	Letters of John Peyton
1905	C312	Letters of John Peyton
1906-1910	C312	Letters of John Peyton
1917-1919	C312	Military Information
1924-1927	C312	Insurance Information
1928	C312	Insurance Information
	C313	BOX
1929	C313	Insurance Information
1930-1937	C313	Letters of John Peyton
1940-1949	C313	Letters of John Peyton
1950-1956	C313	Letters of John Peyton
1894-1899	C313	Letters to Katherine (Artie) Peyton
1901	C313	Letters to Katherine (Artie) Peyton
1902	C313	Letters to Katherine (Artie) Peyton



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1903	C313	Letters to Katherine (Artie) Peyton
1904-1907	C313	Letters to Katherine (Artie) Peyton
1909	C313	Letters to Katherine (Artie) Peyton
1909	C313	Letters to Katherine (Artie) Peyton
1909	C313	Letters to Katherine (Artie) Peyton
1911;1929-1931	C313	Letters to Katherine (Artie) Peyton
1949	C313	Letters to Katherine (Artie) Peyton
1949	C313	Arties Letters and Receipt Book
1949	C313	Letters of Katherine's
1948-1949	C313	Letters of Katherine's
1949	C313	Letters of Sympathy
1949	C313	Letters of Sympathy
1949	C313	Artie's Husband's Information
1916-1928	C313	Assorted Letters
1929	C313	Letters to Katherine (Artie) Peyton
1930-1931	C313	Letters to Katherine (Artie) Peyton
1949; 1954	C313	Letters to Artie's Son
1954-1956	C313	Letters to Katherine (Artie) Peyton
1890	C313	Letters to Robert Peyton
1876	C313	Letters to Robert Peyton
1894-1899	C313	Letters to Annie Peyton
1899	C313	Letters to Annie Peyton
1900-1909	C313	Letter/Obituary of Annie Peyton
undated	C313	Certificated of DAR
1879	C313	Assorted Peyton Letters
1919	C313	Mary Lou Peyton's College Credits
	C314	BOX
1876	C314	An Outline of Mississippi History
undated	C314	Book of Records
undated	C314	Book of Records
1879	C314	Address by Annie Coleman Peyton
1818-1938	C314	Books compiled, written, or owned by the Peytons
c.1898, 1998	C314	History of II&C and memorial of Annie Coleman Peyton